The Graduate Research School
Petre Foundation Top Up Scholarship
Terms and Conditions

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1. Introduction

The Petre Foundation Top Up Scholarship (the Scholarship) aims to attract UNSW PhD candidates with exceptional research potential. The scholarship will be awarded to one PhD candidate who can demonstrate academic excellence and whose research contributes to the betterment of mankind without regard for their own personal or commercial gain.

The PhD candidate must be undertaking, or be accepted to undertake, a world-leading scientific research project at UNSW in the areas of fundamental sciences, engineering or medical research. The research should be innovative and focused on delivery rather than solving social problems or delivering policy-driven outcomes.

The Scholarship is awarded in accordance with the eligibility requirements outlined in this document, and on a competitive basis. The successful PhD candidate must hold another competitive scholarship at UNSW that provides a stipend for living expenses.

Applications open: Monday, 27 April 2020
Applications close: Friday, 22 May 2020

Candidates must submit a completed application form to the Graduate Research School by 22 May 2020. Late applications will not be considered.

2. Scholarship Package

Some competitive scholarships have restrictions on the maximum value of a top up scholarship. For this reason, there are two options for the Scholarship package, both of which have an overall value of $35,000 per annum up to 3.5 years. The Scholarship package will be offered on the basis of the applicant's funding arrangements and candidates are not able to choose their preferred package.

For a candidate holding a Commonwealth Funded Award

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<th>$20,000 per annum as a top up scholarship to a Research Training Program (RTP) award for up to 3.5 years (in line with RTP award)</th>
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<td>Plus $15,000 per annum for research project support and career development (attending conferences, giving presentations, visiting national and international institutions with the agreement from supervisor/s)</td>
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For a Candidate holding another competitively awarded scholarship

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<th>$30,000 per annum as a top-up scholarship to a competitively awarded main scholarship for up to 3.5 years (in line with main scholarship award)</th>
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<td>Plus $5,000 support funds per annum for research project support and career development (attending conferences, giving presentations, visiting national and international institutions with the agreement from supervisor/s)</td>
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3. Eligibility
To be eligible to apply for the Scholarship, the candidate must:

a) have commenced in a PhD at UNSW in Term 3 2019, Summer Term 2019, Term 1, 2020 or commencing in Term 2, 2020;
b) be awarded a Research Training Program (RTP) or other competitive scholarship for the duration of this Scholarship;
c) have Honours 1 or equivalent qualifications;
d) be enrolled in a full-time PhD at UNSW;
e) be enrolled or commencing in a program in fundamental sciences, engineering or medical research;
f) not have previously held the Scholarship;
g) not hold a UNSW Structured scholarship (Scientia PhD Scholarship or a UNSW-CSIRO Industry PhD Scholarship);
h) not breach their main award’s terms and conditions by accepting the Scholarship; and
i) not use the Scholarship to undertake research that has commercial gains or outcomes that aims to solve social problems or deliver policy-driven outcomes.

4. Selection Criteria
Applications will be assessed against the following criteria:

(a) Potential for Impact: Explain how your PhD research project contributes to the betterment of mankind (50%)
(b) Innovation: Indicate how your PhD research project is innovative. Will your PhD research project challenge existing paradigms and/or employ new methodologies or concepts? Describe any novel approaches. (25%)
(c) Academic Excellence: Demonstrate academic excellence through your grades/marks from your previous degrees, and details of any relevant awards in your application form. (25%)

5. Selection Panel
The selection panel will be made up of persons (or their nominee) holding the following positions:

• Dean of the Graduate Research (Chair)
• Faculty Associate Dean of Research Training (ADRT) or equivalent

The panel will select the most suitable applicant based on the Scholarship selection criteria and will pay particular attention to the candidates’ ability to demonstrate how their PhD research and research aspirations contribute to the betterment of mankind.

The Chair may prescribe rules for the conduct of meetings and the making of decisions by the selection panel.

The panel reserves the right not to offer the Scholarship if they deem applications are not of sufficient merit.
6. Tenure Conditions

6.1 Award Structure
The Scholarship includes a stipend and research development support funds.

6.2 Payment
The stipend component will be paid fortnightly directly to the candidate. The research and development funds will be held by the candidate’s School. The candidate will liaise with the School regarding reimbursement of the research and development funds.

6.3 Acceptance
The awardee should accept the Scholarship by the prescribed deadline in their letter of offer. The University may withdraw the Scholarship offer if the awardee does not respond by the deadline.

If the awardee is currently enrolled, the awardee will receive a full scholarship offer from the University. The awardee will receive scholarship payments thereafter.

If the awardee is commencing in Term 2, 2020, the awardee will receive a conditional scholarship offer from the University. The awardee will receive a full offer from the University after commencing their degree. The awardee will receive scholarship payments thereafter.

6.4 Deferral
The Scholarship must be accepted at the time of offer. Consequently, the Scholarship offer cannot be deferred to another study period.

6.5 Holding Other Scholarships
If the awardee holds an RTP stipend, the value of the Scholarship cannot exceed 75% of the annual RTP stipend rate (indexed annually).

If the awardee holds a competitive scholarship other than the RTP, the candidate must not breach the terms and conditions of their main award by accepting this Scholarship. It is the candidate’s responsibility that they remain compliant with their main award.

6.6 Leave Entitlements
Leave entitlements are in line with standard RTP scholarship entitlements of 12 weeks paid extended sick leave and paid maternity leave (both extend award by 12 weeks), as well as paid parental leave.

The Scholarship may be suspended for up to three terms if the candidate has approved program leave from the Graduate Research School.

6.7 Termination
The Scholarship will be discontinued if the awardee

   a) withdraws from their current PhD (if enrolled at the time of application); or
   b) does not commence their PhD at UNSW in the term / year of the Scholarship offer (if not enrolled at the time of application); or
   c) transfers from their PhD to a Master’s by Research; or
d) terminates their main award (or main award is terminated by the university or scholarship provider); or

e) ceases to be full time; or

f) does not resume study at the end of period of approved program leave; or

g) does not maintain satisfactory progress in their annual research progress reviews; or

h) uses the Scholarship to generate research outputs for commercial and/or personal gain

6.8 Reporting

The Scholarship holder may be asked to submit an annual report outlining research progress, experiences gained, and benefits enjoyed while in receipt of the Scholarship, which will be forwarded to the Donor.

The Scholarship holder may be invited to speak on their research in person at a suitable occasion as determined by the Donor.