



## ADVICE FOR APPLICANTS FOR POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS FOR COMMENCEMENT IN 2010

Please note that there is a single online application form for scholarships and Higher Degree by Research enrolment for 2010.

**2010 scholarship applicants do NOT also need to complete a separate hardcopy application form for PhD or Masters by Research Enrolment**

*This application round is for Australian Citizens or Australian Permanent Residents and New Zealand Citizens only*

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### **AUSTRALIAN & UNIVERSITY POSTGRADUATE AWARDS, UWA TOP-UP SCHOLARSHIPS and PRESTIGIOUS POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS AT UWA**

The purpose of these scholarships is to support graduate research training by enabling students of exceptional research promise to undertake a higher degree by research at The University of Western Australia. See pages 2-4 for details of scholarships available for 2010.

### **COURSE SELECTION AND CONSULTATION WITH PROSPECTIVE SUPERVISOR AND SCHOOL**

Please consult with the Head of the relevant School and proposed supervisor prior to making an application. Your application may be disadvantaged if the School has no prior knowledge of your intended programme.

Successful scholarship applicants intending to undertake the degree of Master by Research or Doctor of Philosophy are automatically accepted for candidature. You do not need to apply separately for candidature.

Applicants intending to undertake specialist degrees of Master by Research in fields such as Creative Writing, Engineering/Science, Fine Arts, Medical and Dental Sciences, Music, etc. are required to consult the relevant Head of School or Graduate Research Coordinator to ascertain additional requirements for entry. This may involve certified folios, audition tapes, interview, etc.

Applicants for scholarship support for combined degrees such as MPsych/PhD, MCLinAudiol/PhD, MForSc/PhD must be accepted for candidature in the coursework component by the relevant School.

All applicants for the M Psych/PhD must also complete a separate Coursework Masters application form to be submitted directly to the School of Psychology by Friday 30 October 2009. For details please see the Psychology website at: [http://www.psychology.uwa.edu.au/for/prospective\\_postgraduates](http://www.psychology.uwa.edu.au/for/prospective_postgraduates)

### **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

To be eligible to apply for postgraduate research scholarships applicants must:

- be an Australian citizen, an Australian Permanent Resident or a New Zealand citizen.

Applicants must also:

- have obtained, or expect to obtain at least an upper division Second Class Honours degree\* or equivalent;
- be undertaking or intend to enrol in a Masters by Research or Doctoral degree with at least 66% research component in 2010;
- be enrolling as a full-time student. Approval may be given for a part-time award where an applicant is able to demonstrate heavy care commitments or a medical condition which would preclude full-time study;
- not have completed a degree at the same level or higher level as the proposed candidature;
- not expect to receive another equivalent award or scholarship to undertake the proposed study which is greater than 75% of the stipend rate;

**Closing Date: FRIDAY 30 OCTOBER 2009**

**LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**

- **be free to take up a postgraduate scholarship if offered, by 31 March 2010.** Special approval may be granted on written application for a later commencement date for candidates with unavoidable commitments but any awards offered will lapse if not taken up before 30 June 2010.

\*Please note: Australian Postgraduate Awards (APAs) are only awarded to applicants with First Class Honours degree or equivalent. To be eligible for an Australian Postgraduate Award, you cannot have held an APA, APA (Industry) or an Australian Government-funded Postgraduate Research Award (including an International Postgraduate Research Scholarship) previously, unless it was terminated within six months of commencement.

## ***LIST OF POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR 2010***

### **PRESTIGIOUS SCHOLARSHIPS AT UWA – MULTIPLE DISCIPLINES**

Applications for the following prestigious and valuable postgraduate research scholarships are now open for 2010. Features include:

- Total value of up to \$110,000 over three and a half years
- Opportunity to work with Australia's leading researchers
- Available in all disciplines

• **All applicants are automatically considered for the \$30,000pa Hackett and Prescott Scholarships and Jean Rogerson top-up Scholarships, and there are no tick-boxes on the online application form for these awards. These scholarships are awarded to the top-ranked applicants.**

• There is no separate application form for the **Gledden Scholarships**, but applicants should tick the appropriate box and provide an additional 100 word statement (see below for details). Applicants for the Barrington, Baillieu and BHP Billiton Scholarships should tick the appropriate box and provide additional information if required.

#### ***HACKETT POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS***

Hackett Postgraduate Scholarships are awarded to the top-ranked applicants in the annual application round. These scholarships provide a stipend of \$30,000 pa plus a travel allowance of up to \$5,000.

