

The University of Sydney
FACULTY OF MEDICINE
POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS
CONDITIONS OF AWARD

Eligibility

1. Graduates or graduands of any approved Australian or overseas university are eligible to apply.
2. To take up the award, a student must be enrolled for a full-time postgraduate research degree in the Faculty of Medicine and be an Australian citizen, a New Zealand citizen or an Australian permanent resident at the application closing date.
3. A student must have completed four years undergraduate training, or three years undergraduate followed by a year of graduate training, and must in the last year of his or her course have obtained an honours class 1, or hold an equivalent qualification.
4. Students who do not have honours class 1 or equivalent qualifications may be eligible on the basis of relevant experience.

Tenure

5. An award shall be tenable for up to one year in the case of a master's degree and up to three years for a doctorate. Periods of study undertaken towards a research degree prior to the commencement of the award will be deducted from the maximum tenure of the award.
6. A student may not hold another scholarship providing a living allowance in conjunction with a Faculty of Medicine Postgraduate Scholarship. Furthermore, if a student is offered another scholarship s/he must accept that scholarship and relinquish his/her Faculty of Medicine Postgraduate Scholarship.
7. A student must commence his or her scholarship by the date stipulated in the letter of offer. A request to defer commencement of the award will only be considered subject to Faculty approval to defer commencement of candidature. See also sections 16 and 17 on Suspensions.

Stipend

8. Each award shall provide a tax free stipend equivalent to that of the Australian Postgraduate Award. The stipend rate will be indexed on the anniversary of the commencement date of the award. If Faculty of Medicine Postgraduate Scholarship holders have suspended the award, the stipend rate will be indexed on the adjusted anniversary date taking into account periods of their suspension.

Leave Arrangements

9. Faculty of Medicine Postgraduate Scholarship holders receive up to 20 days recreation leave each year of the award and this may be accrued. However, the student will forfeit any unused leave remaining when an award is terminated or completed. Recreation leave does not attract a leave loading and the supervisor's agreement must be obtained before leave is taken.

10. Faculty of Medicine Postgraduate Scholarship holders may take up to ten days sick leave each year of the award and this may be accrued over the tenure of the award. Students with family responsibilities caring for sick children or relatives may convert up to five days of their annual sick leave entitlement to carer's leave on presentation of medical certificate/s. Students taking sick leave must inform their supervisor as soon as practicable.
11. Faculty of Medicine Postgraduate Scholarship holders may receive additional paid sick leave of up to a total of twelve weeks during their award for medically substantiated periods of illness lasting longer than ten days. Students applying for additional paid sick leave must do so at the start of absence or as soon as practicable. Periods of additional paid sick leave are added to the normal duration of the award. All claims must be supported by a medical certificate.
12. Once Faculty of Medicine Postgraduate Scholarship holders have completed twelve months of their award, they are entitled to a maximum of twelve weeks paid maternity leave during the tenure of the award. Students applying for paid maternity leave must do so at least four weeks prior to the expected date of birth. Periods of paid maternity leave are added to the normal duration of the award. Faculty of Medicine Postgraduate Scholarship holders who have not completed twelve months of their award may access unpaid maternity leave through the suspension provisions.

Employment

13. Faculty of Medicine Postgraduate Scholarship holders may undertake part-time work up to a maximum of twenty hours per week, evening, weekend and holiday work included. If employed by the University, the appointment must not exceed half time or 50% of a full time position. However, work undertaken must not interfere with the student's study programme and progress. There is no limit on how much income an award holder can receive from part-time work but this income will not be tax-exempt.

Research overseas

14. PhD students must complete a minimum of two semesters at the University and Masters students must complete a minimum of one semester at the University. Approval to conduct research outside Australia must be sought from the student's supervisor, postgraduate coordinator and the Faculty, and will only be granted if the research is essential for completion of the degree. All periods of overseas research are cumulative and will be credited to a student's candidature. Students must remain enrolled at the University and submit a Candidature Variation form through the Faculty Office in order to obtain permission to count the time at the overseas institution.

Transfer

15. Scholarship holders may convert from a Research Masters degree to a Research Doctorate degree or vice-versa provided such change in candidature is approved by the relevant Faculty and Research Office is notified. The maximum duration of a converted Faculty of Medicine Postgraduate Scholarship becomes that for the new candidature.

Suspension

16. Students may not apply for a suspension within the first 6 months of the tenure of their award.
17. Faculty of Medicine Postgraduate Scholarship holders may apply for up to 12 months suspension for any reason during the tenure of their award. Periods of suspension are

cumulative and failure to resume study after suspension will result in the award being terminated. Approval to suspend must be given both by the Faculty and by the postgraduate coordinator concerned. Periods of study towards the degree during suspension of the Faculty of Medicine Postgraduate Scholarship will be deducted from the maximum tenure of the award.

Changes in Enrolment

18. Scholarship holders must notify the Faculty and the Research Office promptly of any changes to their enrolment including but not limited to: attendance pattern, suspension, leave of absence, withdrawal and course transfer. If the award holder does not provide notice of the changes identified above, then the University may require repayment of any overpaid stipend.

Termination

19. The award will be terminated on resignation or withdrawal of the student, upon submission of the thesis or at the end of the award, whichever occurs first. Awards will be terminated before this time if after due enquiry the University concludes that a student has not carried out the course of study with competence and diligence or in accordance with the offer of the Faculty of Medicine Postgraduate Scholarship or fails to maintain satisfactory progress or has committed serious misconduct.

Annual Report

20. All students must complete an Annual Progress Report form towards the end of each year. Renewal of awards will be dependent on the report being considered satisfactory by the Chair of the Board of Postgraduate Studies of the Faculty of Medicine.

I hereby agree to abide by the Conditions of Award and accept the Faculty of Medicine.

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Name (Please print)

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Signature Date

Intended commencement date:

Degree course: