
UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY WORLD SCHOLARS

APPLICATION GUIDELINES – SEMESTER 1 2011

Introduction

The University of Sydney World Scholars awards provide opportunities for academically gifted PhD candidates who have developed innovative research projects to undertake a PhD degree at the University of Sydney with financial support. This prestigious award will attract high-quality research candidates from a broad range of countries and disciplines. Candidates will engage in progressive research whilst facilitating the development of strong bilateral research linkages between Australia and the rest of the world.

General Guidelines

World Scholars awards support the full cost of academic tuition fees for up to three (3) years on the terms set out in these Guidelines. The scholarship will also fund a travel contribution towards the cost of a return international airfare (as set out in the 'Air Travel' section of the Scholarship Conditions, below).

Applications are invited from international students who are citizens of the following countries ("Participating Countries"):

- **Asia:** Cambodia, Hong Kong SAR, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Singapore, South Korea, Thailand, Vietnam
- **Europe:** France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom
- **Americas:** Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Mexico, United States
- **Africa:** Kenya, Rwanda, South Africa, Uganda

Candidates will be required to take up the scholarship in the semester for which it is offered. Deferral of the scholarship will not be permitted.

Selection for World Scholars is highly competitive. Applicants will be chosen on the basis of academic excellence and demonstrated research capability. It is important that applicants clearly address these selection criteria in their PhD application documentation.

The University is actively negotiating with governments and agencies in Participating Countries to identify possibilities for further support for World Scholars. Details of any agreements reached, together with the level of additional support available and any conditions associated therewith, will be posted on the University's website:

http://sydney.edu.au/future_students/international_postgraduate_research/costs_scholarships/scholarships/index.shtml#world

Scholarship Benefits

A University of Sydney World Scholars award covers the following costs:

- full academic tuition fee costs for approved PhD study at the University of Sydney for up to three (3) years; and
- a travel contribution of up to AUD \$1,250 each way towards the cost of a return air fare from the awardee's identified country of citizenship to Sydney.

Applicants should note that a World Scholars award does not include any living allowance, Overseas Student Health Cover, visa application costs, or any other costs other than those outlined above. All other costs must be met by the student. Applicants should not apply for World Scholars unless they know – at the time of application – that they are able to meet all costs not covered by this award.

Eligibility Criteria

Scholarships are available for new international students enrolling in a PhD at the University of Sydney, who hold citizenship of a Participating Country, and who meet all academic and English-language proficiency criteria required for admission to a PhD. In order to be considered for a World Scholars award, applicants must:

- be a citizen of a Participating Country;
- not be a citizen or permanent resident of Australia, or have applied for Australian permanent residency;
- meet all academic and English-language proficiency criteria for admission to their chosen PhD; and
- have a Firm Offer of Admission to a Doctor of Philosophy at the University of Sydney commencing in Semester 1 2011, issued on or before 10 September 2010 (applicants with a Conditional Offer of Admission will not be considered).

Currently enrolled international students and other students of the University of Sydney are not eligible to apply for a World Scholars award. Please also note the further restrictions outlined in the 'Scholarship Conditions' section of these Guidelines.

How to Apply

Applying for a World Scholars award is a two-stage process. Applicants must complete both stages, in order, as follows:

Stage 1: PhD application and admission

Candidates must lodge an application for a PhD degree, and obtain a Firm Offer of Admission, prior to lodging a World Scholars application.

Before lodging a PhD application, candidates are required to make contact with a potential academic supervisor and discuss their proposed research project. PhD candidates may search for a potential academic supervisor using the *Research Supervisor Connect* tool on the University of Sydney website:

<http://sydney.edu.au/research/opportunities>

Once candidates have made contact with a potential academic supervisor and prepared a research proposal, they should submit a Postgraduate Research Application Form. This form can be downloaded from:

<http://sydney.edu.au/internationaloffice/forms/pgformresearch.pdf>

Further information about the PhD application process can be found online:

http://sydney.edu.au/future_students/international_postgraduate_research/admissions/index.shtml

The average processing time for PhD applications, once received at the University of Sydney, is six weeks. Some applications may take longer to process, particularly where insufficient documentation has been provided.

PhD applications should be lodged no later than 31 July 2010. The University cannot guarantee that PhD applications lodged after this date will be assessed and issued with a Firm Offer of Admission in time for World Scholars consideration.

Candidates must have a Firm Offer of Admission to their chosen PhD issued on or before 10 September 2010 in order to proceed to Stage 2. A Conditional Offer of Admission is not sufficient.

Stage 2: Scholarship application

Candidates who have received a Firm Offer of Admission to a PhD issued on or before 10 September 2010 may proceed with a World Scholars application.

