
INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS

Issue

Scholarships available for international higher degree research students commencing in Semester 1, 2008.

Discussion

Applications from international students to enrol in higher degrees by research commencing in Semester 1, 2008 are now open with a closing date of 31 August 2008. The International Scholarships web site information on the Graduate Research School web site has been significantly revised. Full details available at www.grs.unsw.edu.au. The major changes include:

- i. Introduction of 4 categories of scholarships and including specific mention of benefits (summary attached)
- ii. Information regarding the highly competitive nature of the scholarships, providing examples of the qualifications and experience of typical successful recipients, and encouraging applications to explore home country scholarships, in order to discourage non-competitive applications. [UNSW received 272 applications for international scholarships for S1, 2007 and 220 applications for international scholarships for S2, 2007]
- iii. Introduction of TFR scholarships for students who have been awarded a scholarship or are sponsored by their home country for the equivalent of a living allowance (category 4). This category will capture the prestigious China Scholarship Council (CSC) awardees who receive living allowances only and provides a basis for negotiation with other overseas Governments who will partially sponsor high quality students with living allowances.
- iv. The EIPRS and UIPA scholarships are restricted for applicants enrolling in PhD and Masters by Research degrees. MPhil students are eligible for consideration for category 3 (TFR + Faculty scholarship) or category 4 (TFR) scholarships only and Faculties will need to carefully argue the standing of these applicants to merit the award of a scholarship. With the exception of CSC holders, students are generally offered an MPhil in place of direct entry to a PhD, due to uncertainty regarding their qualifications and/or experience and hence their ability to successfully complete a PhD. Such applicants are clearly uncompetitive for EIPRS/UIPA scholarships.
- v. Applicants are not permitted to apply for scholarships to transfer from Masters to a PhD as these candidates are generally admitted to a Masters rather than direct entry to a PhD based on their qualifications and/or research experience, and hence are uncompetitive. Faculties are advised to consider whether Faculty scholarships be available to support exceptional candidates who intend to complete a Masters but then decide to pursue a PhD.
- vi. Applicants in the discipline areas of Engineering, Business, Science or Humanities and Social Sciences are asked whether they would like to be considered for a scholarship place at both the Kensington Campus (Sydney) and UNSW@ADFA Campus (Canberra), allowing optimal placements of candidates who are offered category 3 scholarships but cannot be supported at Kensington but for which there is funding and supervision at ADFA and vice-versa.
- vii. Given the difficulties that students experience in identifying potential supervisors, flexibility is included by advising applicants that exact details of the research field and supervisor need not be finalised at the time of application, but that supervision will need to be confirmed in order to be awarded a scholarship.

Recommendation

That the Committee on Research notes the revised guidelines and information for International Research Student Scholarships on the Graduate Research School web site.

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GRADUATE RESEARCH SCHOOL

The University of New South Wales offers the following prestigious scholarships to international students of exceptional research potential to undertake a higher degree by research at the University of New South Wales. Students will be considered for all of these scholarships as appropriate.

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

1. Endeavour International Postgraduate Research Scholarship (EIPRS)

Scholarships available for PhD and Masters by Research in all disciplines

The EIPRS provides the following benefits:

- Payment of Tuition Fees and an annual stipend of \$20,000 (in addition some Faculties may provide a supplementary scholarship for the top ranked applicants) provided for 3 years for a PhD and 2 years for a Masters by Research.
- Payment of Overseas Student Health Cover (for the student and their dependants)
- Waiver of Visa Charges (by the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) at the time of Visa application)
- NSW Government Travel Concession
- Exemption from NSW Government State School Fees for children of the student (current NSW Government policy as at July 2007. Please check the UNSW International website for up-to-date information: <http://www.international.unsw.edu.au/future/accepted/acceptedfamily.html>)**

2. University International Postgraduate Award (UIPA)

Scholarships available for PhD and Masters by Research in all disciplines

The UIPA provides the following benefits:

- Payment of Tuition Fees and an annual stipend of \$20,000 (in addition some Faculties may provide a supplementary scholarship for the top ranked applicants) provided for 3 years for a PhD and 2 years for a Masters by Research.
- Exemption from NSW Government State School Fees for children of the student**

3. Tuition Fee Remission Scholarship plus a Faculty Research Stipend

Scholarships available for PhD, Masters by Research and for Masters of Philosophy (in selected disciplines depending on Faculty research areas)

The scholarship provides the following benefits:

- Remission of Tuition Fees and an annual Stipend of \$20,000 funded by a Faculty Research Scholarship to work in specific areas of research defined by the Faculty (in addition some Faculties may provide a supplementary scholarship for the top ranked applicants) provided for 3 years for a PhD, 2 years for a Masters by Research and 1.5 years for a Master of Philosophy.
- Exemption from NSW Government State School Fees for children of the student**

4. Tuition Fee Remission Scholarship

Scholarships available for PhD, Masters by Research and Masters of Philosophy (in selected disciplines depending on Faculty research areas)

- This scholarship is only available to students who are sponsored by their home country with a living allowance/stipend with a minimum value of \$10,000 per annum and include the letter of sponsorship from their home country with the application.
- Students who have been awarded a China Scholarship Council (CSC) scholarship and have applied for admission to UNSW and included their letter of sponsorship from the CSC will automatically be considered for a Tuition Fee Remission Scholarship.
- This scholarship is provided for 3 years for a PhD, 2 years for a Masters by Research and 1.5 years for a Master of Philosophy.