Postgraduate Research Scholarship in Rheumatology

A full-time postgraduate scholarship for Master of Philosophy students is available from the Sydney Medical School at the University of Sydney to undertake research studies in rheumatology.

Scholarship value and duration

$12,000 tenable for 1 year.

Eligibility criteria

- Applicants must be commencing in or currently be enrolled in a Research Masters at the Sydney Medical School at the University of Sydney.

- Applicants must hold an Honours degree (First Class or Second Class upper) or equivalent in medicine or health science.

- Applicants must demonstrate knowledge, skills and experience in rheumatology and patient-centred research, as well as a particular interest in paediatric rheumatology.

- Applicants must be Australian citizens or Australian Permanent Residents.

For more information

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Background

This scholarship is for a Master of Philosophy student to conduct research in rheumatology with a specific focus on juvenile dermatomyositis at the Sydney Medical School at the University of Sydney.

Selection criteria

The successful applicant will be awarded the Scholarship on the basis of:

i. academic merit
ii. curriculum vitae
iii. previous experience in rheumatology and patient-centred research
iv. recommendation of at least two referees

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Payment schedule

- The scholarship will provide a stipend allowance, subject to satisfactory academic performance.
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Terms and Conditions

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4. Value

a. The Scholarship will provide a stipend allowance of $12,000 for one year, subject to satisfactory academic performance.

b. Periods of study already undertaken towards the degree prior to the commencement of the Scholarship, will be deducted from the maximum duration of the Scholarship excluding the potential extension period.

c. The Scholarship is for commencement in 2017 and cannot be deferred or transferred to another area of research.

d. No other amount is payable.
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e. The Scholarship will be offered subject to the availability of funding.

5. Eligibility for Progression

a. Progression is subject to passing the annual progress review.

6. Leave Arrangements

a. The Scholarship recipient receives up to 20 working days recreation leave each year of the Scholarship and this may be accrued. However, the student will forfeit any unused leave remaining when the Scholarship is terminated or complete. Recreation leave does not attract a leave loading and the supervisor’s agreement must be obtained before leave is taken.

b. The Scholarship recipient may take up to 10 working days sick leave each year of the Scholarship and this may be accrued over the tenure of the Scholarship. Students with family responsibilities, caring for sick children or relatives, or experiencing domestic violence, may convert up to five days of their annual sick leave entitlement to carers leave on presentation of medical certificate(s). Students taking sick leave must inform their supervisor as soon as practicable.

7. Research Overseas

a. The Scholarship recipient may not normally conduct research overseas.

8. Suspension

a. The Scholarship recipient cannot suspend their award.

9. Changes in Enrolment

a. The Scholarship recipient must notify HDRAC and their supervisor promptly of any planned changes to their enrolment including but not limited to: attendance pattern, suspension, leave of absence, withdrawal, course transfer, and candidature upgrade or downgrade. If the award holder does not provide notice of the changes identified above, the University may require repayment of any overpaid stipend.

10. Termination

a. Unless terminated earlier under this paragraph, the Scholarship will terminate:

   i. on resignation or withdrawal of the student from their MPhil
   ii. upon submission of the thesis or at the end of the award
   iii. if the student ceases to be a full-time student
   iv. if the recipient receives an alternative primary scholarship. In such circumstances this Scholarship will be terminated in favour of the alternative scholarship where it is of higher value
   v. does not resume study at the end of a period of approved leave
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vi. If the student ceases to meet the eligibility requirements specified for this Scholarship, (other than during a period in which the Scholarship has been suspended or during a period of approved leave).

b. The Scholarship may also be terminated by the University before this time if, in the opinion of the University:
   
   i. the course of study is not being carried out with competence and diligence or in accordance with the terms of this offer
   ii. the student fails to maintain satisfactory progress
   iii. the student has committed misconduct or other inappropriate conduct.

c. Stipend payments will be suspended throughout the duration of any enquiry/appeal process.

d. Once the Scholarship has been terminated, it will not be reinstated.

11. Misconduct

a. Where during the Scholarship a student engages in misconduct, or other inappropriate conduct (either during the Scholarship or in connection with the student’s application and eligibility for the Scholarship), which in the opinion of the University warrants recovery of funds paid to the student, the University may require the student to repay stipend amounts and any other payments made to the student in connection with the Scholarship. Examples of such conduct include and without limitation; academic dishonesty, research misconduct within the meaning of the Research Code of Conduct (for example, plagiarism in proposing, carrying out or reporting the results of research, or failure to declare or manage a serious conflict of interests), breach of the Code of Conduct for Students and misrepresentation in the application materials or other documentation associated with the Scholarship.

b. The University may require such repayment at any time during or after the Scholarship period. In addition, by accepting this Scholarship, the student consents to all aspects of any investigation into misconduct in connection with this Scholarship being disclosed by the University to the funding body and/or any relevant professional body.