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Acronyms

The following acronyms are used throughout these guidelines

National Health and Medical Research Council		NHMRC / the Council
The Training Awards Committee		TAC / the Committee
The Secretary of the TAC		the Secretary
<i>National Health and Medical Research Council Act 1992</i>		the Act
Scholarships	Refers to:	Training Scholarships for Indigenous Australian Health Research;
		Pharmacy Practice Scholarship
		Medical and Dental Postgraduate Research Scholarships;
		the Gustav Nossal Scholarship;
		Biomedical (Dora Lush) Postgraduate Research Scholarship;
		Public Health Postgraduate Research Scholarship; and
		Primary Health Care Postgraduate Research Scholarship.

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1. Introduction

These guidelines set out the funding rules under the *National Health and Medical Research Council Act 1992* for Scholarships.

These guidelines are written on the basis that it is the researcher who is the applicant. However, funding from the NHMRC is provided to organisations, not to individual researchers.

2. Objectives

Specific objectives for each individual Scholarship type are available in the Appendices.

3. Description

The attached Appendices provide descriptions of the respective categories of each Scholarship as well as any requirements specific to each Scholarship. Applicants must refer to the Appendices.

4. Eligibility

Applicants must meet the following criteria, as well as any additional criteria specific to the Scholarship type, as outlined in the Appendices. To be eligible to apply, applicants must, **at the time of application**:

- be an Australian citizen or have Permanent Resident Status and not be under bond to any foreign government. Applicants are to provide, where appropriate, evidence of resident status;
- have made prior arrangements with the Head of Department or Institution in which they propose to study. The administering institution nominated must be an NHMRC registered Administering Institution within Australia;
- provide a specific study plan within a clearly defined area; and
- conduct research of potential benefit to Australia.

4.1 Number of Scholarships and Applications

An applicant may apply for a maximum of one NHMRC postgraduate research scholarship per annual application round. If applicable, an applicant may apply for a NHMRC Training Scholarship in Indigenous Health Research in addition to a NHMRC postgraduate research scholarship.

5. Funding

Funding is paid directly to the Administering Institution nominated by the applicant and approved by the Council. The Council may, at its discretion, for what is considered grave cause, suspend the

tenure of a Scholarship for such time as is thought fit, or deprive a Scholar of their Scholarship and, from that date, the stipend and other payments due shall cease.

5.1 Level of Funding

The NHMRC reserves the right to determine the level of funding allocated to each Scholarship. The Council may also exercise its discretion as to the number and type of Scholarships to be offered in any one year, and may not recommend any, if such a course is warranted. All allowances are reviewed annually by Council.

5.2 Duration of Funding

Scholarships are awarded initially for one year but subject to satisfactory progress, as judged by the host institution, may be renewed. Normally the maximum period of the Award will be three years, if initial postgraduate degree enrolment is concurrent with commencement of the Scholarship.

Successful applicants already enrolled for the postgraduate degree prior to the commencement of a Scholarship will have the maximum period reduced by the equivalent full-time period of study undertaken prior to commencement of the Scholarship.

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 corresponding extension of the Scholarship for a maximum period of six months.

5.3 Stipend

The stipend will be paid at the Australian Postgraduate Awards (APA) basic level, the NHMRC Priority level, the NHMRC Medical/Dental stipend, or the Gustav Nossal stipend depending on qualifications and current registration. Currently:

- the APA basic stipend is \$19,231 pa;
- for Allied Health Professionals, the NHMRC priority rate is \$24,817 pa; and
- the NHMRC Medical/Dental stipend is \$28,600 pa.
- the Gustav Nossal stipend is \$31,389 pa
- the John Shaw Scholarship stipend is \$30,000 pa

5.4 Allowance

A total allowance of \$2,000 pa is payable to the Department where the Scholar is working. This allowance comprises funding towards the cost of consumables and travel to approved conferences. The funds may be used flexibly between these items of expenditure, and may be carried over to the following year, provided the Scholarship is to be funded for the following year.

- Gustav Nossal Scholars receive the above allowances and an additional \$2,292 for travel to approved conferences.
- John Shaw Scholars receive \$5,000 pa. for consumables and travel.

6. Cross-scheme Funding

The NHMRC may liaise with other funding agencies to discuss any overlap between applications in order to avoid duplication of Funding.

7. Application Process

The application is the prime source of information available to the Training Awards Committee. The application must contain all the information necessary for assessment without the need for further written or oral explanation, or reference to additional documentation, including the World Wide Web, unless requested by the Committee. All details in the application, particularly concerning any successful Grants or Funding Agreements, must be current.

7.1 Application

All applications should be submitted on the special forms which, together with details of the salary scales and conditions associated with NHMRC Funding and Scholarships, are available from the administrative officers of universities, hospitals and other research institutions or from the NHMRC website at: www.nhmrc.gov.au

7.2 Certification

It is the responsibility of the nominated Administering Institution to ensure that all signatures required in the application form are present. It is not necessary that signatures be scanned for the electronic copy.

7.3 Submission of Applications

Applications for Scholarships generally consist of six parts:

1. completed application form, including any additional text;
2. evidence of residence status (if relevant);
3. academic transcript, the academic transcript should include the Institution's definition of scores, eg HD>85
4. proposed supervisor's report, including supervisor's brief CV (maximum of 2 pages);
5. independent referee's report; and
6. evidence of any ethics clearances required. It is not essential that this be supplied with the application, but funding of successful applications will not commence until such evidence has been supplied.

7.3.1 *Application Format*

All documents must be written in English and must comply strictly with the format and submission requirements.

All pages should be in black type, use a single column and 12 point Times New Roman font on white A4 paper, printed on one side only and unbound. Any additional information must also be submitted on A4 paper. Variants such as mathematical typesetting languages may also be used. References and publications may be reproduced in 10 point font size. Colour graphs or colour photographs may be included but they will be reproduced in black and white.

7.3.2 *Application Forms and Instructions to Applicants*

Application forms for Scholarships are available at: www.nhmrc.gov.au

Applicants should note that separate documents, relevant to each Scholarship type, are available from: <http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/fellows/apply/granttype/scholars/index.htm> to assist in preparing applications.

Forms are also provided on individual Scholarship web pages (see Appendices for details) for completion by referees and proposed supervisors.

7.3.3 *Supervisor Report*

Applicants are responsible for ensuring that reports are provided by their intended supervisor (adviser or mentor in the case of Training Scholarships for Indigenous Health), ***without which the application will be deemed ineligible.***

The proposed supervisor is to attach to their report a brief (**maximum 2 pages**) CV incorporating the following:

- personal details: name, title, current position;
- education: degrees/qualifications, year, institution;
- experience: postgraduate professional and research positions held, awards and honours;
- support: details of current and past (last 6 years) grants held; and
- list in chronological order: the titles, all authors and complete references to (the supervisor's) publications from the past 5 years.

Proposed supervisors/mentors should email reports to: NHMRC.Referee.CARSS@health.gov.au

It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the report is provided by the due date.

7.3.4 *Independent Referee Report*

Applicants are responsible for arranging an assessment report from a nominated independent referee. This 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.

The referee should email reports to: NHMRC.Referee.CARSS@health.gov.au

It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the report is provided by the due date. The NHMRC reserves the right to make decisions based on any number of assessments or solely on the expert assessment of the Training Awards Committee.

7.3.5 *Ethics Clearances*

It is the responsibility of the applicant to obtain ethics clearances. NHMRC scholarship payments will not be made until the Training Awards Secretary has been notified that relevant ethics clearances have been obtained. If a scholar wishes to start their scholarship without full ethics approval they may apply in writing to the Training Awards Committee for approval. If approved, the scholar must only perform work that does not require ethics clearances. On receipt of ethics clearances the Research Office must notify the Training Awards Secretariat. The scholar may then commence work covered by their ethics clearances.

7.3.6 *Number of Copies*

One electronic copy plus a hard copy (one single-sided original hard copy) is required. The application form should be submitted with any additional text, including any supporting documentation at the end of the application (see the relevant instructions to Scholarship applicants for details: <http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/fellows/apply/granttype/scholars/index.htm>)

7.3.7 *Closing Date for Applications*

The electronic and hard copies of Scholarship applications must be received by the NHMRC by close of business 04 August 2006, for support commencing 1 January 2007. Applications may be withdrawn but may not be changed after submission. Additions, deletions and modifications will not be accepted after submission. This includes updates to publication lists. Applications received after close of business on 04 August 2006 will not be accepted.

Applications for Travelling Awards (open to current holders of NHMRC Scholarships and Fellowships only) have 2 closing dates yearly, see *Appendix 6, 6.5 Funding Details* for full information.

7.3.8 *How to Prepare and Submit Applications*

Applicants should submit their applications through their Institution's Research or Scholarships Office, by that Institution's closing date. This will frequently be at least one week earlier than the NHMRC closing date.

Applications should be submitted through, and have the endorsement of, the Administering Institution with which the Scholarship will be undertaken.

Research or Scholarships Offices should send applications to –

by **mail**, to

Attn:

Training Awards Secretariat

MDP33 NHMRC

GPO Box 1421

CANBERRA ACT 2601

by **courier**, to

Attn:

Training Awards Secretariat

NHMRC, Level 5

20 Allara Street

CANBERRA ACT 2600

Phone: x9113

8. Selection and Approval Process

8.1 Selection Criteria

In awarding Scholarships, attention will be paid to:

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

Additional or different selection criteria may also apply for some Scholarships. Please refer to the Appendices for further details.

The NHMRC has procedures for declaring conflicts of interest and for members to withdraw, on those grounds, from considering particular Scholarship applications.

8.2 Assessment Process

8.2.1 *Exclusion*

Exclusion of ineligible applications by the Training Awards Committee (TAC) may take place at any time during the selection process. Every effort will be made to exclude ineligible applications and inform applicants early in the assessment process. Applications that contravene the Scholarship Funding Rules in any way will be excluded. Grounds for exclusion include:

- failing to submit the application through the appropriate Research Office/Chief Executive Officer of an NHMRC approved Administering Institution for certification;
- not meeting the eligibility criteria of the Scholarship applied for;
- providing incomplete or misleading information; and
- designating the application as 'commercial-in-confidence'.

8.2.2 *Recommendations*

The Training Awards Committee (TAC) may make final checks on eligibility. The TAC ranks each application relative to the others on the basis of the application, the proposed supervisor's report and the referee's report. The TAC's Funding recommendations are submitted to the NHMRC Research Committee.

8.2.3 *Ministerial Approval*

A recommendation from the NHMRC Research Committee is sent to the Minister for Health and Ageing for consideration. The Minister determines which applications will be offered Funding.

8.3 Offer of Scholarship

The successful applicant's Administering Institution will be notified in a Letter of Offer that will indicate the Funding to be provided and will include any special conditions.

8.3.1 *Conditions of Award/Deed of Agreement and Schedule for Scholarships*

Applicants should familiarise themselves with the relevant Scholarship Conditions of Award or Deed of Agreement and associated schedule (see Appendices for further details).

8.3.2 *Commencement of Scholarship*

Support for successful applicants will commence on 1 January 2007, subject to relevant ethics clearances being provided.

9. Appeals Against Process

Appeals will be considered only against process issues and not against Training Award Committee decisions or referee comments.

The appeal must be lodged through the applicant's Institution's Research Office and be received, **within 28 days** of the date on the letter notifying the outcome of applications, to:

The Executive Director
Centre for Research Management & Policy
National Health and Medical Research Council
GPO Box 2702
CANBERRA ACT 2601

10. Scholarship Administration

Scholarships are administered by the Administering Institution through which the applicant has applied and to which the NHMRC shall forward stipend payments and allowances. Certification is required that the institution is willing to administer the Scholarship.

10.1 Deed of Agreement

Applicants should familiarise themselves with the NHMRC Deed of Agreement V4, available on the NHMRC website (www.nhmrc.gov.au).

Administering Institutions should note that the NHMRC Deed of Agreement V4 and post-award management cover the following matters.

