ECMS HDR TRAVELLING SCHOLARSHIP
Scholarship Rules

Background

The ECMS HDR Travelling Scholarship was established in 2019 by the Faculty of Engineering, Computer and Mathematical Sciences (ECMS) to support higher degree by research students who present study-related research at a peer-reviewed conference. Applications are open to candidates in ECMS. Priority of awards will be given to applicants in computer science and mathematical sciences due to limited scholarship funding available in computer science and mathematical sciences currently.

The following Rules now apply:-

1. The Scholarship shall be known as "ECMS HDR Travelling Scholarship".

2. The purpose of the Scholarship is to support higher degree by research students (MPhil or PhD) currently enrolled in the second or third year (or part-time equivalent) in ECMS to present study-related research at peer-reviewed conferences, interstate or overseas, including virtual conferences.

3. The amount of award to individual applicants and the number of Scholarships available may vary from year to year, depending on the available funds and the number of applications. The total amount available for award is estimated at $25,000 per year.

4. The award is to cover conference registration, flights and accommodation for physical conferences, but cover registration fees only for virtual conferences.

5. The award of scholarships will be made on a competitive basis, but priority will be given to eligible applicants in computer science and mathematical sciences.

6. The Faculty may vary the rules from year to year to maintain equal scholarship opportunities for all students as funding situation changes.

Scholarship recipients with caring responsibilities may apply for support from the ECMS Dependant Travel Fund.

Eligibility

7. To be eligible to apply for the Scholarship, applicants must:

    7.1 be currently enrolled in the second year full-time of a MPhil (or part-time equivalent), or second or third year full-time of a PhD (or part-time equivalent) in ECMS; and

    7.2 have successfully completed all candidature milestones, including confirmation of candidature (major review) and annual reviews; and

    7.3 not be identified as study progress 'at risk' by the Adelaide Graduate Centre; and

    7.4 be presenting at a peer-reviewed conference (preferably presenting a full paper). If a short paper or poster is proposed, the student must provide proof of significance of the conference; and

    7.5 not have been in previous receipt of any other travelling scholarship, excluding awards to support virtual conference participation, administered by ECMS; and

    7.6 have the support from Principal Supervisor to participate in the conference (or Co-Supervisor if Principal Supervisor is unavailable).

8. Candidates whose candidature will expire before the completion of the planned travel are not eligible to apply.

9. Candidates are expected to remain research active in their final year of candidature. They should not have any overdue milestones or have an accumulated leave of absence of more than one month in the year in which the Scholarship is offered.

Application and Application Process

10. Applicants must lodge a written application using the prescribed Application Form for which the Scholarship is sought.

11. Applicants are required to include in their applications:

   - Details of the conference, abstract submitted, and evidence of acceptance; and
   - How the conference will benefit their HDR study and future career; and
   - Resume; and
   - Copies of publications arising from HDR study; and
   - Budget for the proposed travel.

Selection Process

12. The Selection Panel will comprise:

   - ECMS Director of Graduate Studies (Chair); and
   - Postgraduate Coordinator(s) from relevant Schools as selected annually by the Chair.

13. Selection will be made on the basis of:

   - Academic performance (eg, study progress, and publications); and
   - Benefit to their HDR study and future career; and
   - Strong interest, and demonstrated ability and commitment to undertaking high level research in alignment with ECMS's research strategy.

14. Applicants may be required to attend an interview by the Selection Panel.

15. Approval of successful candidate(s) will be sought from the ECMS Deputy Dean Research on the recommendation of the Selection Panel.

16. The ECMS Director of Graduate Studies may use discretion to approve out of round applications under exceptional circumstances.

Terms of Acceptance

17. The Scholarship must be taken up in the year in which it is offered. Acceptance of the Scholarship offer cannot be deferred. If an applicant declines the Scholarship offer, the Scholarship will be offered to the next eligible applicant.

18. The Scholarship will be terminated where:

   - A candidate has provided false or misleading information with regard to their personal details; and/or
   - A candidate is guilty of serious misconduct in terms of the University Policy Rules for Student Conduct in the University.

Administration and Funding Arrangements

19. The scholarship shall be administered by the ECMS Research Development Team of the University.

20. The ECMS Travel Team will be responsible for organising conference registration, travel and accommodation arrangements, as approved by the ECMS Deputy Dean Research. All travels must meet the University Student Travel Risk Policy.

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