

Applications

are invited for

Biomedical (Dora Lush)

Postgraduate Research Scholarships

**NATIONAL HEALTH AND
MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL**

The Scholarships are named after the late Miss Dora Lush, a brilliant young bacteriologist who died in 1943 from scrub typhus caught accidentally in the course of her work on this disease.

PURPOSE AND ELIGIBILITY

The purpose of the Scholarships is to encourage honours graduates of outstanding ability to gain biomedical research experience. All candidates must enrol for a higher degree requiring **full time** research. Scholarships will be held within Australia.

Applications will be considered in all relevant health-related disciplines including social and behavioural sciences.

Those eligible to apply are:

- ◆ Australian citizens who have already completed a science or health-related honours degree (or equivalent) at the time of submission of the application.
- ◆ Science honours graduates and unregistered medical or dental graduates from overseas, who have permanent resident status and are currently residing in Australia. Applicants whose most recent degree was attained overseas should consult the National Office of Overseas Recognition (NOOSR) Country Education Profile to determine the Australian equivalent of their qualifications. A letter from their administering institution confirming the equivalent qualification must be attached to the end of the application.
- ◆ Students enrolled in a graduate medical degree combined with a PhD.
- ◆ Allied Health Professionals with honours degree or equivalent.

Those not eligible to apply:

- ◆ Applicants in the final year of an honours degree.
- ◆ Applicants already in receipt of an Australian Postgraduate Award or equivalent Australian Government funded scholarship.

Only one application from each candidate will be considered.

SELECTION PROCEDURE

In awarding these Scholarships, attention will be paid to:

- ◆ academic record,
- ◆ research experience and publications,
- ◆ quality of the proposed research and institution,
- ◆ suitability of the intended supervisor and institution, and
- ◆ suitability of the applicant for research training.

APPLICATIONS

All applications should be submitted on the special forms that, together with details of the salary stipends and conditions associated with NHMRC scholarship and fellowship awards, are available from the NHMRC's web site or research administrative officers of universities, hospitals and other research institutions.

General information is available on the Internet on NHMRC's home page:

<http://www.nhmrc.gov.au>

Applications must be lodged with NHMRC electronically (see Instruction Booklet). In addition, the original single-sided A4 application must be submitted to NHMRC by the due date. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all referees reports are provided by the due date. Of particular importance is the statement from the proposed supervisor agreeing to host the Scholar, without which the application will be deemed ineligible.

TENURE

The Scholarships are awarded initially for one year, but subject to suitable progress as judged by the host institution, may be renewed. Normally the maximum period of the award will be three years if initial post-

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graduate degree enrolment is concurrent with commencement of the Scholarship.

Scholarship holders already enrolled for the post-graduate degree prior to the commencement of the Scholarship will have the maximum period reduced by the equivalent full-time period of study undertaken prior to the commencement of the Scholarship.

Applicants enrolled in a graduate medical degree combined with a PhD course will be considered separately and may be funded for a maximum of 2 years full time and one more year full time or 2 years part-time.

STIPEND AND ALLOWANCES

The current Australian Postgraduate Award (APA) of \$19,231 per annum (p.a.) will be paid.

For Nursing and Other Health Professionals, the NHMRC priority rate of \$24,817 p.a. annum will be paid.

An allowance of \$2000 p.a., which can be used flexibly towards purchasing items directly related to the scholarship.

Applicants are advised to ensure that they know how their course fees will be covered before applying for the scholarship.

INFORMATION REQUIRED

Applicants are responsible for arranging that reports are provided by the proposed supervisor - **without which the application will be deemed ineligible**, and an independent nominated referee. The independent referee is to have had no substantive professional or private contact with the applicant or to have had any previous or current collaboration with the applicant's recent or planned supervisors, but should be knowledgeable in the field of study. This referee should not be at the applicant's current institution.

The proposed supervisor is to attach to their report a (maximum) 2 page CV incorporating the following:
Personal details: name, title, current position

Education: degrees/qualifications, year, institution
Experience: postgraduate professional and research positions held in last 5 years
Support: details of current and past (last 6 years) grants held.
Publications: list in chronological order all recent (last 5 years) authors, titles and complete citation of publications (of the proposed supervisor), pertinent to the application.

It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all referees' reports are provided by the due date.

Referees should email their report to NHMRC.Referee.CARSS@health.gov.au

CONDITIONS

The NHMRC Researcher Deed of Agreement and associated schedule shall apply and are to be read by the applicant. These are available from the appropriate institutional office on request or on the Internet on NHMRC's home page:

<http://www.nhmrc.gov.au>

Applicants are expected to have made prior arrangements with the Heads of Departments or Institutions in which they propose to study.

Support will commence on 1 January 2007. However, in exceptional circumstances only, consideration may be given to the deferment of commencement of the Scholarship for a maximum period of six months and to the extension of the Scholarship for a maximum period of up to six months.

REPORT ON SCHOLARSHIPS

On completion of the Scholarship, a Scholar shall furnish a copy of the summary section of their thesis together with a publication list as a report of the work performed during the tenure of the award. One year after completion of the Scholarship a Scholar shall provide a final brief summary detailing the publication list and current employment location and status.

Appropriate recognition for the assistance of Council should be included in publications resulting from work undertaken during the tenure of a Scholarship by stating that the author (or co-author) holds a National Health and Medical Research Council Biomedical (Dora Lush) Postgraduate Research Scholarship, and quoting the Scholarship application I.D number.

All initial applications should be made on the special forms which are available, together with NHMRC Deed of Agreement and schedule for Scholarships, from the administrative officers of Universities, Hospitals and other research institutions or from the National Health and Medical Research Council web page :

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