10.1.1 *Reporting Requirements - Administering Institution*

Institutions are required to submit these documents to the NHMRC:

- annual financial reports;
- a report indicating that satisfactory progress has been achieved by the scholar (this should be annual, in November, where the scholar is to continue into the following year); and
- a final report by the scholar's supervisor.

The NHMRC reserves the right to suspend payment of further instalments of any current Scholarship until the appropriate reports have been received and assessed as satisfactory.

10.1.2 *Reporting Requirements - Scholars*

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, the Scholar shall provide a final brief summary detailing their publication list and current employment location and status.

10.1.3 *Failure to Provide Reports*

Where an institution or Scholar fails to submit satisfactory reports, as required, the Minister may determine that Funds have not been used in accordance with the conditions applicable, and that all or part of the Funds must be repaid. In this case, the NHMRC may withhold the remainder of the institution's payments under *the National Health and Medical Research Council Act 1992* for the current year or initiate recovery of the money.

10.1.4 *Varying the Terms of a Scholarship*

Requests to vary, in any way, the terms of a Scholarship must be forwarded in writing by the Administering Institution's Research or Scholarships Office, or equivalent, to the NHMRC.

10.1.5 Recognition of NHMRC Support

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 an NHMRC Scholarship, and quoting the Scholarship type and application I.D number.

10.2 Financial Management - Payments

Scholarships operate on a calendar year basis. Subject to appropriations, payments shall be made quarterly in the case of stipends and at such periods as may be appropriate, and as determined by the Council, in respect of other payments, in accordance with approved payment arrangements made under the *National Health and Medical Research Council Act 1992* (the Act). Funds must be used only for purposes approved under the Act, otherwise they must be returned through the usual payments system.

10.3 Privacy of Individuals

Documents containing personal information are handled and protected in accordance with the provisions of the *Privacy Act 1988*, which sets standards for the collection, storage, use and disclosure of, and access to, personal information. Personal information is disclosed only with permission of the individual to whom it relates or where the *Privacy Act 1988* allows.

10.4 Confidentiality

All applications submitted to NHMRC are treated in confidence and are not public documents. Some information from successful applications may be used in publications about research funding. Such details might include the name and position of the Scholar, the host institution, the Scholarship amount awarded and the statistical codes provided. Details of unsuccessful applications are kept confidential.

It should be noted that while all relevant documents are handled in compliance with the *Privacy Act 1988*, they are also subject to the provisions of the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* and are available by making a valid application in accordance with this Act.

10.5 Intellectual Property

Applicants must agree to comply with the intellectual property statute of their Administering Institution and with the National Principles of Intellectual Property Management for Publicly Funded Research (available at www.nhmrc.gov.au).

10.6 Incomplete or Misleading Information

It is a serious offence to provide false or misleading information. If an application is incomplete or contains information that is considered misleading, it will be excluded from any further consideration for funding.

If the NHMRC believes that omissions or inclusion of misleading information are intentional, or if there is evidence of malpractice, the NHMRC will refer the matter for appropriate legal advice. The Commonwealth Government is committed to protecting its revenue, expenditure and property from any attempt, either by members of the public, contractors, sub-contractors, agents, intermediaries or its own employees to gain financial or other benefits by deceit.

Examples of malpractice include, but are not restricted to:

- providing fictitious track records; and
- falsifying claims in publications records (such as describing a paper as accepted for publication when it has only been submitted).

10.7 Contact Points

For further information, the applicant's Institutional Research Office should be contacted in the first instance.

Further information about all Scholarship types is available at:

NHMRC website www.nhmrc.gov.au

Inquiries about NHMRC Scholarships may be addressed to:

TAC Secretariat
MDP 33 NHMRC
GPO Box 1421
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Email: training.awards@health.gov.au

Phone: (02) 6289 9113

Fax: (02) 6289 9131

Training Scholarships for Indigenous Australian Health Research

NHMRC TRAINING SCHOLARSHIP

1.1 Objectives

Training Scholarships for Indigenous Australian Health Research are awarded to provide support for research training or training leading to research areas of particular relevance to Indigenous Australians.

