



Conditions of The M. K. Tandon Medical Research Scholarship

The M. K. Tandon Medical Research Scholarship (*Scholarship*) is established to support medical research in the School of Medicine, Fremantle at The University of Notre Dame Australia.

The Scholarship is governed by the following conditions:

1. NAME OF SCHOLARSHIP

The M. K. Tandon Medical Research Scholarship.

2. PURPOSE OF SCHOLARSHIP

The Scholarship provides support for research training and/or training leading to research that targets issues of particular relevance to Aboriginal Health and/or respiratory disorders.

3. VALUE AND NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS

- a) One or more Scholarships will be awarded per annum, each with a total value equivalent to the annual stipend payable for an Australian Government Research Training Program (RTP) Scholarship as calculated in accordance with the Commonwealth Scholarships Guidelines (Research) 2010.
- b) The term of the Scholarship is up to two years for Master by Research recipients and three years for Doctor of Philosophy recipients.
- c) Where students are enrolled part time, the value of the Scholarship will be half that of the standard full-time Australian Government Research Training Program (RTP) Scholarship rate.
- d) Candidates in concurrent receipt of another scholarship are eligible for the Scholarship. The Selection Committee reserves the right to award it to a value less than the total amount as set out above.

4. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for consideration, applicants must:

- a) Be undertaking a Higher Degree by Research in the School of Medicine, Fremantle, including but not limited to a Master by Research or Doctor of Philosophy degree;
- b) Be conducting research or training for research in one of the areas listed below, in order of preference:
 - i. Research in the area of respiratory disorders in Aboriginal Australians; or
 - ii. Research in chronic disease relating to Aboriginal health (including cardiovascular disorders, renal disorders or diabetes); or
 - iii. Research in areas relating to the health and wellbeing of the Aboriginal community; or
 - iv. Research in areas relating to the health and wellbeing of people living in rural or remote locations.

5. BODY RESPONSIBLE FOR SELECTION

The body responsible for the selection of the successful applicant shall be the Research Degrees and Scholarships Committee (RDSC). The School of Medicine Fremantle may request representation at the meeting of the Scholarship applications.

The University's Processes and Policies relating to the awarding of research scholarships shall apply.

6. SELECTION CRITERIA

A recommendation as to the recipient/s of the Scholarship will be made by the RDSC to the Pro Vice Chancellor Research (PVCR) on the basis of an objective assessment of applicants, having regard to any matters it considers relevant, including but not limited to:

- a) Knowledge and skills demonstrated through the originality and excellence of the proposed research;
- b) Feasibility and relevance of the proposed research project;
- c) Alignment of the research with the goals and Objects of the University;
- d) Alignment with the School of Medicine's Research Focus Areas;
- e) Academic merit, as determined by the students' cumulative Grade Point Averages (GPAs) for their undergraduate degree and/or summary of progress to date;

- f) Referee reports.
- g) Documented written statement of support from the Dean of the School of Medicine, Fremantle.

7. SELECTION PROCESS

- a) All eligible applications will be reviewed by the RDSC outlined in Clause 5 and assessed in accordance with the Selection Criteria in Clause 6.
- b) In selecting a recipient, the RDSC must consult with, or co-opt a member with Aboriginal health research expertise.
- c) The RDSC may interview a shortlist of applicants if required but is not obliged to do so.
- d) A recommendation as to the preferred recipient will be made by the RDSC to the PVCR.
- e) The decision as to which applicant will receive the Scholarship is at the sole discretion of the PVCR and the decision is final.
- f) If in a particular year there are no candidates for the Scholarship, or if in the opinion of the PVCR there are no candidates of sufficient merit, the Scholarship will not be awarded in that year.

8. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

- a) The Scholarship will be advertised annually and a closing date for applications will be set following conversation with the School of Medicine, Fremantle.
- b) Applications must be submitted to the Senior Administrative Officer of the School of Medicine, Fremantle by the advertised closing date.
- c) Applications must include all supporting documentation required and, if applicable, copies of Ethics Approval documentation or an indication that ethics approval is pending or will be sought.

9. AWARDING BODY

The Scholarship will be awarded in accordance with the University's usual processes related to research scholarships.

10. METHOD OF PAYMENT

Scholarship funds will be paid directly to the student as an annual stipend paid in fortnightly instalments.

11. DURATION OF SCHOLARSHIP

- a) A scholarship will be tenable for the equivalent of two years full time study for Master by Research recipients, or up to three years full time study for Doctor of Philosophy recipients. Where students are enrolled part-time, the duration of the award shall be twice that for full-time students.
- b) To retain this award, recipients are required to enter into a written agreement with the University setting out the terms of the Scholarship, including but not limited to requirements for the recipient to:
 - i. Achieve Satisfactory Progress (as that term is defined in the University's General Regulations) on their degree as per the biannual progress reporting process managed by the Research Office;
 - ii. Continue to satisfy the eligibility requirements set out in Clause 4;
 - iii. Comply with their reporting obligations as set out in Clause 12;
 - iv. Comply with the Objects of the University and with any applicable regulations policies and procedures; and
 - v. Not be found to have committed misconduct.
- c) In the event that a recipient fails to satisfy the conditions set out in Clause 11(b), the University retains the right to revoke the award in which case no funds will be paid to the recipient after the date on which they ceased to satisfy such conditions.
- d) When funds to the total value of the Scholarship are awarded for the duration of more than one year as provided for in clause (a) above, no further awards will be granted until the expiry of the initial award as set out in clauses (a), (b), and (c) of this section.

12. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

The recipient will be required to comply with the reporting requirements of the University as set out in the agreement between the recipient and the University.

13. DONOR REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

- a) Scholarship recipients are required to submit a mid-year and end of year donor report to the Scholarship donor and the Research Office.
- b) Reports should include an update regarding the circumstances which warrant the recipient to be in receipt of the Scholarship, and other relevant feedback on the progress of the research project.
- c) The Senior Development Officer, Office of University Relations, will notify the Research Office of the report submission due dates.
- d) The Senior Development Officer, Office of University Relations, will forward the report to the Scholarship donor and/or their family.

14. ADMINISTERING BODY

The Scholarship will be administered by the Research Office (Fremantle) and Finance Office of The University of Notre Dame Australia.

15. UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS

Any regulations regarding the awarding of this Scholarship must comply with these Terms and Conditions.

16. PUBLICATIONS

Any thesis, dissertation or publication resulting from research undertaken by the recipient while in receipt of the Scholarship must acknowledge the assistance of the Scholarship and carry the University by-line. The Scholarship does not affect the intellectual property rights of the student as per University regulations and policies.

17. PRIVACY

The University will collect, use, hold and disclose personal information in accordance with the Privacy Act 1988 (Commonwealth) and the University's Privacy Policy.

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Responsible Executive:	Dean, School of Medicine, Fremantle
Responsible Office:	Research Office
Contact Officer:	Senior Administrative Officer, School of Medicine, Fremantle
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