

## SECTION A – GENERAL INFORMATION

### Important Information

Please read these notes and instructions carefully before completing the Application Form.  
Applications Close 30 September 2009

### INFORMATION INDEX

Please ensure that you have all the following information sheets and the Application Form. It is important that you read through the information carefully before completing the Application Form.

Section A	General information and how to lodge your application
Section B	Instructions for completing the Application Form
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Appendix 1	Two Referee Reports for you to forward to academic referees of your choice.
Appendix 2	International Student Postgraduate Application Form

### CLOSING DATE AND LODGING YOUR APPLICATION

This application will be electronically scanned. Please submit only the Application Form (Section B) and relevant documentation on white paper (where possible). Please DO NOT use special files, folders, dividers, staples, headers, post-it-notes, etc. These items are damaging to our scanning equipment.

All documentation must be received by 5pm Wednesday, 30 September 2009 at one of these addresses:

Postal:	Street:
University of Western Sydney	University of Western Sydney
Research Scholarships Development Officer	Research Scholarships Development Officer
Office of Research Services	Office of Research Services
Penrith Campus, Building K.1.37	Penrith Campus, Building K.1.37
Locked Bag 1797	Second Avenue
PENRITH SOUTH DC 1797	KINGSWOOD NSW 2747

Evidence of postage is not sufficient. Evidence of delivery to another address within the University is also not acceptable. Applicants using overseas postal services are strongly advised to certify or register their application packages to ensure timely delivery. The University will not accept the application in an electronic format (e.g. email or fax). Additional or supporting documentation will not be accepted after the closing date, except if the document relates to an outstanding result for a qualification listed in the application.

Where applicants cannot verify a claim in the requested format, it will not be considered.

### ELIGIBILITY AND ADMISSION

**Domestic applicants** (Australian citizens, Australian Permanent Residents, New Zealand citizens)

This application (Section C) constitutes your application for both admission to the course and a scholarship.

**International applicants** (citizens of any country other than Australia or New Zealand)

International applicants are not eligible to apply for these awards.

#### All applicants

Applicants are ineligible for scholarships if they already hold a degree at the same level as the one for which they are applying.

Applicants should hold at least the equivalent of an Australian First Class Honours degree. Applicants need to demonstrate prior research experience, either through an appropriate course of study, such as Bachelor Honours, a research masters degree, a postgraduate coursework degree that includes a substantial research component, or a coursework degree and additional research experience or output.

Applicants claiming academic equivalence for admission must present supporting documentation. You should address knowledge of research methodology and the ability to undertake academic writing. You may also present information about specialist knowledge and skills relevant to the area of study.

Any applicants who are hoping to transfer from another university (with or without scholarship) should be aware that they may not be able to 'restart' their maximum time period at UWS. If you are in this category you should confirm how much time you will be allocated at UWS. New candidates will be allocated a maximum of four years for doctorates and two years for Masters (full time) in which to complete the degree.

Please refer to the web for full details of the UWS Admission Criteria:

[http://www.uws.edu.au/research/prospective\\_candidates/apply](http://www.uws.edu.au/research/prospective_candidates/apply)

## CERTIFICATION OF DOCUMENTATION

The person who certifies your document/s must be contactable by telephone during normal working hours. This person may be:

- An authorised officer at
  - Any Student Centre of the University of Western Sydney
  - Any other university or TAFE college
  - The official records department of the institution that originally issued the document/s
  - An Australian overseas diplomatic mission and Australian Educational Centres
  - The Universities Admission Centre
- A Justice of the Peace with a registration number
- An accountant – must be a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia, or the Australian Association of Taxation and Management Accountants or be a Registered Tax Agent
- A Bank Manager, but not a manager of a bank travel centre
- A credit union branch manager
- A commissioner for declarations
- A barrister, solicitor or patent attorney
- A police officer in charge of a police station, or of the rank of sergeant and above
- A postal manager
- A Principal of an Australian secondary college, high school or primary school

You cannot certify your own documents, even if you belong to one of the categories listed above.

The Certifying Officer must print "I certify this to be a true copy of the document shown and reported to me as the original" on the document, as well as their name, address, contact telephone number, profession or occupation or organisation, the date and then sign the document.

The Certifying Officer should also include the official stamp or seal of the certifier's organisation on the copy, if the organisation has such a stamp.

In addition to the above, a Justice of the Peace must also print their registration number and provide details of the state in which they are registered.

Copies certified by a Justice of the Peace without a registration number will NOT be accepted. To find a Justice of the Peace in your area, check the public register of JPs available online from the NSW Attorney-General's Department at [www.lawlink.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lawlink.nsw.gov.au)

## COMMENCEMENT

The successful candidate will negotiate the commencement date with their Principal Supervisor.

## CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

The criteria for allocation of awards are primarily based on academic merit. Academic merit includes undergraduate performance, bachelor Honours awards, other postgraduate degrees, publications in refereed journals, and the presentation of conference papers. When assessing applicants, the selection panel may take into consideration other relevant experience. Please provide full bibliographic details of publications.

## PROVISIONS AND CONDITIONS OF THE AWARD

The tenure for doctorates is usually three years, and for research masters two years. The tenure of the award will be reduced by any previous study undertaken toward the degree at any Institution.

Scholarship recipients are restricted in the amount of paid work they may undertake while receiving the award and may not receive another, similar salary or scholarship to undertake their particular research project. Minor top-up allowances are allowed.

### **Part-time awards:**

Part-time awards are not exempt from income tax and the paid work limits are the same for part-time and full-time candidates. Applicants may apply for a part-time award on the grounds that they are prevented from studying full-time due to illness, disability, heavy care commitments of either young children or elderly/sick relatives. Applicants for part-time awards must include a statement outlining their eligibility and include appropriate documentation (eg. medical certificates).

### **Stipend:**

Please refer to the project information flyer or web for information about the stipend rate. Successful applicants will not be charged tuition fees to undertake the course.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

If you require further assistance to complete this form, please contact:

Scholarship enquiries: Research Scholarships Development Officer  
Email: t.mills@uws.edu.au  
Phone: +61 2 4736 0966

Admission enquiries: Student Administration (Operations) Postgraduate Research Unit  
Email: sa-research@uws.edu.au  
Phone: +61 2 4736 0665

Academic enquiries: Please refer to the project information sheet for academic contact details.

## SECTION B – INSTRUCTIONS

### INSTRUCTIONS – COMPLETING THE FORM

<b>Personal Details</b>	Past and present UWS candidates should indicate their student ID number. Please remember to inform the University if your contact details change.
<b>Course selection</b>	Please indicate your choice by placing a tick in the relevant box. Candidates currently enrolled at UWS should tick "Scholarship only" If you are an international student (i.e you are not an Australian Citizen, New Zealand Citizen or Australian Permanent Resident) you are not eligible for these awards.
<b>Scholarship selection</b>	Please select the scholarship/s you wish to apply for. You may apply for more than one award.
<b>Question 4</b> <b>Required Attachment</b>	All applicants must attach certified (see Section A) proof of their residency status – certified copy of visa, passport, birth certificate or citizenship papers etc.
<b>Question 5</b> <b>Specified Attachment</b> <b>Required Attachment</b>	Include ALL ATTEMPTED tertiary level courses. It is important to indicate at 'Course Type' whether you conducted independent research projects during your postgraduate studies, and what proportion of the whole degree the project/s represented. Students whose courses were all completed overseas must attach evidence that the language of instruction was English, or attach an English Language Test Result. All applicants must attach certified copies (see Section A) of Testamurs (certificates of graduation) AND academic transcripts for all courses showing subjects undertaken and marks obtained. Transcripts must be submitted for all attempted courses, regardless of whether course was completed.
<b>Question 6</b>	Prior to submitting your application you are advised to contact the nominated academic to discuss the project and receive advice about a research proposal. Some projects require submission of a proposal.
<b>Question 7</b> <b>Specified Attachment</b>	Include any additional research experience, summer research projects, research outcomes such as publications, exhibitions, performances or conference presentations and any relevant work experience. You may include a résumé or attach extra sheets as necessary. List publications in full, including bibliographic details - clearly show where and when published (including page numbers), authors, ISSN/ISBN numbers. Any conference presentations listed should include details of the name and location/date of the conference and if the paper was published in proceedings. You may be asked to forward full copies of publications later, but should not include them with your application.
<b>Question 8</b>	Australian Government awards also include Australian Postgraduate Awards, Australian Postgraduate Awards (Industry) and International Postgraduate Research Scholarships.
<b>Question 9</b>	You should choose referees who are familiar with your recent academic work or research. You must complete the appropriate section on the attached referee reports and send them to the people nominated here, but should note that UWS also reserves the right to approach the referees personally if required.
<b>Submitting the Application</b>	Refer to Section A for information about the address for lodgement and certification of documents.

