UNSW Medicine 2014 White-Walker Cancer Research Scholarship Guidelines for Applicants

- 3 to 6 month approved placement in Oxford University in 2014/15; with up to AU$49,000 tax free scholarship, payable towards visas, tuition fees, travel and living expenses (conditions apply).

Eligibility, Selection and Admission.

Candidate Requirements

To be eligible for consideration of the award of the above scholarship, applicants must:

a. Currently be enrolled full time in a PhD through UNSW Medicine in a topic area relevant to the problem of human cancer.

b. Have successfully completed their first year of candidature towards a PhD in Medicine UNSW.

c. Be a permanent resident of Australia or a citizen of Australia or New Zealand.

d. Be eligible for personal health insurance cover whilst in the UK.

e. Have identified a program of research to be undertaken in Oxford. The research program must have the full support of their PhD supervisors and a host Oxford supervisor from one of the departments listed below.

Criteria for the award of the scholarship

a. Academic merit, with particular reference on performance during PhD candidature, as assessed by the annual Academic Performance Review process.

b. Quality of the proposed research program and alignment with the goals of the White-Walker scholarship

c. Strength of the host supervisory arrangements and alignment with the research program of the supervisor at UNSW

d. Performance at interview, if this is deemed necessary by the selection panel

Selection panel for the award of the scholarship

The award will be selected by a panel including Head of School, a Postgraduate Coordinator, a senior academic member of staff within the Faculty of Medicine, UNSW and a senior academic staff member from Oxford.

Notes

1) Preference may be given to non-medical applicants and those engaged in dry laboratory research. Oxford academic staff member(s) will participate in the student selection process with UNSW academic staff.

2) Whilst in the Program, research students will be subject to the academic requirements and rules of conduct of Oxford. UNSW will advise students of the academic and cultural expectations of Oxford.

3) It is advisable that students have private health cover irrespective of the length of stay in Oxford, as UK regulations frequently change.

Where applications are deemed to be of sufficient merit, the panel will recommend the scholarship is offered to the student deemed to have performed the best in their PhD studies to date and whose thesis would most benefit from study at Oxford.
UNSW will provide Oxford with an official academic record for each student and accompanying communication from their supervisor related to the student’s research progress, together with the relevant Application for Admission form for Recognised Student status at Oxford.

UNSW will advise Oxford of any particulars such as known health problems which might affect the student’s progress, or for which the student may require special assistance, subject to obtaining any necessary consent for such disclosure.

Any student offered a scholarship will also need to be accepted and admitted by an Oxford faculty/department/centre/unit to undertake research towards their PhD degree for a minimum of one and maximum of three Oxford terms, thereby granting them Recognised Student status whilst at Oxford.

Within three months of completing the Program, the student and their supervisor will be required to submit a lay and technical report to the Head of the Prince of Wales Clinical School for approval. The approved report will be made available to the trustees of the White-Walker bequest. A report template will be provided.

**Research Program**

UNSW research students admitted to the Program are not permitted to enroll in coursework programs at Oxford, and will be given the status of a Recognised Student.

Research projects may be available in the Oxford Departments/Centres listed below:

- Nuffield Department of Population Health [http://www.ndph.ox.ac.uk/](http://www.ndph.ox.ac.uk/)
- Wellcome Trust Centre for Human Genetics [http://www.well.ox.ac.uk/home](http://www.well.ox.ac.uk/home)
- The Weatherall Institute of Molecular Medicine [http://www.imm.ox.ac.uk/home](http://www.imm.ox.ac.uk/home)

*Please do not contact these departments or the academic contacts directly. After discussing your application with your primary supervisor, your supervisor will make contact with the relevant Oxford academic for your project.*

**Tuition fees and other costs**

- Oxford agrees to give Recognised Student status to UNSW students accepted under this Scholarship, and charge tuition fees as required, which will be met by the scholarship.
- The student will be provided with a scholarship living allowance whilst in Oxford and return travel costs from Sydney to Oxford will be met by the scholarship.
- Conference registration fees and associated travel whilst at Oxford may be paid from the scholarship.

**Student Visa information**

If staying 6 months or less, the student may be required to apply for a Student Visa prior to travelling to the UK. If the student is a Non Visa National (see here for details on Visa and Non Visa Nationals) entry clearance is not required prior to travelling to the UK as a Student Visitor. Approval of a Student Visitor Visa can be completed on arrival, if the student provides a number of relevant documents. See here for more information here. If you are a Visa National you will need to apply for a visa as a Student Visitor before travelling to the UK. More information on how to apply can be found here.
All applicants are asked to familiarise themselves with this information. However, the successful student will be assisted by the POW Clinical School and the Student Office in Oxford to obtain all necessary visas.

**Applications must consist of the following (in electronic format):**

1. Completed and signed Scholarship Application Form, including proposed 2-3 page Oxford program plan and research outcomes, thesis milestones, and preferred dates for the Program
2. Current *Curriculum Vitae*, including any research publications and presentations
3. Letter of support from your PhD supervisors and proposed Oxford supervisor.
4. Proof of eligibility for personal health insurance cover whilst in the UK.