
Prestigious Research Scholarships for PhD Students



Guidelines and Conditions of Award 2012

Cancer Council Queensland provides financial support for young Queensland scientists undertaking their PhD projects in cancer research. These are three year grants with the possibility of six months extension.

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1. APPLICATION

Applications are invited annually by way of advertisements in the Courier Mail newspaper, supplied to University research offices, circulated through University and research email lists, and placed on the Cancer Council Queensland website at: [Cancer Council QLD Research Funding Opportunities](#)

Applicants must submit their Applications by the deadline and in the specific format outlined. Late applications will not be accepted.

2. ELIGIBILITY

An applicant must:

- Be an Australian citizen or hold a visa or passport allowing them to work or study in Queensland
- Reside in Queensland and be commencing a course of full-time study for the degree of Doctorate in an approved Queensland tertiary institution
- Have the agreement of the tertiary institution to administer the scholarship

- Be undertaking research directly related to cancer; furthermore, it is desirable that the research be undertaken in association with an established cancer group

Persons who are applicants for, or in receipt of, tobacco industry funding are not eligible to apply for, or receive funding from, Cancer Council Queensland. Staff of institutions receiving funding from the tobacco industry will also not be eligible to apply for, or receive funding from, Cancer Council Queensland.

3. ASSESSMENT OF APPLICATIONS

The assessment of scholarship applications will include at least the following steps:

- Review and ranking of all applications by The PhD Scholarship Review Support Committee, made up of three members of the Medical and Scientific Advisory Committee
- Recommendation from the Review Support Committee regarding which applications should be offered support

4. TERMS OF FUNDING

PhD scholarship funding is for a term of three years. An extension of six months may be granted upon application, after completion of two years. The value of each scholarship on offer for 2012 is \$30,000 per annum. The Cancer Council Queensland does not offer partial or top-up scholarships.

Cancer Council Queensland scholarships are intended to provide financial support solely for the student. In accepting the administration of a Scholarship, the institution undertakes to provide the facilities and services necessary for the efficient conduct of the research, and further agrees to meet the normal overhead expenses and normal institutional maintenance charges.

Cancer Council Queensland must be notified if scholars are receiving or intending to receive funding from other sources. Any additional funding, including scholarships or fellowships, combined cannot provide greater than 50% of the Cancer Council Queensland stipend as per Cancer Council Queensland's funding year.

The funding year will commence on 1 January and terminate 31 December. Recipients can apply to delay the start of the grant term by a period of months by providing a written request to Cancer Council Queensland. Cancer Council Queensland can in its sole discretion grant such a request.

The administering institution must inform Cancer Council Queensland by 28 February of the relevant year of the date of commencement if a grant is to commence later than 1 January of the relevant year.

5. GRANT ADMINISTRATION

Cancer Council Queensland will make scholarship payments to the administering institution nominated in the successful grant applications. That institution will be responsible for:

- The proper administration of the scholarship

- Ensuring that research is at all times carried out in accordance with good scientific practice, including obtaining the relevant ethical clearances
- Ensuring that all reports required by Cancer Council Queensland are made in the correct form and on time.

In the event of it becoming necessary for the scholarship administration to be transferred from one institution to another, a formal, written request for this transfer must be made to Cancer Council Queensland, giving reasons for the transfer. The transfer must not be effected without written agreement of Cancer Council Queensland.

The Scholarship will be paid in equal quarterly instalments of the relevant funding year. Payment will be made upon receipt of a tax invoice from the administering Institution.

6. REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS

Scholarship holders must submit an annual report on the research supported by a scholarship by 28 February in the following year. Cancer Council Queensland provides a template for the annual report which will be sent to candidates.

Any publications resulting from research carried out under the scholarship from Cancer Council Queensland must acknowledge the scholarship provided and state prominently that the study was supported by a scholarship awarded by Cancer Council Queensland. Cancer Council Queensland must be provided with a copy of each publication (preferably a PDF).

The authors of the publications are solely responsible for the veracity of the published data.

7. PATENTS AND/OR COMMERCIALISATION

Cancer Council Queensland acknowledges that intellectual property may be generated by scholars during the conduct of work funded in whole or in part by Cancer Council Queensland. Cancer Council Queensland endorses the NHMRC's policy on intellectual property in which ownership and commercialisation rights are seen to belong to the administering Institute to which the scholarship is made, as promulgated in the NHMRC policy document "National Principles of Intellectual Property Management for Publicly Funded Research" – May 2001.

Cancer Council Queensland has a duty to its donors to ensure recognition of its involvement in any work that is commercialised. Cancer Council Queensland requires that in any licence granted by the administering Institution, or its commercialisation arm, to a patent covering intellectual property generated in whole or in part with a scholarship from Cancer Council Queensland, a clause is inserted that requires the licensee to ensure that any product produced pursuant to the licence carries a statement on the packaging or wherever the patent protection is acknowledged to the effect that "Development of this product was funded in part by a grant from Cancer Council Queensland."

8. TERMINATION OF SCHOLARSHIP

Cancer Council Queensland may terminate the scholarship by notice in writing to the scholarship holder and the administering institution in the event of any of the following circumstances occurring and not being rectified within 30 days of notice from Cancer Council Queensland:

- The scholarship recipient engaging in any conduct which brings the good name and reputation of Cancer Council Queensland into disrepute.
- The specified progress reports not being provided to Cancer Council Queensland within the specified time period.
- A review and evaluation by Cancer Council Queensland determines that performance is unsatisfactory.

In any of the above circumstances, Cancer Council Queensland may, in lieu of terminating the scholarship, suspend or vary it in such a manner as it, in its absolute discretion, considers necessary or desirable.

9. CONTACT WITH CANCER COUNCIL QUEENSLAND

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