## SECTION C – APPLICATION FORM

### APPLICATIONS CLOSE 30 September 2009

**TYPE OR PRINT ALL ANSWERS CLEARLY**

#### 1. Personal Details

UWS Student ID (if applicable)

Title

Family Name

Given Name(s)

Preferred Name

Gender

Male  Female

Date of Birth

DD / MM / YYYY

Postal Address

Unit no.	<input type="text"/>	Street no.	<input type="text"/>	Street name	<input type="text"/>
Suburb	<input type="text"/>	State	<input type="text"/>	Post code	<input type="text"/>
Country	<input type="text"/>				

Residential Address (If different from above, note post office box numbers are not acceptable)

Unit no.	<input type="text"/>	Street no.	<input type="text"/>	Street name	<input type="text"/>
Suburb	<input type="text"/>	State	<input type="text"/>	Post code	<input type="text"/>
Country	<input type="text"/>				

Home Phone Number

Work phone number

Mobile phone number

Email address

#### 2. Course and Enrolment Selection Details

- I am a **domestic applicant** and I wish to apply for:
- Admission to the PhD program and a scholarship  
**OR**
- I am currently enrolled in the doctoral program at UWS and wish to apply for a scholarship only

#### 3. Scholarship Selection Details

**Scholarship Applied For:**

- Australian Postgraduate Award (Industry)  
LP0776482
- PhD Scholarship: School of Natural  
Sciences/Australian Centre for Research On  
Separation Science

**Project Title**

Investigation of the Structure of the Preocular Tear Film (not open to International Applicants)

Separation Science (not open to International applicants)

#### 4. Citizenship and Australian Residency Status

<input type="checkbox"/> I am an international student	<i>If yes, you are not eligible to apply for these awards</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> I am of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Descent	
<input type="checkbox"/> I am an Australian or New Zealand Citizen	<i>If yes, you must attach a <b>certified</b> copy of your Birth/Citizenship Certificate or Passport</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> I am an Australian Permanent Resident	<i>If yes, you must attach a <b>certified</b> copy of your Permanent Residency Visa</i>

Date you arrived in Australia    Date Permanent Resident status granted    Type of Visa

#### 5. Academic Qualifications

Give details of all degrees completed, attempted but not completed, or for which you are currently enrolled. You must attach a **certified** copy of your academic records. Evidence provided must indicate the current status of the degree: in progress, completed, awarded and your results for each subject/unit.

Applicants whose courses were all completed overseas must attach evidence that the language of instruction English, or attach an English Language Test Result (IELTS or TOEFL)

UNDERGRADUATE – include present enrolment				
Course Title	Institution	Years of study	Part-time or full-time	Completed
				Y / N
				Y / N
				Y / N
				Y / N

It is important to indicate at course type below whether you conducted independent research projects during your postgraduate studies, and what proportion (%) of the whole degree the projects represented.

POSTGRADUATE – include present enrolment					
Course Title	Course Type (eg research, coursework)	Institution	Years of study	Part-time or full-time	Completed
					Y / N
					Y / N
					Y / N
					Y / N

Were any of these courses completed or attempted outside of Australia?  Yes  No

Course:  Language of Instruction:

Did any of the courses listed above contain a research component?  Yes  No

Course:  Word length:  Title:

If any of the courses listed above (undergraduate or postgraduate) were not completed, please list your reasons for not completing. If you wish to transfer from another institution to UWS, please list your reasons for wishing to transfer.

Course Title	Reasons for not completing/wishing to transfer

## 6. Proposed Research

### Currently enrolled candidates:

Supervisor Name  Project Title

\* Please attach a timeline for completion and details of your progress

**Prospective candidates:** You are strongly advised to contact the nominated academic to discuss the project before applying.

Who have you contacted to discuss the project? 1. ....  
2. ....  
3. ....

## 7. Additional Supporting Information

Are you able to provide additional information to support your application?

Have you attached details of research experience additional to courses at Question 5?  Yes  No

Have you attached details of publications and/or other research output?  Yes  No

Have you attached other supporting documentation? Eg CV or resume  Yes  No

## 8. Previous Scholarship Support

Have you previously received an Australian Government award?  Yes  No

Name of Award:

Year Awarded:  Tenure of Award:  Years  Months

Awarded by which institution?