Once a Firm Offer of Admission has been received, candidates must complete and submit a University of Sydney World Scholars Application Form. This form can be found at the end of these Guidelines, or downloaded from:

http://sydney.edu.au/future_students/international_postgraduate_research/costs_scholarships/scholarships/index.shtml#world

The completed University of Sydney World Scholars Application Form must be submitted in hard copy, via post or courier, to the following address:

University of Sydney World Scholars
International Development Officer (Scholarships and Grants)
Office of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (International)
Room 204, Old Teachers' College – A22
The University of Sydney NSW 2006
Australia

Applications must be received no later than 17 September 2010. Applications received by fax or email, or with only a Conditional Offer of Admission, will not be considered.

Selection Process

Selection for a World Scholars award is a merit-based and highly competitive process. Candidates will be selected in accordance with the following criteria:

- demonstrated academic excellence through previous studies; and
- demonstrated high quality, innovative research capacity.

Applications will be reviewed and final selections decided by a committee comprising senior University of Sydney academic staff, and may include international representatives.

The final selection of World Scholars candidates will be completed by November 2010. Offer letters will be issued to successful applicants shortly thereafter.

Scholarship Conditions

Applicants should be aware of the following Scholarship Conditions, which shall apply to all World Scholars awardees:

- **Supplementary Funds**
The World Scholars awards do not cover living costs, Overseas Student Health Cover, visa application fees, costs of text books, or any other costs other than those outlined under 'Scholarship Benefits', above. Scholarship holders must ensure that they have sufficient personal or other funds to meet all costs not covered. Any benefits payable under other scholarships should not be factored in when calculating available funds, unless you know that your other scholarship application has been successful. You should not submit a World Scholars application unless you know – at the time of application – that you can meet all costs not covered.
- **Visas**
Scholarship holders shall be responsible for ensuring that they obtain the appropriate student visa for study in Australia. Scholarship holders must allow sufficient time to obtain a visa and arrive in Australia in time to commence studies at the start of Semester 1 2011.
- **Air Travel**
The World Scholars awards will provide a travel contribution towards a return international air fare from the student's identified country of citizenship to Sydney, of up to AUD \$1,250 each way. The contribution shall be paid into an Australian bank account nominated by the student, upon commencement of studies (for flight to Australia) and after successful completion of studies (for flight from Australia). World Scholars award holders can claim their travel contribution from the International Office, upon presentation of original receipts and a copy of the airline ticket or e-ticket receipt. The travel contribution will not be paid prior to arrival in Australia, or prior to commencement of studies. Claims should be submitted to the International Office within six (6) months of commencement of studies, and within six (6) months of submission of thesis. Claims made outside this period may not be reimbursed.

- **Commencement**
World Scholars awardees will be required to commence PhD studies at the University of Sydney at the start of Semester 1 2011. The scholarship cannot be deferred under any circumstances. Should candidates not be able to commence studies in Semester 1 2011, the offer of a World Scholars award shall lapse.
- **Completion**
The World Scholars award will meet the cost of academic tuition fees for the approved PhD study at the University of Sydney for up to three (3) years. Funding for an additional six (6) months may be given in exceptional circumstances upon application for an extension, if approved by both the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (International) and the Faculty. Tuition fees for any additional semesters shall be met by the student.
- **Enrolment**
World Scholars award holders must be enrolled full-time in their approved PhD programme at all times for the term of their award.
- **Additional Scholarships**
Students may not hold an International Postgraduate Research Scholarship (IPRS) or a University of Sydney International Scholarship (USydlS) concurrently with a World Scholars award. Other scholarships may be permitted to cover living allowances and other costs not covered by the World Scholars award. Award holders must advise the University of any other scholarships held at any time concurrently with a World Scholars award.
- **Permanent Residency**
A World Scholars award will be terminated in the event that the awardee obtains permanent residency in Australia at any stage throughout the term of his or her scholarship.

Further Information

Potential Academic Supervisor

To identify a potential academic supervisor, please refer to the relevant Faculty or School website, which will provide details of academic staff, their areas of research interest and current work, and contact details.

Faculties and Schools: http://sydney.edu.au/about/faculties_schools.shtml

Alternatively, applicants can refer to the Faculty contacts list provided on the Postgraduate Research Application Form, and contact the postgraduate enquiry service for the relevant Faculty to enquire about appropriate members of the academic staff.

University of Sydney Postgraduate Research Applications

For further information regarding postgraduate research applications and requirements, please contact:

International Office

Tel. +61 2 9351 4079

Email: io.mail@sydney.edu.au

University of Sydney World Scholars Applications

For further information regarding World Scholars applications and requirements, please contact:

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APPLICATION FORM – SEMESTER 1 2011

PhD candidates wishing to be considered for a University of Sydney World Scholars award for studies commencing in 2011 must complete this application form in accordance with the *University of Sydney World Scholars Application Guidelines – Semester 1 2011* (Application Guidelines), which must be read before submitting this application form. A copy of the Application Guidelines can be downloaded from: http://sydney.edu.au/future_students/international_postgraduate_research/costs_scholarships/scholarships/index.shtml#world

Applicants must have received a Firm Offer of Admission for a PhD (consistent with the Application Guidelines) commencing in Semester 1 2011 before completing this form, and no later than 10 September 2010.

