



The Watervale Graduate Award: Support for Higher Degree Research at NCIS

CONDITIONS of AWARD

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The purpose of the scholarship is to provide support for HDR scholars at NCIS.
- 1.2 Priority will go to scholars in write-up / final stages of completion. Normally, a full first written draft of the thesis must be completed.

2. Eligibility

- 2.1 The student must be enrolled in an MPhil or PhD program at NCIS.

3. Concurrent Holding of Scholarships

- 3.1 The student must not be in receipt of any other scholarship which pays a living allowance except by permission of the Director.

4. Tenure

- 4.1 The award period will be 6 months and must commence within 6 months of the application deadline.

5. Commencement

- 5.1 The award period shall be deemed to commence on the date nominated by the recipient in returning the letter of offer. This start date must not be later than six months after the closing date of applications.

6. Payment

- 6.1 The Award will be paid in two instalments of \$5000: the first at the start of the award period and the second after three months, subject to formal review of progress by the HDR Committee. In the event of late start of the award period, confirmation of continued progress may be required.

7. Deferral

- 7.1 This award offer cannot be deferred and is only valid for the year in which it is made.

8. Application Responsibilities

- 8.1 The successful applicant will be required to provide a written status report to the HDR Committee at the end of the first three months, which must be endorsed by the Primary Supervisor. The second tranche of Award funding will be dependent on the applicant meeting the milestones agreed to under their Completion Plan.
- 8.2 The applicant must provide a written report to the Director and Donors at the end of the award period. That report may also include presentation of a seminar.

9. Termination

- 9.1 The Scholarship may be terminated where a successful applicant:
 - a. fails to continue to be enrolled;
 - b. fails to submit a progress report as required;
 - c. withdraws from the program; and
 - d. has not, in the opinion of the Director, acting on the advice of the HDR Committee, made satisfactory progress towards submission of the thesis.
- 9.2 Should the Award be terminated, the Director, acting on the advice of the HDR Committee, shall determine if any or all of the scholarship monies should be repaid.

10. Taxation

- 10.1 Scholars are responsible for seeking taxation advice regarding their own individual circumstances. Please note that scholarships may be regarded as taxable income if a scholar is enrolled on a part-time basis.

11. Disclaimer

- 11.1 The Award does not carry any commitment by the University for future employment. All recommendations by the Grant Panel or HDR Committee go to the NCIS Delegated Authority whose decision in this matter are final.

Signature of Awardee:

Date: