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Local Research Scholarships at UNSW

UNSW offers the following scholarships to local students of exceptional research potential to undertake a higher degree by research at UNSW. Applicants will be automatically considered for all of these scholarships, to undertake either a PhD or a Masters by Research degree, as appropriate.

1. UNSW Research Excellence Awards \$30,000 – \$35,000

These scholarships are available to students of outstanding research potential. Applications are invited from University Medallists in any discipline.

The scholarship comprises an annual stipend of approx \$30,000 (APA stipend valued at \$22,500 plus \$10,000) plus relocation expenses for students outside the Sydney area to a maximum of \$5,000. An additional \$5,000 top-up scholarship may be available to applicants in specific research areas.

2. Australian Postgraduate Awards (APA) / University Postgraduate Awards (UPA) plus a Faculty top-up scholarship \$25 – \$30,000

Scholarships are awarded to the top ranked applicants in many Faculties.

The scholarship comprises an annual stipend of approx \$25,000 – \$30,000 (APA stipend valued at \$22,500 plus \$5,000 – \$10,000). The value of the top-up scholarship is Faculty specific and may vary depending on the number of applications received.

3. Australian Postgraduate Awards (APA) / University Postgraduate Awards (UPA)

The scholarship comprises an annual stipend of \$22,500.

4. Faculty Postgraduate Awards

Recipients of the following award will be selected from applications received where appropriate. There is no need to submit a separate application.

- University College Postgraduate Research Scholarships - approx \$23,700* (only available at the UNSW@ADFA campus)
- Australian School of Business Research Scholarships - \$30,000 pa

* The 2010 base rate is \$22,500

If you are applying in the discipline areas of Engineering, Business, Science or Humanities/Arts and Social Sciences and would like to be considered for a scholarship place at both the Kensington Campus (Sydney) and at the UNSW@ADFA Campus (Canberra), please indicate this on the scholarship application form.

Please note: Once you have been awarded a scholarship you are not able to defer the offer. You must enrol and commence the scholarship before 19 February in Semester 1, 2010.

Benefits & Tenure

All scholarships are provided for three years for a PhD and two years for a Masters by Research.

Scholarship tenure will be reduced by any periods of study undertaken:

- Towards the degree prior to the commencement of the scholarship, and/or

- Towards the degree during leave or suspension of the scholarship.

A PhD candidate may apply for an extension of six months provided that the grounds are related to the study and beyond the student's control. **No extensions are possible for Masters by Research students.**

All APA/UPA recipients are entitled to:

- (i) Thesis Allowance for costs associated with the production of a Masters by Research or PhD thesis.
- (ii) Relocation Allowance[#] for the cost of relocating themselves, their spouse and dependents to Sydney when this is necessary to undertake the study.

[#] *this allowance is separate from the relocation allowance provided for the UNSW Research Excellence Awards*

All Research Scholarship holders will be given priority for residential accommodation in the New College Village @ UNSW. The village offers over 300 places (all air-conditioned), with 172 self-contained studios and the remaining places in 5-6 bedroom apartments all with ensuites. Information on the College including fees, services and facilities can be found on the following website:

<http://www.ncv.unsw.edu.au>

Applications Open Now. Offers will be made subject to availability until the start of Semester 1 2010.

Eligibility

Awards are made on the basis of academic merit, research experience and/or research potential.

1. Qualifications

Scholarships are only available to applicants who hold a four year bachelor's degree with Honours Class 1 from an Australian institution or an equivalent research qualification/experience. This qualification must be in a field relevant to your area of research.

- Students completing an honours year must provide their honours results by 31 January 2010.
- You must have completed at least four years of full-time equivalent tertiary education.

2. Qualification Equivalence

Candidates who do not hold a Bachelor degree with Honours 1 **may** be considered to have equivalent qualifications if they have demonstrated research performance, relevant professional or direct research experience, for example:

- Publication of research papers e.g.
 - (a) A published book or chapter in an edited book
 - (b) A published research article in a refereed international journal
 - (c) A published or refereed conference paper, a published or refereed presenting author abstract or a published research report
- Have held membership or fellowship of prestigious learned professional organisations by advanced study, examination and professional practice
- Exhibition
 - (a) Of international standard in multiple venues, or a series of performances for which reviews in significant outlets are available (with a published catalogue/program)
 - (b) In a public gallery or museum or in a private gallery of standing in which the artist was invited to exhibit (with a published catalogue)
 - (c) Visual work(s) held in significant national or international collections or commissioned by Government or the corporate sector
- Relevant professional experience at a responsible level or direct research experience of at least two years since graduation e.g. industry appointment.

