



Conditions of The Thomas Davis Medical Research Scholarship

The Thomas Davis Medical Research Scholarship (*Scholarship*) was endowed in 2012 by, and in memory of, the late Thomas Walter George Davis to support medical research in the School of Medicine (Fremantle Campus) at The University of Notre Dame Australia. The Scholarship is administered in accordance with the following scholarship program conditions, and the University's [Student Scholarships Policy](#) and [Procedure](#).

1. NAME OF SCHOLARSHIP

The Thomas Davis Medical Research Scholarship.

2. PURPOSE OF SCHOLARSHIP

The purpose of the Scholarship is to encourage and support medical research and training, and provide financial support to students with exceptional research promise to pursue a career in medical research, who are enrolled in the School of Medicine undertaking Higher Degree by Research qualifications, including but not limited to Master of Philosophy (MPhil) and Doctor of Philosophy program (PhD) at The University of Notre Dame Australia, Fremantle Campus (*University*).

3. CATEGORY OF SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship will be categorised as merit, based on its core purpose and criteria.

4. VALUE OF SCHOLARSHIP

The value of the scholarship will be \$15,000 per annum, for the duration of the scholarship which is two (2) years.

5. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for the Scholarship, applicants must:

- a) Be a citizen or permanent resident of Australia; and
- b) Be enrolled (full time or part-time) in a Higher Degree by Research program, affiliated with the School of Medicine at The University of Notre Dame Australia, Fremantle Campus.

6. SELECTION CRITERIA

The Scholarship is awarded to the applicant who, in the opinion of the Selection Committee, best demonstrates through their application and supporting documentation:

- a) Academic merit;
- b) Personal qualities, motivation, and determination to work in a medical research context; and
- c) Alignment of the research interests with the Objects and Strategic Plan for Research of the University, as outlined in **Appendix A**.

Additional considerations that may support assessment of selection criterion c), include:

- i. A personal statement that outlines the research interests and intended area of study;
- ii. Reference of support letters from academic supervisors commenting on the research direction, capability, originality, excellence, feasibility, and relevance; and
- iii. A copy of the research proposal submitted as a supporting document to the scholarship application.

7. APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

- a) Applications and selection are administered in accordance with the [Student Scholarships Procedure](#).
- b) Applications must be made via the University website.
- c) Selection must be undertaken by the Notre Dame Scholarships Selection Committee, and prioritise representation from Medicine and Research disciplines.
- d) Selections will be made based on assessment of the application and any supporting documentation required by sections 4 and 6 above.
- e) All applicants will be notified of an outcome via email.
- f) The University reserves the right not to award the scholarship.

8. DURATION OF SCHOLARSHIP

- a) Subject to section 11, the Scholarship will be tenable for two years, regardless of enrolment load.
- b) The Scholarship is not transferable to any other organisation or institution.

9. QUANTITY OF SCHOLARSHIPS

- a) One (1) scholarship will be available annually.
- b) This scholarship will be on a *fixed total offering*, of one (1) scholarship awarded to one (1) recipient at any one time, with no new recipients awarded until the previous scholarship is complete.

10. METHOD OF PAYMENT

- a) Scholarship funds will be paid directly to the student as determined by the University.
- b) Recipients are required to provide payment details for payment of funds.
- c) Scholarship funds will be paid in two instalments, at the beginning of each semester, provided the recipient meets the Conditions of Continuation in section 11.

11. CONDITIONS OF CONTINUATION

The Scholarship will continue to be paid subject to the recipient meeting the General Scholarship Terms outlined in the [Student Scholarships Procedure](#), including:

- a) Maintaining Satisfactory Academic Progress each semester; and
- b) Maintaining full time or part time enrolment in the same program upon receiving the scholarship.

The recipient forfeits the Scholarship if they:

- a) Fail to meet the requirements in a) and b) above;
- b) Are found to have breached the University's Student Code of Conduct or is the subject of disciplinary action under the University's General Regulations;
- c) Discontinue their program;
- d) Defer their enrolment.

The recipient can suspend the scholarship if they take an approved leave of absence.

If the recipient has not maintained the Conditions of Continuation due to extenuating circumstances, the recipient may make an application in writing to the National Manager, Student Success, who holds discretion to determine the ongoing status of the Scholarship.

12. STUDENT REQUIREMENTS

Scholarship recipients are required to:

- a) Submit an Annual Scholarship Update at the end of each calendar year throughout the scholarship term.
- b) Notify the University of any changes in circumstance throughout the scholarship term.
- c) Any thesis, dissertation or other publications resulting from research undertaken by the recipient while in receipt of the Award must acknowledge the assistance of the Award and carry the University by-line. The scholarship does not affect the intellectual property rights of the student as per University regulations and policies.

Scholarship recipients may be invited to participate in publications, media and events related to the award of the scholarship.

13. ADMINISTERING BODY

The Scholarship will be administered by The University of Notre Dame Australia.

14. PRIVACY

The University is committed to the principles contained in the Privacy Act 1988 (Commonwealth) and the Privacy Amendment (Private Sector) Act 2000 (Commonwealth) and will not disclose any personal information (as defined in the Privacy Act) relating to this Scholarship to any third-party without the written consent of the applicant as obtained by the student declarations on the student application form.

The University may share personal information obtained through (the Scholarship application) with third parties where the third-party is a member of a selection committee. This information is shared for the purposes of selection only.

For reporting, the University may also share personal information for the purposes of the student meeting the recipient requirements; or where the student consents in writing to participate in publications, media and events related to the award of the Scholarship. This may include arranging for media opportunities that include the student and the third-party donor.

15. GENERAL PRINCIPLES

- a) These Conditions must comply with any University Regulations regarding the awarding of scholarships and prizes.
- b) The Vice Chancellor may vary the Conditions of the Scholarship at any time.

Purpose:	The purpose of the Scholarship is to encourage and support medical research and training, and provide financial support to students with exceptional research promise to pursue a career in medical research, who are enrolled in the School of Medicine undertaking Higher Degree by Research qualifications, including but not limited to Master of Philosophy (MPhil) and Doctor of Philosophy program (PhD) at The University of Notre Dame Australia, Fremantle Campus (<i>University</i>).
Responsible Executive:	Associate Deputy Vice Chancellor, Academic
Responsible Office:	Student Success
Contact:	scholarships@nd.edu.au
Effective Date:	2013
Campus Applicability:	Fremantle
Modification History:	May 2017, June 2019, May 2024, October 2025

Appendix A

Excerpt from the [University Strategic Plan for Research](#) detailing the three key Transformative Research Themes.

Good lives. Exceptional care. Strong communities.

We pursue our vision through three cross-disciplinary Transformative Research Themes that build on our current and emerging research strengths in philosophy and theology, education, Indigenous studies and the biomedical, clinical and health sciences. Our research themes align with our Mission and Objects and are distinctive in the Australian context. The themes inform one another, bringing together researchers across disciplines, communities, industry, and society – both nationally and globally.

Good Lives

- Rich understanding of human flourishing
- Philosophical and theological foundations
- Education that forms the whole person

Exceptional Care

- Care for all, especially vulnerable groups
- Advancing excellent health care
- Grounded in the dignity of the human person

Strong Communities

- Impact for the common good
- Indigenous leadership
- Building global community