1.2 Description

These Scholarships will be held within Australia. The successful applicants must enrol for a certificate, diploma, undergraduate degree or postgraduate degree (such as PhD or masters) at a fully accredited institution, which will enable the applicant to pursue research relevant to indigenous health.

1.3 Eligibility

In addition to the requirements detailed in *Section 4. Eligibility*, in awarding these Scholarships, attention will be paid to previous qualifications and experience, with particular weight to be given to prior knowledge and experience of indigenous culture and health.

Those not eligible to apply are:

- applicants in the final year of an honours degree; and
- applicants already in receipt of an Australian Postgraduate Award or equivalent Australian Government funded Scholarship.

1.4 Deed of Agreement

The *Deed of Agreement for Researcher Support* shall apply and is to be read by the applicant. This is available from the appropriate institution's research office on request, or on the NHMRC website: <http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/funding/funded/manage/policy/deeds.htm>

1.5 Scholarship Specific Information

For further details refer to the Training Scholarships for Indigenous Australian Health Research page on the NHMRC website: <http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/fellows/apply/granttype/scholars/training.htm>

Medical and Dental Postgraduate Research Scholarships

NHMRC POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

2.1 Objectives

Medical and Dental Postgraduate Research Scholarships are awarded to provide support to medical or dental graduates undertaking a postgraduate degree involving full-time research.

2.2 Description

These Scholarships will be held within Australia. Medical and Dental Postgraduate Research Scholarships are designed to encourage research training for medical and dental graduates. In this context, particularly recent graduates as well as those who are undergoing further clinical training are encouraged to apply. These two sub-categories of application will be differentiated in the selection process. Applications will be considered in all relevant health-related disciplines including social and behavioural sciences.

2.3 Eligibility

In addition to the requirements detailed in *Section 4. Eligibility*, those eligible to apply are:

- Australian citizens who are medical or dental graduates currently registered to practice within Australia, with the proviso that medical graduates can also apply during their intern year and that Dental Postgraduate Research Scholarships may be awarded prior to graduation provided that evidence of high quality work is shown; or
- medical or dental graduates from overseas who are currently registered to practice in Australia, who have permanent Australian resident status and are currently residing in Australia. Applicants are to provide certification of medical/dental registration in Australia, as well as evidence of resident status.

Those not eligible to apply are:

- applicants in the final year of an honours degree; and
- applicants already in receipt of an Australian Postgraduate Award or equivalent Australian Government funded Scholarship.

2.4 Conditions

The *Deed of Agreement for Researcher Support* shall apply and is to be read by the applicant. This is available from the appropriate institutional office on request, or on the NHMRC website:

<http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/funding/funded/manage/policy/deeds.htm>

2.5 Scholarship Specific Information

For further details refer to the Medical and Dental Postgraduate Research Scholarships page on the NHMRC website: <http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/fellows/apply/granttype/scholars/meddent.htm>

2.5.1 *Gustav Nossal Scholarships*

Each year, the highest ranked applicant from the combined Medical and Dental Postgraduate Research Scholarship applications will be awarded the Gustav Nossal Research Scholarship. This scholarship will be awarded under similar conditions to the basic Medical and Dental Postgraduate Research Scholarship except that the scholar will receive additional stipend and an additional travel allowance. In 2006, the additional stipend is \$3,446 and additional travel allowance was \$2,340.

For further details refer to the Gustav Nossal Scholarships page on the NHMRC website:

<http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/fellows/types/granttype/scholars/index.htm#3>

Biomedical (Dora Lush) Postgraduate Research Scholarships

NHMRC POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

3.1 Objectives

The purpose of the Biomedical (Dora Lush) Postgraduate Research Scholarships is to encourage honours graduates of outstanding ability to gain full-time biomedical research experience while enrolled for a higher degree.

3.2 Description

These 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.

Biomedical (Dora Lush) Postgraduate Research Scholarships will be held within Australia. All candidates must enrol for a higher degree requiring full-time research. Applications will be considered in all relevant health-related disciplines including social and behavioural sciences.

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 then one more year full-time or 2 years part-time.