#### ***PRESCOTT POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS***

Prescott Postgraduate Scholarships are awarded to highly ranked applicants in the annual application round. These scholarships provide a stipend of \$30,000 pa.

#### ***JEAN ROGERSON TOP-UP POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS***

Jean Rogerson Top-up Postgraduate Scholarships valued at \$6000pa are awarded to highly ranked applicants in the annual application round in conjunction with Australian and Postgraduate Awards.

#### ***BAILLIEU RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS***

Baillieu Research Scholarships for research in Medicine, Law, Business or Architecture are awarded in the annual application round. These scholarships provide a stipend of \$30,000 pa.

#### ***ERIC AND SHIRLEY BARRINGTON SCHOLARSHIP***

The Eric and Shirley Barrington Scholarship is awarded to a highly ranked applicant in the annual application round who demonstrates financial need. These scholarships provide a stipend of \$30,000 pa (2009 rate). A separate statement of financial need is required.

#### ***ROBERT AND MAUDE GLEDDEN POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS***

Gledden Postgraduate Scholarships are awarded for **research in applied science**, particularly relating to surveying, engineering, mining or cognate subjects. These scholarships provide a stipend of \$26,669 pa (2009 APAI rate) plus a travel allowance of up to \$5,000. **Gledden scholarships are typically awarded to PhD students enrolled in the Faculties of Engineering, Computing and Mathematics; Natural and Agricultural Sciences; and Life and Physical Sciences. However, relevant applications will be considered from candidates in other Faculties.**

Applicants for Gledden must attach a 100-word outline of the proposed research project and its relevance to the terms of the Gledden Trust awards. Please refer to website for details:

<http://spe.publishing.uwa.edu.au/latest/endowment/gledden>

## ENGINEERING, COMPUTING & MATHEMATICS

### **WILLIAM & MARLENE SCHRADER POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS**

William & Marlene Schrader Postgraduate Scholarships are awarded for research in Biomedical Engineering, with preference given to students establishing financial need. These scholarships provide a stipend of \$26,669 pa (2009 APAI rate) plus a travel allowance of up to \$5,000. **Please Note: Applicants for the Schrader scholarships must also complete a separate hardcopy application form** to be submitted to the Faculty of Engineering, Computing & Mathematics.

## ENGINEERING, COMPUTING & MATHEMATICS

### **SAMAHA RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Samaha Research Scholarships are awarded as full and supplementary scholarships for research in Engineering. The full scholarships provide a stipend of \$26,669 pa (2009 APAI rate) and the supplementary scholarships are valued at \$6000 pa. There is no separate application form.

### **JULIAN & IRENA HUNKA MEMORIAL TRUST SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Hunka Scholarships are awarded for research in Mechanical Engineering. These scholarships provide a stipend equivalent to the APA plus UWA top-up - \$25,427pa in 2009). There is no separate application form.

### **BENTHIC GEOTECH SCHOLARSHIP**

Benthic Geotech Pty Ltd funds a scholarship to enable and encourage students to pursue postgraduate research in Civil and Resource Engineering, studying offshore site investigation techniques. The stipend is equivalent to an Australian Postgraduate Award or a University Postgraduate Award plus \$10,000pa Top-Up (\$30,427pa in 2009) including annual indexing. There is no separate application form.

### **ERNEST & EVELYN HAVILL SHACKLOCK SCHOLARSHIPS IN CIVIL & RESOURCE ENGINEERING**

The Shacklock Scholarships are awarded as supplementary scholarships of \$6000 per annum for research in Civil & Resource Engineering. There is no separate application form.

### **OTHMAN FRANK BLAKEY SCHOLARSHIPS IN CIVIL & RESOURCE ENGINEERING**

The Othman Frank Blakey Scholarships are awarded as supplementary scholarships of \$6000 per annum for research in Civil & Resource Engineering. There is no separate application form.

### **WILLIAM LAMBDEN OWEN SCHOLARSHIPS**

The William Lambden Owen Scholarships are awarded as supplementary scholarships of \$6000 per annum for research in Engineering. There is no separate application form.

## MEDICINE, DENTISTRY & HEALTH SCIENCES

### **RICHARD WALTER GIBBON MEDICAL RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP**

The Richard Walter Gibbon Scholarship is awarded for research in a field related to cancer or Parkinson's disease. This scholarship provides a living allowance of \$22,008 pa (2008 rate) for science graduates or \$29,753pa (NHMRC 2008 Medical Rate) for medical or dental graduates.