3. Residency

- You **must** be an Australian citizen, Australian permanent resident or New Zealand citizen*
**applicants who have Australian residency pending may apply and be awarded a conditional scholarship. Residency must be confirmed by 19 February 2010.*

4. Enrolment

You **cannot**:

- Defer the scholarship. If you wish to commence a research degree in the following Semester you must reapply for the next scholarship round.

All scholarship holders must commence the scholarship and enrol for a full-time research higher degree before 19 February 2010. If you are unable to commence before the appropriate date **you will not be able to take up the scholarship**. For details on how to enrol please refer to the following webpage <http://www.grs.unsw.edu.au/futurestudents/enrol.html>

You **must**:

- Be enrolled/enrolling in a full-time higher research degree at UNSW.

5. Previous Study/Scholarships

- If you have previously held an IPRS/UIPA scholarship at UNSW and have completed more than two semesters enrolment and have been granted permanent residence, you will be automatically considered for an APA/ UPA and do not need to apply. You must inform the Graduate Research School within seven days of obtaining permanent residence.

You will **NOT** be eligible for the scholarships if you:

- Are a candidate for PhD (or Masters by Research applicants converting to PhD) and you will have completed 2 semesters of full-time equivalent research higher degree candidature prior to the commencement of semester 1, 2010. *You will be informed by the Graduate Research School if you are ineligible under this point.*
- Are a candidate for Masters by Research (or PhD applicants converting to Masters by Research) and you have completed 1 semester of full-time equivalent research higher degree candidature prior to the commencement of semester 1, 2010. *You will be informed by the Graduate Research School if you are ineligible under this point.*
- Continue to hold an equivalent (same monetary value) award, scholarship or salary providing a benefit greater than 75% of the APA stipend rate (\$22,500) to undertake the proposed program in 2010.
- Have already completed a degree at the same level or higher than that for which the scholarship is sought (ie a scholarship is not available to undertake a second Masters by Research, a second PhD, or a Masters by Research degree if already holding a PhD). You may be considered if you have already completed a Masters by Coursework and you wish to undertake a Masters by Research.

6. UNSW Research Excellence Awards

You **must**:

- Be a University Medallist in any discipline
- Provide originals or certified proof of the Medal to the Graduate Research School by no later than 31 January 2010
- Be a newly commencing research student. Students who have already commenced their studies are not eligible for a Research Excellence Award but may be eligible for an APA or UPA please see point 5 above.

Part-time Awards

Part-time scholarships are only approved in the following categories:

- (i) Exceptional circumstances - includes demonstrable significant carer commitments or where medical conditions prevent full-time study
- (ii) Undertaking Commonwealth Training Scheme (CTS) training concurrently with the higher research degree.

Part-time scholarships are **not** available if you are seeking the part-time status to undertake employment. Part-time study is equivalent to 50% of full time study.

A statement of reasons for part-time study needs to be attached to the application form, along with a supporting statement from the proposed supervisor and any other relevant documentation. You must be able to demonstrate the following:

- Carer responsibilities for a pre-school aged child, or
- Carer responsibilities for school aged children as a sole parent with limited access to outside support, or
- Carer responsibilities for an invalid or disabled spouse, child or parent, or
- A medical condition which limits your capacity to undertake full-time study (supported by a medical certificate).

Work and other income

Award holders are permitted to undertake a limited amount of paid work/employment during the working week or receive income (eg from a scholarship or award). However, the employment or source of income must not interfere with their research or their ability to undertake full-time study. It is the University's expectation that full-time postgraduate research students will spend the equivalent of 35 hours per week on their research candidature and therefore it is not possible to be employed full-time and undertake full-time study (this includes UNSW staff lectureships).

Income from employment or another source (eg: a scholarship), that is paid to specifically support or undertake the research cannot exceed 75% of the primary award (scholarship) base rate.