3.3 Eligibility

In addition to the requirements detailed in *Section 4. Eligibility*, those eligible to apply must meet at least one of the following criteria

- 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;
- students enrolled in a graduate medical degree combined with a PhD; and
- allied health professionals with an honours degree or equivalent.

Those not eligible to apply are:

- applicants in the final year of an honours degree; and
- applicants already in receipt of an Australian Postgraduate Award or equivalent Australian Government funded Scholarship.

3.4 Deed of Agreement

The *Deed of Agreement for Researcher Support* shall apply and are to be read by the applicant. These are available from the appropriate institution's research office on request, or on the NHMRC website: <http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/funding/funded/manage/policy/deeds.htm>

3.5 Scholarship Specific Information

For further details refer to the Biomedical (Dora Lush) Postgraduate Research Scholarships page on the NHMRC website: <http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/fellows/apply/granttype/scholars/lush.htm>

Public Health Postgraduate Research Scholarships

NHMRC POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

4.1 Objectives

The purpose of Public Health Postgraduate Research Scholarships is to encourage graduates to obtain formal training in public health research.

4.2 Description

These Scholarships will be held within Australia. All candidates must enrol for a higher degree requiring full-time research.

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

4.3 Eligibility

In addition to the requirements detailed in *Section 4. Eligibility*, those eligible to apply are:

- Australian citizens who have already completed a degree, in an area applicable to public health research, at the time of submission of the application; or
- graduates in areas applicable to public health who are from overseas, have permanent resident status and are currently residing in Australia.

Those not eligible to apply are:

- applicants in the final year of an honours degree; and
- applicants already in receipt of an Australian Postgraduate Award or equivalent Australian Government funded Scholarship.

4.4 Deed of Agreement

The *Deed of Agreement for Researcher Support* shall apply and are to be read by the applicant. These are available from the appropriate institution's research office on request, or on the NHMRC website: <http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/funding/funded/manage/policy/deeds.htm>

4.5 Scholarship Specific Information

For further details refer to the Public Health Postgraduate Research Scholarships page on the NHMRC website: <http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/fellows/apply/granttype/scholars/public.htm>

Primary Health Care Postgraduate Research Scholarships

NHMRC POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

5.1 Objectives

The purpose of Primary Health Care Postgraduate Research Scholarships is to encourage graduates to obtain formal training in primary health care research, with an emphasis on rural communities.

5.2 Description

These Scholarships will be held within Australia. All candidates must enrol for a higher degree requiring full-time research. Applications will be considered in all relevant health-related disciplines including general practice, social and behavioural sciences and health economics.

Primary Health Care Postgraduate Research Scholarships are primarily intended to contribute to the development and strengthening of the primary health care research and evaluation workforce.

5.3 Eligibility

In addition to the requirements detailed in *Section 4. Eligibility*, those eligible to apply must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Australian citizens who are medical or dental graduates currently registered to practice within Australia;
- Australian citizens who have already completed a health related degree (or equivalent) at the time of submission of the application;
- medical or dental graduates from overseas who are currently registered to practice in Australia, who have permanent resident status and are currently residing in Australia. Applicants are to provide certification of continuing medical/dental registration in Australia as well as evidence of resident status; and
- health related graduates from overseas who have permanent resident status and are currently residing in Australia.

Those not eligible to apply

- Applicants already in receipt of an Australian Postgraduate Award or equivalent Australian Government funded Scholarship.

5.4 Deed of Agreement

The *Deed of Agreement for Researcher Support* shall apply and are to be read by the applicant. These are available from the appropriate institutional office on request, or on the NHMRC website: <http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/funding/funded/manage/policy/deeds.htm>

5.5 Scholarship Specific Information

For further details refer to the Primary Health Care Postgraduate Research Scholarships page on the NHMRC website: <http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/fellows/apply/granttype/scholars/primary.htm>

The Pharmacy Practice Scholarship

NHMRC POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

6.1 Objectives

The purpose of The Pharmacy Practice Scholarships is to encourage graduates to obtain formal training in the area of pharmacy practice research.

