

ADELAIDE GRADUATE FEE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS – 2010



CRICOS Provider No 00123M

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

Effective from 25 August 2009

INTRODUCTION

Adelaide Graduate Fee Scholarships are available to University of Adelaide international students who are completing in 2009 or have completed in 2008, their four year undergraduate degree including class one honours in a research based honours program or masters degree with a sufficient research component to be approved by the Research Education Development Committee as a degree acceptable for entry to the PhD. ie a Masters degree including a minimum of 12 points of research at the University of Adelaide in 2009 OR have completed the above in 2008.

The Scholarship provides payment of tuition fees for the program and a stipend in line with the scholarship tenure and conditions described below.

PURPOSE

The scholarship provides payment of international student tuition fees and a stipend set by the University. The scholarship **DOES NOT** provide Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC). The scholarship may only be used for the program of study which it is provided for and cannot be used for any other purpose.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

In order to be eligible for consideration a student must:

- be completing their four year undergraduate degree including class one honours in a research based honours program or masters degree with a sufficient research component to be approved by the Research Education Development Committee as a degree acceptable for entry to the PhD. ie a Masters degree including a minimum of 12 points of research at the University of Adelaide in 2009 OR have completed the above in 2008;
- be eligible to enrol as a commencing student in a full-time postgraduate research program at the University of Adelaide in 2010;
- be an international student; and
- not be currently enrolled in the higher degree by research program at the University of Adelaide for which the student is applying for a scholarship.

Candidates who have applied for Australian permanent resident status are ineligible to apply.

SELECTION

The selection of applicants for Adelaide Graduate Fee Scholarships is the responsibility of the Graduate Scholarships Committee at the University of Adelaide.

SELECTION CRITERIA

All applicants will be placed in a preliminary order of merit based on their undergraduate record, their honours result and division and their referees' scores according to the following weightings:

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| Undergraduate record | 40% | (first year disregarded, second year 16.5%, third year 23.5%)* |
| Honours & Division | 50% | (1(i) = 50; 1(ii) = 35; 1(iii) = 20) |
| Referees Reports | 10% | (average of two reports) |

* in the case of five and six year degrees, these will be ranked on a case by case basis and, where appropriate, results may be averaged over two or more years to derive an equivalent score that is representative of the applicant's overall undergraduate performance.

Non-graded passes are generally disregarded for ranking purposes. If a large proportion of the undergraduate results are comprised of non-graded passes, or the undergraduate results are unrepresentative for any reason, advice may be sought from the School/Discipline to ascertain an appropriate estimate of the level of undergraduate performance.

Applicants holding masters degrees with significant coursework components will be assessed individually on their merits.

TENURE

A new award may be taken up from 1 January in the year for which the award is granted.

The period of tenure commences on the first day of enrolment in the degree. **Students are not permitted to enrol on a part-time basis.**

Continuation of an award is approved on an annual basis but is normally tenable, subject to satisfactory academic progress, for up to two years for studies for the degree of Master or up to three years for the degree of PhD. For PhD candidates an extension of up to an additional six months may be considered - ie to a total of three and a half years. Such an extension would only be granted where it can be demonstrated that inability to complete the degree within three years was caused by circumstances beyond the control of the student and related directly to his or her studies. Illness, publications, work commitments and carer responsibilities are not considered as reasons for extension and should be addressed by use of the leave of absence or sick leave. All extensions are subject to the consideration and approval of the Graduate Scholarships Committee.

Where an award holder has enrolled for higher degree candidature prior to taking up the award, obtains credit for previous study towards the current degree or later suspends the award without intermitting the candidature, the maximum period for which the award is tenable will be reduced accordingly.

The university may approve conversion of an award for Masters degree study to a scholarship leading to a Doctorate. Similarly, an award for Doctoral studies can be converted to Masters as long as the conversion takes place within the first two years of candidature. A candidate may be required to reimburse the University of payments received in excess of the two year limit. The maximum duration of a converted award becomes that for the new candidature, either a maximum of two years for a Masters or three years for a PhD.

BENEFITS

The Adelaide Graduate Fee Scholarship will pay the full tuition fee and a full tax free stipend (valued at \$20,427 in 2009) for the duration of the scholarship. No other allowances will be paid.