### **WARREN JONES/UWA POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP**

The Warren Jones/UWA Postgraduate Research Scholarship is awarded to encourage high calibre students to undertake PhD research supervised and undertaken at Fremantle Hospital. The scholarship provides a stipend of \$25,000 pa (in 2009), plus a maintenance allowance of \$1,500 pa and \$1,500 travel allowance.

### **COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENTS IN DEMENTIA TOP-UP PHD SCHOLARSHIP**

The Cognitive Impairments in Dementia Top-Up Scholarship is awarded for PhD research into the cognitive impairments underlying symptoms of dementia. Enrolment will be through the School of Psychology or the School of Psychiatry and Clinical Neurosciences, and the research will be conducted as part of the North-Metropolitan Area Health Service-Older Adult Mental Health Program. The scholarship provides a stipend of \$10,000 pa. Applicants must apply online in the main APA/UPA round, and also send their CV to Dr Flavie Waters, Centre for Clinical Research in Neuropsychiatry, Tel: 9347 6650, [Flavie.Waters@health.wa.gov.au](mailto:Flavie.Waters@health.wa.gov.au)

## ARTS, HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES

**NAKASHIMA FOUNDATION JAPANESE STUDIES SCHOLARSHIP**

The Nakashima Foundation Japanese Studies Scholarship, valued at \$26,000pa, is available for PhD research in contemporary Japanese studies, with preference given to research projects within the discipline of Asian Studies. Applicants must complete the online application form and also contact Associate Professor Stephen Dobbs, Chair of Asian Studies, email: [sdobbs@arts.uwa.edu.au](mailto:sdobbs@arts.uwa.edu.au); Phone: 08 64882002

**ERNEST & EVELYN HAVILL SHACKLOCK TOP-UP SCHOLARSHIPS IN ARTS, HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES**

The Shacklock Scholarships are awarded as supplementary scholarships of \$6000 per annum to the highest ranked eligible applicant in the Faculty of Life and Physical Sciences. There is no separate application form.

**ARTS, HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES****FERRY POSTGRADUATE PHILOSOPHY SCHOLARSHIP**

The purpose of this scholarship is to encourage and assist a meritorious graduate to undertake PhD research in the field of 'Hard Determinism' in the Discipline of Philosophy at The University of Western Australia. This is a supplementary scholarship valued at half the value of the APA/UPA (approximately \$10,000pa) to be held in conjunction with an Australian Postgraduate Award, a University Postgraduate Award or equivalent postgraduate research award. Applicants must provide a research proposal of no more than 1000 words on research into the consequences of hard determinism,

**THERESA SYMONS POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS IN PHILOSOPHY**

Theresa Symons Postgraduate Scholarships in Philosophy are awarded to encourage students to pursue higher degrees by research in philosophy at the University of Western Australia under the supervision of members of the Discipline Group of Philosophy. These are supplementary scholarships valued at \$7000 per annum to be held in conjunction with an Australian Postgraduate Award, a University Postgraduate Award or equivalent postgraduate research award.

Please note: In addition to completing the online application form, applicants for the Theresa Symons Scholarships must also send an outline of no more than 250 words which explains how they would benefit from the funds, and a writing sample of up to 5000 words directly to the Chair of the Discipline Group of Philosophy, M207: Philosophy, The University of Western Australia, 35 Stirling Highway, Crawley WA 6009.

**ARCHITECTURE, LANDSCAPE & VISUAL ARTS****TARLING-HETHERINGTON SCHOLARSHIP IN FINE ARTS**

The Tarling- Hetherington Scholarship in Fine Arts is awarded as a supplementary scholarship with an Australian or University Postgraduate Award on the recommendation of the Faculty of Architecture, Landscape & Visual Arts. The scholarship is valued at \$2000 and a single cheque payment is made to the awardee. There is no separate application form.

**UWA BUSINESS SCHOOL****BHP BILLITON POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS**

BHP Billiton Postgraduate Research Scholarships for research in economic, business or management issues relevant to the resources sector are awarded by the Scholarships Committee in the annual application round. These scholarships provide a stipend of \$42,322 pa (2009 rate) plus a travel allowance of up to \$5,000.

