



David Beale PhD Supplementary Scholarship in Prostate Cancer Research

Background

The David Beale PhD Supplementary Scholarship in Prostate Cancer Research was established in 2023 from a generous donation to the University from David Beale to support outstanding emerging researchers in better understanding the causes and exploring potential treatments and cures for prostate cancer.

David John Beale is an engineer, entrepreneur, inventor, scientist and philanthropist. His father, the late Honourable Dr. Jack Gordon Beale AO, was Australia's first Environment Minister who championed the conservation and development of Australia's water resources. He unfortunately passed away in 2006 due to prostate cancer. The David Beale PhD Supplementary Scholarship in Prostate Cancer Research is being established to honour Dr Jack Beale's life and his many contributions to the country. Jack Beale was a man of science and was a staunch advocate of education and research.

The objective of these postgraduate scholarships is to support 3 PhD students working with the South Australian immunoGENomics Cancer Institute (SAiGENCI) in the area of prostate cancer research by providing supplementary scholarships of \$10,000 per annum and \$5,000 for travel for conferences or other research-related costs.

Funding for this project will commence in February 2023.

Scholarship Rules

1. The Scholarships will be named the "David Beale PhD Supplementary Scholarship in Prostate Cancer Research".
2. A total of three Scholarships will be offered with the first one beginning in 2023, the second in 2024 and the third in 2025, each for a period of up to three and a half years, subject to there being applicants of sufficient merit, the continuation of scholarship recipients and sufficient funding received by the University from the donor.
3. **Eligibility**

To be eligible for the Scholarship, applicants must:

 - 3.1 be a domestic or international student of the University of Adelaide enrolled full time as a PhD or M Phil candidate with the SAiGENCI undertaking research into prostate cancer;
 - 3.2 be the recipient of a Research Training Program Scholarship, University of Adelaide Research Scholarship or equivalent major scholarship; and
 - 3.3 not currently be the recipient of a supplementary scholarship.
4. **Value and Benefits**
 - 4.1 The Scholarship shall be valued at \$10,000 each per annum.
 - 4.2 Payment of the stipend to the successful applicant will be disbursed by the University of Adelaide on a fortnightly basis.
 - 4.3 An additional \$5,000 per student will also be provided during the recipient's second year for incidentals, field work or travel for conferences.
 - 4.4 The Scholarships are subject to the terms and conditions of the RTPS or University of Adelaide Research Scholarship.

4.5 The duration of the Scholarships will be up to a maximum of three and a half years for research towards the PhD. No extensions will be considered and no other allowances are payable.

4.6 Tenure and annual extension of the Scholarship will be subject to satisfactory progress, as indicated by the student's supervisor and Head of School (SAiGENCI Director), subject to the normal procedures of the University.

5. Selection Criteria

5.1 Following the application period, selection of the successful candidate will be made by a selection panel consisting of:

5.1.1 the Director, SAiGENCI (or nominee) (Chair) in the Faculty of Health & Medical Sciences at the University of Adelaide;

5.1.2 a Post-Graduate Coordinator from the School of SAiGENCI (or nominee);

5.1.3 Program Leader, Hormone Dependent Cancers, SAiGENCI (or nominee)

5.1.4 Others on ad hoc basis, as requested by Chair

5.1.5 Ideally, at least two Programs across SAiGENCI will be represented by members drawn from above;

based upon receipt of a CV plus a 500 word (max) expression of interest outlining the nature of the applicant's research and how it will meet the objectives of the Scholarship.

6. Administration

6.1 The stipend component of the Scholarship shall be administered by the Adelaide Graduate Research School with nomination being undertaken by SAiGENCI.

6.2 The travel and research costs portion of the Scholarship shall be administered by SAiGENCI.

6.3 Subject to clause 6.7, the successful applicant will be under no obligation whatsoever to render any service to the Donor or the University of Adelaide as a result of receiving this Scholarship.

6.4 The Scholarship may be discontinued, including mid-tenure, if the Donor ceases financial support of the Scholarship.

6.5 No Scholarship shall be awarded in any year if in the opinion of the selection panel there is no applicant of sufficient merit and in such circumstances the scholarship may be awarded in a subsequent year, subject to available financial support.

6.6 The Scholarship will be terminated where:

- a student ceases to be enrolled in the program of study at the University;
- a student has provided false or misleading information with regard to their personal details;
- a student is guilty of serious misconduct in terms of the University Policy Rules for Student Conduct in the University.

6.7 The successful candidates must provide the Donor with annual progress reports, and a brief update every 6 months.

6.8 The University may vary these rules from time to time in a manner consistent with the University's legal obligations and policies.