



HIGHER DEGREE RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP

Infectious diseases are the number one killer of young children worldwide and a main reason for childhood hospitalisations in Australia. The mission of the Telethon Kids Institute's Wesfarmers Centre of Vaccines & Infectious Diseases (Wesfarmers Centre) is to reduce the burden of serious childhood infectious diseases by finding better prevention and treatment solutions.

The Wesfarmers Centre Higher Degree Research Scholarship is an internal funding mechanism to engage the best students in our research teams and programs.

SCHOLARSHIP DESCRIPTION

The Wesfarmers Centre's Higher Degree Research Scholarship is awarded to candidates of exceptional research potential undertaking a higher degree by research 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 Honours (1 year), Masters (2 years), MD (2 years) or PhD (3 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 award (formally the Australian Postgraduate Awards) or an equivalent scheme;
- Be an employee of the Telethon Kids Institute, or postgraduate student whose supervisor holds a permanent / honorary position at the Telethon Kids Institute;
- Have a proposed research topic in line with the research of the Wesfarmers Centre, i.e. aimed at reducing the burden of serious childhood infectious diseases by finding better diagnostic, prevention and treatment solutions.

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 Wesfarmers Centre's research focus.

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 Honours, Masters, MD, or PhD 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 Telethon Kids Institute 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 Friday, 13th November 2020 by 5:00pm AWST to study@telethonkids.org.au.

No late applications will be accepted.

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