

Summer Research Scholarship in Charles Perkins Centre

Terms and Conditions

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1. Background

The Charles Perkins Centre research strategy is built around the development and promotion of a range of collaborative, multidisciplinary activities that engage and connect the broadest possible research strengths and interests of the University and supports the notion of a community of scholars.

The research strategy is thematic and responsive to societal needs and has a focus on four major research domains:

- Populations
- Biology
- Society and Environment
- Solutions

Several themes run as threads throughout all four domains and offer a means of tying together the entire research network within the Centre and link beyond to research on infectious disease, food production, and environmental sustainability.

The research themes are:

- Nutrition
- Exercise and energy expenditure
- Sleep
- Complex systems and modelling
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health
- Politics, governance and ethics

Objective

To support our strategy the Centre is offering up to 10 Summer Research Scholarships to provide students currently enrolled in any undergraduate or postgraduate coursework program at The University of Sydney the opportunity of undertaking research relevant to the research strategy, mission and goals of the Centre. These scholarships are intended to provide a unique experience that will encourage students to explore career and research options in the broader obesity, diabetes and cardiovascular disease areas.

The projects will provide students with the experience of working with well-established researchers in multidisciplinary research environments and high quality facilities.

2. Eligibility

- a. Students must be available for a full eight weeks, taking into account the two week University closedown period over Christmas/New Year. Students must develop a research project of their interest that is aligned to the Centre's research strategy, mission and goals
- b. Australian or New Zealand citizen, holder of an Australian permanent resident or permanent humanitarian visa or an International student

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- c. University of Sydney students currently enrolled in any undergraduate or postgraduate coursework program are eligible to apply.
- d. Students currently enrolled in a research-based Masters or PhD program or who have been awarded a research-based Masters or PhD degree are not eligible to apply.
- e. Health Cover for non-resident students
Project recipients who are not eligible for Medicare must have valid medical and hospital insurance for the period of the Summer Research Scholarship. Proof of cover will be required upon commencement as a condition of eligibility for the project.

3. Selection Criteria

- a. Students must involve at least two staff from two different Faculties or University schools – which could include the HRI and Centenary research groups at the Charles Perkins Centre - in the design and supervision of the project
- b. The project should have achievable research outcomes within eight weeks of full time research
- c. Projects should be innovative and have the potential to seed new research and research collaboration opportunities
- d. The successful applicant will be awarded the Scholarship on the basis of academic achievement of the applicant
- e. Selection of successful applicants will be undertaken by the Executive Committee of the Charles Perkins Centre, under the guidance of the CPC Academic Director and the Director of Educational Development.
- f. All applications will be assessed by the Charles Perkins Centre Executive Committee against the listed guidelines.
- g. All applicants will be notified of the outcome by the Academic Director.

4. Value

- a. The period for which the Summer Research Scholarships will be awarded is eight weeks. Projects may commence as soon as awarded and must conclude by dates specified on the Charles Perkins Centre website and in the Letter of Offer
- b. Students on the project will receive a stipend value as specified in the Letter of Offer per week (maximum of eight weeks). The stipend will be paid in two instalments at dates specified in the letter of offer.
- c. No other amount is payable.
- d. The Scholarship will be offered subject to the availability of funding.

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5. Eligibility for Progression

- a. Students must submit a summary report up to 1000 words suitable for non-technical audiences and present their work as a 5 minute research talk to include a maximum of 4 slides, at a time chosen to coincide with the submission of the project report.
- b. Students must agree to having both themselves and their work profiled by the Centre in communications materials including, but not limited to, website, media and printed materials.

6. Leave Arrangements

- a. Not applicable

7. Research Overseas

- a. Not applicable

8. Suspension

- a. Not Applicable

9. Changes in Enrolment

- a. Not applicable

10. Termination

- a. Unless terminated earlier under this paragraph, the Scholarship will terminate:
 - I. The project may be terminated at any time if the research or conduct of the student is deemed to be unsatisfactory.
 - II. If the student's ill-health seriously interferes with the research.
 - III. If the student ceases to meet the eligibility requirements specified for this Scholarship.
- 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, or
 - 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

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- 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.