

Welded Structures Foundation Postgraduate Award Guidelines and Terms

STIPEND (Postgraduate research)

The stipend may be used for additional support for the applicant whilst undergoing approved studies at eligible institutions on a full time basis. The funding will be for 3 years for a PhD and 2 years for a Research Masters and will be subject to satisfactory progress as assessed by the University on an annual basis. The rate applicable will be \$7,500 pa. Responsibility for establishing any taxation liability lies with the recipient of an award.

GUIDELINES FOR COMPLETING THE APPLICATION

Each application should be prepared on either the host university postgraduate application form or the form provided by WSF and obtainable from the WSF office below.

CANDIDATE

A candidate must be nominated by the member university of WSF at which tenure of the Award is proposed.

The candidate must be a permanent resident of Australia.

Other factors that will be considered by WSF include the academic record of the applicant, and the relevance of the proposed work or education course with the objectives of WSF (see website).

RESEARCH (OR COURSE) PROPOSAL

A one page proposal should be submitted with the application. This should include the following information

PROJECT (COURSE) TITLE

A concise title that best describes the project.

OBJECTIVES AND DETAILS OF PROPOSED WORK

Provide a concise statement of the objectives and details of the proposed work and how it relates to the WSF objectives.

BACKGROUND

Briefly summarise your academic achievements to date and any industrial experience or attach a CV.

SUBMISSION PROCEDURE

When you are satisfied that the details in your application are complete you should

Submit the proposal through the Registrar or Research Office of the member university to which the chief investigator belongs. The approval or otherwise of the award will be made by the host university and the approved proposal will be forwarded to Welded Structures Foundation.

CONDITIONS

Post-graduate Research Awards are offered by WSF for suitably qualified persons wishing to undertake studies in WSF's field of interest for a higher degree at a member university of WSF under the following conditions:.

1 Qualifications for Candidature

Nominees must be persons who have completed, or who expect to complete within six months of nomination, the requirements for the degree of BE or BSc(Hons) or their equivalent, at a recognised university, and who are enrolled, or expect to enrol within six months, as a candidate for a higher degree at a member university of WSF.

2 WSF Post-graduate Research Awards

The awards are in the form of "supplements" are offered to scholars who are, or will be, in receipt of an Australian Postgraduate Award (APA) or equivalent award, and for as long as that Award is current.

3 Location

The WSF Post-graduate Research Award (PGRA) will be held at the nominating university, which will administer the award on behalf of WSF.

4 Project

The research project shall be proposed by the nominating university and shall be directly concerned with WSF's field of interest. The objective of the project shall not be changed without the written approval of WSF.

5 Tenure

Total duration of a WSF PGRA is at WSF's discretion, and is subject to annual review. It is expected that the experimental component of the research program will be completed within three years of post-graduate study leading to the award of a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree. An Award may commence during the first, second, or third year of a PhD research program. Tenure of an WSF PGRA is conditional upon the student meeting the progress requirements of the host university. WSF may terminate an Award at any time if the host university is not satisfied with the progress or conduct of a student, or for any other reason. Tenure will terminate in any case on the date on which the student submits to his/her university for examination a thesis for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

6 Stipend

The stipend during tenure of the award will be at rates announced by WSF. The rate applicable from 1 January 2009 will be \$7,500 pa. Responsibility for establishing taxation liability lies with the recipient.

7 Payment of Stipend

The stipend will be paid to the University once a year with effect from the commencement date or anniversary of that date. Should the student relinquish the Award for any reason or the University cease to be a member of WSF, the University will be required to refund the stipend to WSF on a pro-rata basis. The University may pay the stipend to the student fortnightly (26 equal payments/year) or per session (as two equal payments).

8 Reports

A report on the progress of the project on a form provided for that purpose, and signed by the student's university supervisor must be submitted to WSF by 30 December each year. The student will continue to report each year until the thesis has been submitted. It is expected that a copy of the thesis will be presented to WSF upon completion of its examination.

9 Publications

It is expected that appropriate acknowledgment to WSF will be made by the student or when any material embodying the results of work undertaken during tenure of the Award is submitted for publication. No material resulting from work should be submitted for publication without the approval of the university supervisor. It is expected that copies of any such publications will be presented to WSF.

10 Intellectual Property Rights

Intellectual property rights should be covered by the host university standard arrangements which will be made available to WSF.

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