## 9. Academic Referees

Please provide the contact details of two academic referees who are familiar with your recent academic work.

<b>REFEREE 1</b>	Position Held: .....
Name	.....
Postal Address	.....
	.....
Daytime Telephone	.....
Email	.....

<b>REFEREE 2</b>	Position Held: .....
Name	.....
Postal Address	.....
	.....
Daytime Telephone	.....
Email	.....

## Is your application complete?

We cannot always undertake to inform you of missing or incorrect documentation. Please use the checklist over the page to ensure that your application is complete.

If you require confirmation of receipt of this application please enclose a STAMPED, SELF ADDRESSED ENVELOPE. A date-stamped photocopy of the front page will be returned to you.

## CHECKLIST

Have you completed all relevant sections of the form?  Yes  No

### *REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS:*

Certified copy of residency/citizenship status (Q4)  Yes  No

Certified copy of ALL tertiary graduation certificates (Q5)  Yes  No

Certified copy of ALL academic transcripts (Q5)  Yes  No

### *OTHER ATTACHMENTS:*

Certified proof of English language eligibility (Q5)  Yes  No

Extra supporting information re experience and publications etc (Q7)  Yes  No

### *ACADEMIC REFEREE REPORTS:*

Applicant sections completed  Yes  No

Referee Reports forwarded to referees  Yes  No

## DECLARATION AND SIGNATURE

I declare that I have read the instructions at the beginning of this form as well as the appendices, and declare that all the information submitted is true and complete.

I authorise the University to obtain available official records from any educational institution attended by me.

I understand that the University is not responsible if any institution does not provide these records.

I authorise the University to verify any information provided by me, including academic records and employment details.

I understand that the University may reject my application or revoke any offer of admission if it finds any information provided in relation to my application to be incomplete, inaccurate or misleading.

In providing my personal information to the University, I understand that, other than as authorised by law, the University will only use this information for the purposes for which it is being collected in accordance with the University's functions and activities associated with my enrolment. In some instances, the University may need to disclose information to external agencies such as UAC, DEST, DIAC, Centrelink, other Government agencies, an affiliated entity of the University, or to third parties for the purposes of recovering unpaid University fees or other debts owed to the University, and I consent to such disclosure. I also understand that all information will be collected, stored, accessed and disseminated or destroyed in accordance with privacy, records management and other relevant laws, and the University's policies.

I agree to abide by the University of Western Sydney Act, the University of Western Sydney By-Law and the Rules and Policies of the University, as amended from time to time. I also agree that it is my responsibility to ensure that I review the By-Law, Rules and Policies of the University during my period of study as the most current rules are applied and may differ from the time of my initial enrolment. I understand I have access to these documents through the University website.

I agree to abide by the Institution's Conditions of Award as amended from time to time.

Signature of Applicant

Name of Applicant

Date

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CRICOS Provider No: 00917k

**APPENDIX 1  
Academic Referee's Report**

**Important Information**

Please complete the appropriate sections of this application in **BLACK INK** using **CAPITAL LETTERS**.  
This Report is confidential and must not be returned to the applicants.  
**This Report must be submitted before the closing date 30 September 2009**

The applicant must submit one copy of this form to each of the referees nominated on the Application Form. These referees should be closely connected with the applicant's most recent academic work.

The *applicant* should complete Section 1 and the *referee* should complete Section 2 before returning the report to the address below.

**Section 1 APPLICANT DETAILS (to be completed by the Applicant)**

Title	Family Name	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
Given Names		
<input type="text"/>		
Postal Address		
<input type="text"/>		
<input type="text"/>		
<input type="text"/>		
Home Telephone Number	Work Telephone Number	Mobile Telephone Number
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Email address		
<input type="text"/>		
Degree sought		
<input type="text"/>		
Project Title		
<input type="text"/>		

**Section 2 REFEREE'S DETAILS (to be completed by the Referee)**

Title	Family Name
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Given Names	
<input type="text"/>	
Position held	
<input type="text"/>	
Postal Address	
<input type="text"/>	
<input type="text"/>	
<input type="text"/>	
Work Telephone Number	Email address
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
State briefly how you know the applicant	
<input type="text"/>	
If appropriate please indicate the predicted Honours or other result:	
<input type="text"/>	



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