



## **Multiple Sclerosis Research Australia Postgraduate Scholarship Awards**

### **CONDITIONS OF AWARD**

1. Scholarships are only available to graduates who are Australian citizens or who have been granted permanent residence status and have lived in Australia continuously for 12 months before submitting their application.
2. Scholarships shall be awarded to registered medical graduates or to appropriately qualified science graduates or health professionals for the purpose of carrying out research projects within a university or academic department of an Australian institution.
3. These scholarships are primarily intended for training in research of junior graduates and all successful graduates are required to enrol for a higher degree. The applicant should retain a copy (for taxation and other purposes) of the notice of acceptance to undertake a higher degree that is normally issued by the Registrar of the university where research is being carried out.
4. Scholars are paid to study fulltime and are only permitted to undertake a strictly limited amount of employment (to a maximum of 240 hours per year and a maximum of eight hours per week total during business hours Monday to Friday).
5. The rules governing a scholar's conditions of award may vary between institutions. Students should consult the Scholarships Officer at their institution about specific provisions.
6. Where the research involves experimentation on humans or animals or use of toxic substances, approval from the relevant committee will be required. (See Clearance requirements in Instructions to applicants)
7. The application must include:
  - The approval and assessment of the nominated supervisor who should indicate willingness to carry out such supervision; and
  - The approval of the head of department in which the work is to be carried out.
8. Tenure of the scholarship shall be for a maximum of three years. Tenure for a second and third year is contingent on a satisfactory progress report from the supervisor.

9. The Research Medical Council (RMC) shall recommend each scholar for appointment at their meeting in October for tenure during the following year.
10. No additional scholarship/fellowship may be held concurrently.
11. Rates for stipends shall be based on current NH&MRC stipends for scholarships for medical and biomedical graduates. Scholars shall be entitled to annual leave and sick leave but leave loadings do not apply to tax free stipends.
12. Funding of the scholarship may include:
  - tax free stipend of scholar
  - \$2250 for conference travel and purchase of consumables
  - Thesis allowance of \$860 in final year
  - GST
13. In the event of publication of results, acknowledgment of the support of the scholarship shall be given in the following manner:
  - ‘This project was undertaken during tenure of a Multiple Sclerosis Research Australia Postgraduate Research Scholarship.’
14. The Research Management Council reserves the right to nominate a specific area of research, or to recommend that no award be made if, in its opinion, applicants are not suitably qualified.
15. Scholarships shall be advertised on an Australia wide basis via Research Offices of institutions and on the MSRA website – [www.msra.org.au](http://www.msra.org.au).
16. Applications must be received by 31 June 2008. Ethical approval should accompany the application, if possible. Late applications will not be considered.