VISA ENTITLEMENTS AND REQUIREMENTS

International candidates are required to pay for visa application fees and meet the costs of any medical examinations associated with the issue or renewal of visas for themselves and their dependants. It is the responsibility of the candidate to ensure they hold a valid visa while in Australia. If a visa expires, the candidate may be removed from Australia.

HEALTH CARE COVER

International candidates and their dependants are required to have Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) for the duration of their program. This cost will NOT be covered by this award.

COMMENCEMENT

The scholarship must be taken up in the year for which it is offered. The University may withdraw the award if an applicant does not commence by the agreed date, fails to provide documentation required under a provisional offer, provides false or misleading documentation or fails to maintain satisfactory progress in their program.

DEFERMENT

It is not possible to defer the award. Leave of absence for the purpose of deferring the commencement date will not be allowed.

LEAVE

- Award holders are entitled to 20 days recreation leave per year, calculated on a pro-rata basis. Leave must be taken during the tenure of the award (leave of absence is not necessary but approval must be sought from the student's supervisor). Recreation leave that is not taken is forfeited.
- An award holder may take up to 10 days paid sick leave a year (accruable) within the tenure of their award. These periods of leave are not in addition to the normal duration of the award. For medically substantiated periods of illness lasting longer than 10 working days, candidates may receive up to a total of twelve weeks paid sick leave that is additional to the normal duration of the award. This leave will only be utilised once the accruable sick leave within tenure has been exhausted. Periods of unpaid sick leave longer than three months may be accessed through the leave of absence provisions.

Students must apply to the Adelaide Graduate Centre for leave of absence when taking any type of paid or unpaid sick leave.

Periods of sick leave not applied for as leave of absences will not be considered as applicable supporting reasons for extension to the scholarship.

Official medical certificates stating specified dates must be provided for all periods of sick leave applied for.

- Award holders who have been enrolled for a period of over 12 months full-time are able to apply for up to 12 weeks of paid maternity leave. Periods of paid maternity leave are additional to the normal duration of the award. There is no provision for paid paternity leave. Those enrolled for less than 12 months full-time or who are wishing to take paternity leave are advised to utilise the recreation leave or unpaid leave of absence provisions.
- An award holder granted a leave of absence is required, on the prescribed form, to inform the Adelaide Graduate Centre of resumption of candidature within fourteen days of the approved date of return. Failure to do so may result in termination of scholarship and/or candidature.

EMPLOYMENT

The University does not require a candidate to undertake employment and the Graduate Scholarships Committee must be satisfied that part-time work does not interfere with the study program. Candidates should refer to the regulations governing work permit visas, defined by the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC).

Under current visa regulations students have the right to work after studies in Australia have commenced. Students may work up to 20 hours per week during term time, and unrestricted hours during the published University holidays if not on a scholarship. Scholarship holders are usually only permitted to work up to 8 hours per week during business hours at all times of the academic year and should check with the International Student Centre to confirm the terms of the scholarship.

TRANSFER OF AWARD

The award cannot be transferred to any other institution.

TERMINATION

An award will be terminated upon submission of the thesis or when the award expires, whichever is the earlier. An award will be terminated before this time if the University concludes that a student has not fulfilled the obligations of the award, has not met or continued to meet eligibility criteria or made satisfactory progress.

An award may be terminated if the holder ceases to study or ceases to be enrolled and does not apply for or is not approved for suspension of the award.

SUPERVISION, ACADEMIC PROGRESS, LEAVE OF ABSENCE, EXTENSION AND CANCELLATION OF ENROLMENT

Candidates must comply with all the University's policies and procedures relating to the above as outlined in the 'Research Student Handbook' located at <http://www.adelaide.edu.au/graduatecentre/forms/handbook.pdf>.

All students will also be subject to the requirements of the Education Services for Overseas Students Act 2000 (ESOS Act), the National Code of Practice for Registration Authorities and Providers of Education and Training to Overseas Students (The National Code 2007), and to UA's policies and procedures. UA policies can be found at <http://www.adelaide.edu.au/policies/>

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International Student Online Enquiry & Application Form: <http://www.international.adelaide.edu.au/enquiries/>

CLOSING DATE – 31 OCTOBER 2009