



2023 HIGHER DEGREE BY RESEARCH (HDR) SCHOLARSHIP

Infectious diseases continue to be most common reason for hospitalisation of young children in Western Australia and a leading the number one cause of death in children worldwide. The mission of the Telethon Kids Institute's (TKI) Wesfarmers Centre of Vaccines & Infectious Diseases (WCVID) is to reduce the burden of serious childhood infectious diseases by finding better prevention and treatment solutions.

The WCVID Higher by Research (HDR) Scholarship is an internal funding mechanism to engage the best students in our research teams and programs.

SCHOLARSHIP DESCRIPTION

The WCVID HDR Scholarship is awarded to candidates of exceptional research potential undertaking a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Master of Philosophy (MPhil), or Master of Research (MRes) at an Australian university. See eligibility criteria for more details.

WHAT IT COVERS

Successful applications will receive up to \$10,000 per annum tax free for a MPhil / MRes (up to two years), or PhD (up to three years) student at any stage in candidature.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Successful applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Currently enrolled at an Australian university for ≥ 0.5 FTE
- Contingent on receiving a Research Training Program Scholarship (formally the Australian Postgraduate Awards) or an equivalent scheme
- Be an employee of the TKI, or postgraduate student whose supervisor holds a permanent / honorary position at the TKI
- Have a proposed research topic in line with the objectives the WCVID:
 1. Prevention of infectious diseases that affect Australian children and families.
 2. Commitment to Aboriginal leadership and training.
 3. Pandemic preparedness for local and global emerging threats.

SELECTION PROCESS

Scholarships are granted on a competitive basis to outstanding candidates. Selection will be based on academic merit, research experience, out-of-curriculum interests, and activities, and fit with the WCVID's objectives.

SELECTION CRITERIA AND APPLICATION PROCES

Applications should be in a **SINGLE PDF DOCUMENT** and include:

1. A 1-page introductory letter containing the following information:
 - contact details,
 - enrolling university and school,
 - a statement addressing the eligibility criteria,
 - the title of the proposed PhD / MPhil / MRes project,
 - a list of all supervisors, including where each is located, and the % of supervision for each, and
 - contact details of two independent referees (i.e., not supervisors).
 2. Outline of the proposed project, including aim and objectives, methodology, expected deliverables, and potential translatable impact (max. 2 pages).
 3. A copy of highest academic record final transcript or previous year MD results (or equivalent).
 4. Curriculum vitae (max. 2 pages).
 5. A short statement from TKI supervisor stating they have discussed the project and support your application for this award (may be in the form of an email from the supervisor).
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Applications are due on Friday, 25 November 2022 by 5:00PM AWST to:
StudentAdmin.SMB@telethonkids.org.au.

No late applications will be accepted.

Further enquiries, email: WCVID@telethonkids.org.au.