Denison Research Scholarship

Terms and Conditions
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1. Background

a. The Denison Research Scholarship provides students with an opportunity to engage in a formal supervised 6-week research project over the summer break period, equipping participants with valuable academic and professional skills, as well as links to industry. These projects allow students to engage in research whilst completing their undergraduate studies, which enhances their student experience and provides insight into potential further research studies. The Scholarship is offered to domestic and international students at the University of Sydney and also to suitably experienced domestic students from other universities in Australia and New Zealand.

b. The research projects are typically offered between November to February, prior to the semester commencement of each year, but exact dates are arranged directly between the recipient and the supervisor of the relevant project.

2. Eligibility

a. To be eligible for the Scholarship, applicants must be an Australian Citizen, New Zealand Citizen, or Australian Permanent Resident enrolled full-time in an undergraduate science degree (including combined and single degrees) at another Australian or New Zealand university, or be either a domestic or international student enrolled full-time in an undergraduate science degree (including combined and single degrees) at the University of Sydney.

b. Applicants must not have completed less than 96 credit points of study towards their undergraduate science degree or equivalent by the time they commence their research project.

c. Applicants must have achieved a weighted average mark (WAM) in their current undergraduate degree of at least 65, or equivalent.

d. Applicants must be eligible to enrol in DENR3901 Denison Research.

3. Selection Criteria

a. The Scholarship will be awarded on the basis of academic merit and personal statement.

b. Shortlisted applicants may be asked to attend an in-person interview or phone interview with the project supervisor of the relevant project.

c. The Scholarship will be nominated by the Dean of the Faculty of Science or their nominee with the recommendation of the respective School of Unit.

4. Value

a. The Scholarship is valued at 6 weeks of the pro rata rate of a standard full-time Research Training Program (RTP) stipend, for the year in which the offer is made.
b. The Scholarship will be paid in two equal instalments, the first occurring in early December after enrolment in DENR3901 and the second in February the following year, near the conclusion of research project.

c. Deferral of the Scholarship is not permitted and it is not transferable for another purpose, or to another faculty or university.

d. Students who participate in a placement do so on a voluntary basis. No employment relationship is created between participating students and the University.

e. The Scholarship will be offered subject to the availability of funds.

f. No other amount is payable.

5. Ongoing eligibility

a. To continue receipt of the Scholarship, the recipient must enrol and continue to be enrolled in DENR3901 for the duration of the six week research project.

6. Research project timing

a. The research project has a duration of six weeks and will usually commence sometime in late November and conclude in either late January or February.

7. Termination

a. The Scholarship will be terminated if the recipient:

   I. withdraws from their eligible course or fails to enrol,
   II. withdraws from or fails to enrol in DENR3901,
   III. does not maintain satisfactory academic performance, or does not meet the requirements of the placement unit of study DENR3901,
   IV. undertakes an additional placement with another faculty or university during the tenure of this Scholarship,
   V. the recipient commences or continues to undertake employment (paid or otherwise) that interferes with their ability to complete the project,
   VI. 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, 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.