Further Information

Guidelines for UPA scholarships are based on the Guidelines for APA scholarships provided by the Commonwealth Government, which can be found at: http://www.backingaustraliasfuture.gov.au/guidelines/csg_guide.htm

Graduate Research School: <http://www.grs.unsw.edu.au/scholarships/localschols/unswlocalschols.html>

Enquiries

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University of New South Wales
Sydney NSW 2052
Australia

Telephone: + 61 (2) 9385 5500

Email: scholarships.grs@unsw.edu.au

Internet: <http://www.grs.unsw.edu.au/scholarships/localschols/unswlocalschols.html>

Forms

Application Form <http://www.grs.unsw.edu.au/scholarships/localschols/unswlocalschols.html>

Referees Report Form <http://www.grs.unsw.edu.au/scholarships/localschols/unswlocalschols.html>

Steps required to complete an application

*Scholarship applicants who have not applied for admission to a UNSW research degree by the scholarship closing date will not be considered for the scholarship. You **must** apply for admission to UNSW **prior** to applying for a scholarship.*

1. Visit the Graduate Research School Future Student's website to obtain information on: English language requirements, eligibility requirements, how to apply for a research degree, how to find an area of research and potential Supervisor, and a complete listing of UNSW Schools and contact details: <http://www.grs.unsw.edu.au/futurestudents/futurehome.html>
2. Contact the School in which you wish to undertake your research degree and discuss potential research projects with the Postgraduate Coordinator or potential Supervisors.
3. Submit your application to UNSW for a Postgraduate Research Degree with a complete set of documentation.
4. Provide your referees with the Local UNSW Scholarship Referees Report Form (either by emailing the form or providing the weblink <http://www.grs.unsw.edu.au/scholarships/localschols/unswlocalschols.html>) and let them know that they need to send them **directly** to the Graduate Research School **prior to Friday 30 October 2009**.
5. Download and fill in the scholarship application form.
6. Provide a certified copy or original of the following:
 - (a) Your Australian/New Zealand Passport or Permanent Residency documentation
 - (b) Your academic transcripts and grading systems including evidence of graduation for **all** previously completed degrees/diplomas. (*Where the course is not yet complete the current transcript must be provided and the final transcript submitted as soon as it becomes available*)
 - (c) Any supporting documentation for your application.
7. Provide appropriate evidence of prior research experience (if applicable).
8. COFA applicants must also provide supporting documentation such as a curriculum vitae that includes awards/grants/prizes, exhibitions/publications, and a portfolio of artwork/designs (in CD, DVD or slide formats).

Certified Documentation

Documentation that you send with your application must be either a certified copy or the original. If you send any original documents, the Graduate Research School is **unable** to return them. It is therefore recommended that applicants provide certified copies of their documentation, rather than the originals.

Documents may be certified by:

- Australian Education Centre staff
- IDP Education staff
- Australian Overseas Diplomatic Mission
- Official Representatives of UNSW
- UNSW Offshore Offices
- Public Notary Office
- The Administration of the Institution that issued the document
- An Australian University
- Justice of the Peace (with a registration number)

All documents must be in English or include a certified English translation. **Please note** that the University will only accept **original** English Test results.

Application Closing Date

30 October 2009

Completed forms should be sent to the Graduate Research School:

By Mail:

Graduate Research School
The University of New South Wales
UNSW Sydney 2052
AUSTRALIA

In Person:

Graduate Research School
University of New South Wales
Rupert Myers Building (South Wing)
Gate 14, Barker St
Kensington, NSW 2052

By Email*:

scholarships.grs@unsw.edu.au

* Applications may be lodged via email before the closing date, however, original and certified copies of your documentation must then be posted to the Graduate Research School.

Notification of Award

- You **will not** be sent notification that your application has been received.
- To determine if you have been successful in obtaining an offer of scholarship please visit the Graduate Research School website www.grs.unsw.edu.au for advice. Advice will be provided, and successful applicants will be contacted, from 14 December 2009.

Please Note: All applications and referees reports received will be destroyed 12 months after the closing date. If applicants wish to re-apply for the scholarship, submission of a new application form and supporting documentation will be required.