



Aola Richards Writing-Up Support Award

Terms and Conditions

1. Background

- a. The Aola Richards Writing-Up Support (ARWUS) Award is awarded to HDR students in the discipline of entomology to encourage and assist those who are finalising papers or writing fellowship applications following the completion of their higher-degree by research at the University of Sydney.
- b. This Award is funded by a generous bequest from Professor Aola Mary Richards to the University of Sydney.

2. Eligibility Criteria

- a. To be considered eligible for this Award, applicants must have been enrolled in either PhD or Master's by Research at the University of Sydney.
- b. The applicant must have submitted their thesis focused on entomology.
- c. The applicant must have submitted their thesis no more than four months prior to the application closing date.
- d. Previous recipients of this Award are not eligible.
- e. Applicants must be willing to complete a skill transfer workshop after receiving the Award.

3. Selection Criteria

- a. Candidates will be assessed on the basis of:
 - I. academic merit,
 - II. research outputs,
 - III. personal statement detailing the ways in which the ARWUS Award will advance the student's career prospects (no more than 500 words), and
 - IV. proposal for a skill transfer workshop/event that the recipient will complete. The workshop should focus on passing on useful skills to HDR students (no more than 500 words).
- b. The successful applicant will be awarded the Aola Richards Writing-Up Support (ARWUS) Award by a selection committee comprising senior entomologists. The final decision rests with the Head of School, School of Life and Environmental Sciences or their nominated delegate(s).

4. Value

- a. This Award has a value of \$13,000 and will be paid in two equal instalments.



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- b. The first instalment will be paid upon award. The second amount will be paid two months after the first payment.
- c. No other amount is payable.
- d. The Award will be offered subject to the availability of funds.

5. Termination

- a. The award will be terminated:
 - I. on resignation or withdrawal of the recipient from their research degree,
 - II. if in the opinion of the University, the research is not being carried out with competence and diligence or in accordance with the terms of this offer, or
 - III. if the student has committed misconduct or other inappropriate conduct.
- a. The University reserves the right to withdraw the Award, if the University determines that the student is guilty of serious misconduct, including, but not limited to, having provided false or misleading information that has a relationship to the awarding of this Award.
- b. Once withdrawn, the Award will not be reinstated unless due to university error.

6. Misconduct

- a. Where during the award a recipient engages in misconduct, or other inappropriate conduct (either during the award or in connection with the recipient's application and eligibility for the award), which in the opinion of the University warrants recovery of funds provided, the University may require the recipient to repay payments made in connection with the award. Examples of such conduct include and without limitation; academic dishonesty, research misconduct within the meaning of the Research Code of Conduct 2023 (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 Student Charter 2020 and misrepresentation in the application materials or other documentation associated with the award.
- b. The University may require such repayment at any time during or after the Award period. In addition, by accepting this Award, the student consents to all aspects of any investigation into misconduct in connection with this Award being disclosed by the University to the funding body and/or any relevant professional body.