Sydney Medical School Indigenous Postgraduate Coursework Tuition Fee Scholarship
Terms and Conditions
December 2018

1. Background
   a. Established in 2017 by Sydney Medical School Indigenous Health Strategy Working Party, this scholarship is intended to cover the tuition fees for students undertaking postgraduate coursework at Sydney Medical School.
   
   b. The scholarship is aimed at equipping indigenous doctors with the qualifications and skills to succeed in their chosen specialist career. To this end, the scholarship may also provide academic support and professional mentoring in the specialty of choice, if desired, brokered by the Director of Professional Medical Education.
   
   c. Up to two scholarships are available.

2. Eligibility
   a. Applicants need to meet the criteria of the University of Sydney Confirmation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Identity Policy.
   
   b. This scholarship is offered subject to the applicant receiving an unconditional offer of admission or being currently enrolled in a suitable degree at the University of Sydney.
   
   c. Applicants must currently be employed in clinical practice (or on approved leave)
   
   d. Applicants will be undertaking coursework studies in a Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma, Master’s or Advanced Master’s level course at Sydney Medical School (except studies in Public Health or the Doctor of Medicine program).

3. Selection Criteria
   a. The Scholarship will be awarded on the basis of:
      i. academic merit
      ii. a referee report provided from the current clinical workplace.
   
   b. The Scholarship will be awarded by a selection committee, appointed by the Head of School and Dean of Sydney Medical School.

4. Value
   a. The scholarship is intended to cover the full tuition fees and Student Services and Amenities Fees for the student’s chosen course.
   
   b. The maximum amount of scholarship is for the completion of the Master of Medicine (Advanced) degree (60 credit points of coursework units of study). A maximum of 12 credit points per semester will be funded unless special permission to increase course load is granted.
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c. Academic support will be provided regularly by the Course Coordinator or their delegate, and will include guidance and support where required.

d. Access to a mentor in the specialty of choice is available if desired, brokered by the Director of Professional Medical Education.

e. Deferral of the scholarship is not permitted without the prior permission of the Head of School and Dean of Sydney Medical School and it is not transferable to another major, Faculty or University School.

f. The scholarship will be offered subject to the availability of funds.

g. No other amount is payable.

5. Ongoing eligibility

a. To continue receipt of the scholarship, the recipient must show adequate academic progress in accordance with the University’s academic progression policy at the end of each semester of the academic year for the scholarship to continue.

b. The progress of the students will be reviewed by the Indigenous Health Strategy Working Party.

c. Where a student fails to make adequate academic progress, continuation of the Scholarship will be at the discretion of the Head of School and Dean of Sydney Medical School, following advice from academics involved with support the student.

6. Termination

a. The scholarship will be terminated if the recipient:

i. withdraws from an eligible course or fails to enrol,
ii. no longer meets the eligibility requirements,
iii. does not maintain satisfactory academic performance,
iv. is determined by the University to be guilty of serious misconduct, including, but not limited to, having provided false or misleading information as part of their Scholarship application,
v. is awarded an alternative tuition fee scholarship. In such circumstances this Scholarship will be terminated in favour of the alternative scholarship where it is of higher value,
vi. does not resume study at the end of a period of approved leave, or
vii. any other provision as indicated in these terms that would lead to termination.

b. Where a student is found guilty of serious misconduct or withdraws from the relevant course, the University reserves the right to request that any scholarship funds paid to the Scholarship recipient be reimbursed.