**FACULTY OF LIFE & PHYSICAL SCIENCES****ERNEST & EVELYN HAVILL SHACKLOCK SCHOLARSHIPS IN LIFE & PHYSICAL SCIENCES**

The Shacklock Scholarships are awarded as supplementary scholarships of \$6000 per annum to the highest ranked eligible applicant in the Faculty of Life and Physical Sciences. There is no separate application form.

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## SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INDIGENOUS APPLICANTS

### Indigenous University Postgraduate Award

One University Postgraduate Award (\$20,427pa in 2009) may be awarded to an eligible applicant who identifies as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent and who is recognised as such by the community with which they associate. **There is no separate application form.**

**Indigenous Postgraduate Supplementary Scholarships** valued at \$10,000pa may be awarded to awardees of Australian or University Postgraduate Awards who identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent and who are recognised as such by the community with which they associate. The supplementary scholarships are awarded for the duration of the primary scholarship, up to a maximum of three and a half years. **There is no separate application form.**

**Community Council Scholarships in Knowledge Transfer & Indigenous Health** for an Indigenous student to undertake a Master of Public Health by research in the School of Population Health. The scholarship provides a stipend of \$26,000pa plus \$2000pa maintenance allowance. Applicants must complete the online form and also contact Dr David Preen in the School of Population Health. Please check the website for further details: [http://www.scholarships.uwa.edu.au/home/postgrad/medicine/indigenous\\_mph](http://www.scholarships.uwa.edu.au/home/postgrad/medicine/indigenous_mph)

## 2009 WOMEN'S SERVICE GUILD PhD TOP-UP SCHOLARSHIPS

The Women's Service Guild of Western Australia provides top-up scholarships of \$8000 pa to support research in any field that will specifically benefit women and children. Applicants must be applying for full-time PhD candidature and possess a First Class Honours degree or equivalent. **A separate application form must be completed and submitted to the Scholarships Office with a copy of your online APA/UPA application form by 30 October 2009.** The application form can be downloaded from the Scholarships website.

## GUIDE TO QUESTIONS ON ONLINE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

### SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES PROVISION (Question 1 – Scholarship Selection)

One University Postgraduate Award may be awarded to an eligible applicant whose tertiary performance has been affected by exceptional personal circumstances. Exceptional circumstances may include illness, chronic medical conditions, disability, caring or family responsibilities, death or serious illness of close family or friends, traumatic events, family breakdown and other significant factors which have adversely affected academic results. Supporting documentation, such as medical certificates and/or a statement outlining the grounds for special consideration must be provided. **There is no separate application form.**

### ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY (Question 5)

All applicants must satisfy the University's minimum requirements for English language proficiency as follows:

- Qualifications through WA TEE or equivalent (pass in English, English Literature or English as a Second Language)
  - GCE Ordinary Level English: C6 or higher
  - TOEFL (paper based): 580 with 45 in the test of Spoken English and 4.5 in the Test of Written English
  - iBT TOEFL (internet based): 95, with a minimum of 22 for reading and listening, 24 for speaking and 23 for writing
  - IELTS: 6.5, with scores no lower than 6.5 for reading and writing, and no lower than 6.0 for speaking and listening.
  - Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English: C Pass
  - Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English: B Grade
  - CELT Bridging Program – Overall score B+ (75%), with B+ (75%) for reading and writing, and B (70%) for listening & speaking
- Other qualifications considered on an individual basis.

Further information can be found at <http://www.postgraduate.uwa.edu.au/home/prospective/english>

### ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS AND EDUCATIONAL HISTORY (Question 6)

Please provide details of ALL previous and current tertiary study (undergraduate and postgraduate) including incomplete courses. You must attach ORIGINAL or CERTIFIED academic transcripts provided by

*institutions other than UWA*. Documents not in English must be accompanied by an official certified translation.

### **PROPOSED AREA OF RESEARCH AND PROPOSED RESEARCH TOPIC (Questions 7a & 7b)**

Please consider carefully the school or schools in which you intend to undertake your research. A scholarship awarded in one faculty may not be transferable to a school in another faculty, unless both faculties agree. If you are unsure of the school in which you intend to commence your degree please discuss your research with your potential supervisor/s and Head of School/s.

Please try to discuss your proposed research with the Head or Graduate Research Coordinator of the appropriate School, or your prospective supervisor, to ensure that adequate supervision, facilities and resources are available. Please provide a title and statement of not more than 250 words describing your proposed project (including specific aims, potential significance, proposed technologies & references relevant to your research if applicable).