6.2 Description

These Scholarships are being offered in the area of pharmacy practice research, in partnership with the NHMRC. The Scholarships will be Australian-based. The successful applicant will have a commitment to, and a track record in, pharmacy or related health services research.

Applicants interested in this co-funded scholarship should select one standard NHMRC Scholarship type, as well as ticking the box for the co-funded Scholarship.

6.3 Eligibility

In addition to the requirements detailed in *Section 4. Eligibility*, those eligible to apply must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Australian citizens who are medical or dental graduates currently registered to practice within Australia;
- Australian citizens who have already completed a health related degree (or equivalent) at the time of submission of the application;
- medical or dental graduates from overseas who are currently registered to practice in Australia, who have permanent resident status and are currently residing in Australia. Applicants are to provide certification of continuing medical/dental registration in Australia as well as evidence of resident status; and
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Travelling Awards

NHMRC TRAVELLING AWARD FOR RESEARCH TRAINING

7.1 Objectives

The Travelling Award for Research Training has been established to enable current holders of NHMRC Scholarships and Australian-based Fellowships to value add to their research by providing funding for limited training periods at a temporary Host Institution.

7.2 Description

The Travelling Award is available for between 3 and 6 months. Other than the restriction given above, applicants must take the award within the timeframe of the existing Scholarship or Fellowship.

This award can be held either in Australia or overseas. Applicants will be required to ensure that facilities are available at the temporary Host Institution.

7.3 Eligibility

The Travelling Awards are available to all current holders of NHMRC Postgraduate Scholarships and Australian Training Fellowships ie, Medical/Dental Scholarships, Gustav Nossal Scholarships, Biomedical (Dora Lush) Scholarships, Public Health and Indigenous Health Research Scholarships.

Applicants may also be holders of Peter Doherty Fellowships, Australian Clinical Research Fellowships, Public Health (Australia) Fellowships, Health Professional Training Research Fellowships and Australian Training Research Fellowships-Part Time. For details on NHMRC Fellowships see: *Fellowships Funding Rules for Funding commencing in 2007* available at the NHMRC Website.

Fellowship applicants cannot hold this award in the first 12 months of their fellowship. They may, however, apply for the award in the second 6 months of their fellowship. Scholarship applicants may not hold this award in the first 12 months of their higher degree by research.

The Awardee can hold other non-NHMRC travelling awards.

7.4 Areas of Research Not Supported

The Travelling Award must be taken within the tenure of the Scholarship. Scholars cannot apply for a Travelling Award in the first six months of their award, and cannot take up the Travelling Award in the first year of their Scholarship.

Existing Scholars' stipends or salary will continue to be paid, but there will be no additional stipend or salary paid as part of the Travelling Award.

7.5 Funding Details

Successful applicants must take up this award within 6 months of the intended commencement date which is January 1 (where closing date is the first Friday in July) and July 1 (where closing date is the last Friday in February).

7.5.1 *Overseas Allowance*

A living allowance of \$5,000 for 3 months up to a maximum of \$10,000 for 6 months, and an airfare allowance for the successful Awardee of up to \$2,500, will be paid for a Travelling Award held overseas.

Payment of allowances will be forwarded to the Scholars Administering Institution on receipt of formal advice of, and immediately before, intended commencement date of travel.

7.5.2 *Australian Allowance*

A living allowance of \$3,000 for 3 months up to a maximum of \$6,000 for 6 months, and an airfare allowance for the successful Awardee of up to \$1,000, will be paid for a Travelling Award held in Australia.

Payment of allowances will be forwarded to the Scholars Administering Institution on receipt of formal advice of, and immediately before, intended commencement date of travel.

7.6 Travelling Award Specific Information

For further details refer to the Travelling Awards page on the NHMRC website:
<http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/fellows/apply/granttype/training/travel.htm>

7.6.1 *Reports*

A report of not more than 2 pages is required within 2 months of completion of the Travelling Award. Awardees who have held a Travelling Award are required to specifically address the benefits the Award brought to their Scholarship or Fellowship when preparing the report. The report should clearly identify the applicant, the application ID, the Administering Institution and the Host Institution for the Travelling Award.