Please do not send academic transcripts, references, CVs or any other attachments with this form.

A. Personal Details (as shown on passport)			
Title	<input type="checkbox"/> Mr	<input type="checkbox"/> Ms	<input type="checkbox"/> Miss <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
Family name			
Given name(s)			
Sex	<input type="checkbox"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Female	Date of birth (DD/MM/YYYY)
Country of birth		Country of citizenship	
B. Permanent Residency / Dual Nationality			
Are you a citizen or permanent resident of Australia?			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Have you applied for Australian permanent residency or citizenship?			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
C. Course Details (as shown on Firm Offer of Admission)			
Course name			
Faculty/Department			
University of Sydney Student ID Number (SID)			
Have you received a Firm Offer of Admission letter?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Firm Offer of Admission issue date (DD/MM/YYYY)	
D. Contact Details			
Residential address			
Town/City	State/Province		
Country	Postcode (ZIP code)		
Home telephone	Mobile telephone		
Correspondence address (if different from above)			
Town/City	State/Province		
Country	Postcode (ZIP code)		
Home telephone	Mobile telephone		
Email			
E. Previous Scholarships and Awards Please list any previous scholarships or awards that you have received.			
Name of scholarship/award	Year of receipt	Duration	

F. Other Scholarship Applications	
<p>World Scholars awardees from some Participating Countries may be considered for additional support from their home country, if available. A list of eligible countries and support can be found online at http://sydney.edu.au/future_students/international_postgraduate_research/costs_scholarships/scholarships/index.shtml#world . No separate application for this support is necessary, but a copy of this application form or information contained herein may be provided to additional support providers (eg. government or agencies) in your home country if you tick 'Yes' at this question.</p> <p>Do you wish to be considered for additional support from your home country, if available?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes → A copy of this application may be provided to government, agencies or other providers in your home country.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>Have you applied for any other scholarship(s) to study at the University of Sydney or elsewhere? If yes, please specify below (include information for current applications only).</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes → Please specify.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
G. Privacy Information and Privacy Protection Statement Please read below.	
<p>The University of Sydney is subject to the New South Wales Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 (the Act). The personal information you provide for this application will be protected in accordance with the University Privacy Policy. The information provided in the first instance will only be used by the University for assessing your application for a University of Sydney World Scholarship. If unsuccessful, the information will be retained in the records of the University of Sydney only for the University of Sydney's use for a period of 12 months and will not be disclosed except with your permission, in accordance with the University Privacy Policy. Under the Freedom of Information Act and the University Privacy Policy you have a right to access and correct any personal information concerning you held by the University in the student and financial databases. Routine corrections, changes and enquiries should, in the first instance, be directed to the International Office. By signing this application it is understood that you have read this statement and agree to the use and disclosure of your personal information as outlined above.</p> <p>Full details: http://sydney.edu.au/arms/privacy/policy.shtml</p> <p>Note: The information provided on this application form may be made available to Commonwealth and State agencies and the Fund Manager of the ESOS Assurance Fund, pursuant to obligations under the ESOS Act 2000 and the National Code.</p>	
H. Declaration	
<p>Please read this declaration carefully. By signing this form, you declare that you have read, understood and agree to these terms.</p>	
<p>I understand that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ the University of Sydney World Scholars award covers the cost of academic tuition fees (for up to 3 years for the approved PhD study) and a travel contribution (for a return flight from the nominated country of citizenship to Australia) only, as set out in the Application Guidelines; ▪ I am fully responsible for all costs not covered by the World Scholars award for the duration of my studies at the University of Sydney, including living costs, visas and health cover, and any other education-related expenses; ▪ neither the University of Sydney nor the Australian Government are responsible if I run short of funds; ▪ the University of Sydney may vary or cancel any decision it makes if the information I have given is incorrect or incomplete; ▪ the University of Sydney may obtain official records from any education institution I have previously attended in accordance with applicable laws; ▪ if I have ticked 'Yes' at the first question under Item F on this application form, the University of Sydney may provide a copy of this application or any information contained herein to governments and/or agencies or other scholarship providers in my home country, as listed on the University of Sydney website, for the sole purpose of additional benefit consideration; ▪ all documents submitted become the property of the University of Sydney and will not be returned. <p>I agree to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ comply with the rules on admission and enrolment of the University of Sydney; ▪ notify the International Office at the University of Sydney immediately if there is any change to the information I have given in this application. <p><i>Please tick:</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I have read the World Scholars Application Guidelines and I acknowledge and agree that the Guidelines, as amended from time to time, apply to my application.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I have read and I consent to the University of Sydney's Privacy Statement.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The information I have given in this application is true, complete and correct.</p>	
<p>Signature:</p>	<p>Date (DD/MM/YYYY)</p>

Submit applications to: University of Sydney World Scholars
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Application deadline: 17 September 2010 (by 5.00 pm Australian Eastern Standard Time).
Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.