### **PUBLICATIONS IN REFEREED JOURNALS OR PUBLISHED MONOGRAPHS (Question 8)**

Please list and number consecutively any papers published, papers in press or finally accepted for publication in refereed journals over the last six years. The listing must indicate titles of papers, sequence of authors as shown in the paper, first and last page numbers, name, volume and date of journal and, for recent papers not yet published, a copy of the notification of acceptance by the journal's editor is required. Quality as well as quantity of publications will be considered in the assessment of applications. Please do not include Conference Abstracts, posters or papers submitted for publication but not accepted.

### **ACADEMIC REFEREE REPORTS (Question 13)**

Applicants should nominate two academic referees and one current email address for each referee. Please check that each email address is working before you enter the email address into the online form.

In the case of Honours students or recent graduates of The University of Western Australia, it is recommended that:

- one referee should preferably be **the supervisor of the Honours programme** in which the applicant is/was enrolled, or the Head of School or the Graduate Co-ordinator of the School, and
- the second referee should be one of the above or the applicant's prospective supervisor if he/she has sufficient knowledge of the applicant.

Applicants from other institutions should choose appropriate referees from their own institutions who have informed, personal and professional knowledge of their academic ability and who may exercise judgement of their research potential.

You need to speak to your referees to let them know that you are applying for this scholarship and brief them so that they understand what is required of them. They will receive an automated email from the iAthena online scholarship system requesting them to complete an online referee report in iAthena. Alternatively, referees may send a hardcopy reference to the Scholarships Office to be uploaded into your application. Please advise the Scholarships Office if your referees are unable to complete the online referee report, or if you have written referee reports which you wish to submit on behalf of your referees.

After you have submitted your application you must check back with your two referees to see if they have submitted their reports. If they have not submitted their reports you should encourage them to submit their report as soon as possible. UWA **will not** contact referees to request reports if they do not submit one. Your application will be assessed without the referee report if the two reports are not submitted. Referee reports are considered when awarding scholarships and an applicant who does not have any referee reports or only one referees report may be disadvantaged in the selection process.

### **APPLICATION PROCEDURE - ONLINE APPLICATION AND APPLICATION CONFIRMATION FORM**

Please complete the online application form, and submit the printed hardcopy Application Confirmation Form to the Scholarships Office, together with any required supporting documentation.

If you have been enrolled at The University of Western Australia at any time, please enter your student ID. Candidates who have completed a degree in a previous name must provide documentary evidence of their change of name.

### **APPLICANT CONTACT DETAILS DECEMBER 2009 TO MARCH 2010**

Please ensure that you provide an email address and home/work or mobile phone number where you may be contacted during the day. Failure to do so may delay or prevent the processing of your application and notification of the outcome.

***DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION MATERIAL – FRIDAY 30 OCTOBER 2009***

Please submit your Application Confirmation Form together with certified copies of **all** academic transcripts, **other than those gained at The University of Western Australia**, and evidence of completion of all qualifications to the Graduate Research and Scholarships Office no later than 5pm **Friday 30 October 2009**. It is preferable that you do not send original documents as we may not be able to return them to you. However, we will need to see your original documents prior to your enrolment.

Applications will be considered on the basis of academic achievement and potential for research.

Candidates should note that application forms are applicable for The University of Western Australia only and remain the property of The University of Western Australia. Candidates who wish to apply for awards at other Australian universities should seek information from the Scholarships Office at the university concerned. scholarships won at UWA cannot be taken up at another University.

***DELAYED RESULTS***

Please note that scholarships cannot normally be offered subject to results submitted after the final ranking. The Scholarships Committee has emphasised that late results submitted after 7 December 2009 may not be able to be taken into account.

***DON'T FORGET TO SUBMIT YOUR HARDCOPY APPLICATION CONFIRMATION FORM!***

You must submit a signed original of your Application Confirmation Form and supporting documents to:

The Graduate Research and Scholarships Office,  
Room G13, Mailbag M358,  
Hackett Hall, 35 Stirling Highway,  
CRAWLEY, WA 6009

**DEADLINE FOR ONLINE APPLICATIONS AND SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION CONFIRMATION FORM IS 5PM (WST) FRIDAY 30 OCTOBER 2009.**

Application Confirmation forms may be submitted by fax or email, but the original signed form and documents must also be mailed or delivered to the above address. **Your application is not complete until you sign and forward the Application Confirmation form to the Graduate Research & Scholarships Office.**

***FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:***

The Graduate Research and Scholarships Office  
Room G13 Hackett Hall

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