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PhD Scholarship Program

Purpose and aims

The FHMRI PhD Scholarship Program provides eligible students with a one-year scholarship to support the initiation of a PhD in the College of Medicine and Public Health, with primary PhD supervision by a member of CMPH staff. This program aims to provide support to students in the first year of their PhD to increase competitiveness and provide a pathway to securing external funding for subsequent years of their PhD program. Scholarships will be awarded based on academic merit and research potential.

Funding

Up to six PhD Scholarships will normally be offered each year. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and rural and remote students in CMPH are encouraged to apply.

Each scholarship will provide a stipend for one year in line with the current National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) stipend rates as follows for 2021:

Standard stipend: \$28,096

Medical/Dental stipend: \$41,831

Eligibility

To be eligible for consideration applicants must:

- Be an Australian citizen, or permanent resident of Australia, or a New Zealand citizen
- Be currently admitted, or be eligible for admission, to a PhD in the College of Medicine and Public Health (see Admission requirements: https://students.flinders.edu.au/my-course/course-rules/postgrad/phd_rule_2019)
- Intend to enrol as a full-time student (part-time awards are available in certain circumstances)
- The proposed supervisor must be able to demonstrate that they can underwrite funding for years 2 and 3, and if necessary, a six-month extension, of the scholarship should the student be unsuccessful in securing external funding.

A FHMRI PhD Scholarship will not normally be awarded to an applicant who is in receipt of an award which directly duplicates the purpose of the FHMRI PhD Scholarship Program.



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Criteria for the award of funding

Selection of scholarship recipients will be undertaken by the College of Medicine and Public Health Scholarships Committee based on academic merit and research potential, in alignment with College values of equity, excellence and social vision. Applications will be ranked (using the NHMRC criteria for postgraduate scholarships) based on academic record in the field/discipline (60%), the research environment and supervisory team (20%) and the proposed project (20%).

Conditions of funding

- The scholarship provides a stipend for a maximum of 12 months in line with current NHMRC rates
- There is an expectation that applicants will apply for nationally competitive external funding and must demonstrate a plan to secure external funding (e.g. NHMRC Postgraduate Scholarship) for subsequent years of their PhD.
- Prospective supervisors should detail how they will underwrite years 2 and 3, and if necessary, a six-month extension, of the scholarship.
- Australian citizens, New Zealand citizens and permanent residents admitted to a Research Higher Degree will be entitled to a Research Training Scheme (RTS) place which covers the cost of tuition.

Submission of applications

To apply, please provide the following as a single pdf document:

1. Applicant CV (maximum 2 pages detailing academic record, medals, prizes and awards, research achievement and productivity commensurate with authorship of research publications, book chapters and presentations, postgraduate/research training and/or research/professional experience, broader community engagement).
2. Application outlining the following details:
 - a. Research Proposal (maximum 2 pages), including objectives, project design and feasibility.
 - b. Research Environment statement (maximum 500 words)
3. Supervisor statement detailing: (1) provision for funding for years 2, 3 and a possible 6-month extension if required; (2) why the student is competitive for a nationally competitive scholarship scheme.
4. Primary supervisor CV (maximum of 2 pages)

Applications can be submitted to fhmri@flinders.edu.au

Due date for applications:

Applications are always open. However, eligibility for some schemes, including NHMRC postgraduate scholarships, may require that a student has not exceeded 12 months of their PhD candidature (as at 31st December in year of application) for eligibility. Please check the eligibility of the externally funded schemes prior to submitting an application to this scheme.