

PhD Scholarship – Guidelines for Applicants

Applications will only be accepted as a Microsoft Word Document submitted by email. Candidates are expected to complete the accompanying form.

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Closing date: 11th May 2018

The University of New South Wales (UNSW) and the Fertility and Research Centre (FRC) will be supporting a student of exceptional research potential to undertake a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) within the field of reproductive medicine.

The aim of the scholarship is to support a postgraduate with an interest in reproductive medicine to develop their career by providing them training and mentorship to build their capacity to undertake competitive original research.

PROJECT OUTLINE: With improving cancer survival rates, there is an increasing demand for women/girls to protect their reproductive potential, prior to facing fertility-destroying chemo/radio-therapy. Currently in vitro fertilisation (IVF) is the only viable approach available to cancer survivors; however, a full IVF cycle is commonly not suitable or available. Patients often have ovarian tissue cryopreserved prior to chemo/radio-therapy but the current prospects of a future pregnancy are very low. Using novel pharmacological agents, this project will investigate their role in female fertility and their potential to be used as novel oncofertility strategies for cancer patients.

DURATION: The Scholarship will be provided up to 3 years.

STIPEND: The FRC will provide financial support to assist the candidate with living costs in the form of a stipend. The stipend will be paid at the Research Training Programme (RTP) rate of \$26,682. These rates will be indexed annually.

APPLICANT: Candidates from all backgrounds (basic and medical science) are eligible to apply provided they met the academic requirements of UNSW.

A student, who currently holds a higher degree scholarship from another source, is ineligible to apply.

A student who is awaiting the outcome of another scholarship application may apply, however if both applications are successful one scholarship will need to be relinquished.