

UNSW PhD Scholarship for KoSASA Member Universities

Information Sheet (for 2016)

The UNSW PhD Scholarship program for KoSASA Member universities is established to support cooperation in research and education between UNSW and KoSASA member universities. With this scholarship, UNSW offers outstanding young scholars from KoSASA member universities opportunities to study at UNSW towards a PhD degree.

1. Candidates

Candidates must satisfy the following conditions:

- 1.1. Candidates must be either Master graduates of the KoSASA member universities, or faculty and staff members of the KoSASA member universities with an appropriate Master's degree.
- 1.2. Candidates must meet the normal selection criteria for entry to a UNSW PhD program, including academic performance and English language requirements.

2. PhD Program Structure

- 2.1 Candidates may enroll in a PhD program in any academic field at UNSW Canberra.
- 2.2 Candidates must be resident at UNSW during their study. However, candidates admitted into the PhD program at UNSW on a joint research project may undertake part of their PhD research at their home university for a maximum of 12 months, in total, after commencement of their PhD candidature. For a joint research project, a staff member of the home university may be appointed as a joint, or secondary, supervisor. The management of the PhD candidature and thesis examination will follow UNSW policies and procedures. PhD theses can be submitted three years after commencement of full-time studies.

3. Scholarship Terms

- 3.1 The duration of scholarship will be normally for three years after enrollment.
- 3.2 Candidates recommended by the KoSASA partner universities may apply for Tuition Fee Scholarships (TFS) and International Research Scholarships. Successful applicants would be offered a 3-year TFS and a research scholarship providing a stipend for a maximum of 3 years, subject to satisfactory progress review.
- 3.3. The stipend rate for 2014 is AUD 26,592 per annum and will be indexed annually. In addition, a one-off establishment scholarship of AUD 1,000 and the first week of accommodation will be provided to commencing PhD students at UNSW Canberra.

4. Administration of the Scholarship

- 4.1 Application

4.1.1 Applications for these scholarships will be processed in three steps: the nomination of candidates and submission of Expression of Interest (EOI) by the KoSASA university to UNSW Canberra; the pre-selection of candidates by UNSW Canberra and notification of successful candidates; and the formal application for admission and scholarships.

4.1.2 Candidates should submit the EOI for the pre-selection to the selection coordinator of the home university listed at the end of this document.

4.1.3 Successful candidates from the pre-selection round will submit a formal application to UNSW. UNSW will guarantee the admission and scholarships for the successful candidates.

4.2 Pre-Selection Procedure

4.2.1 The pre-selection process will be jointly managed by UNSW and the KoSASA member universities.

4.2.2. Candidates should submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) to the selection coordinator of the home university consisting of:

- (1) 1 page CV (educational qualifications with GPA, TOEFL/IELTS results, job experience, research experience, research output);
- (2) Academic transcripts from previous studies; and
- (3) and a research proposal:
n.b. For humanities & business, research proposals should be in the form normally expected. For engineering and science, however, candidates could simply nominate an area of research or pick out a project from our list of potential PhD projects, see <http://sas.unsw.adfa.edu.au/rsu/scholarships/pdfs/Potential%20PhD%20Projects.pdf>. For major research areas, please go to <http://sas.unsw.adfa.edu.au/rsu/research/index.html#> and click on Step 1 "Find a research area and a supervisor".
- (4) Either a graduation certificate for a Master degree from the respective KoSASA University or a certificate of employment at the respective KoSASA university.

4.2.3 Each KoSASA University will recommend candidates, up to three times the number of available scholarships for the respective university, to the UNSW pre-selection committee for UNSW PhD scholarships for KoSASA member universities. The recommendation of the candidates will be jointly managed by the selection coordinators of UNSW and the respective university specified by the Memorandum of Understanding for the scholarship.

4.2.4 UNSW Canberra will assess EOIs submitted based on

- (1) the previous degrees and academic merits;
- (2) the research proposal and the availability of supervisors and resources required for the proposed thesis project.

After the initial screening of the EOIs, potential supervisors will make contact with students, interview students, finalise the research topic and indicate their acceptance to supervise.

4.2.5. UNSW Canberra will notify the list of successful candidates from the pre-selection round to KoSASA University, through the selection coordinator of the scholarship.

4.2.6. Each successful candidate will then submit a formal application for admission and scholarship to UNSW.

4.2.7 The dates for the selection process are as follows.

For admission in	Session 1(March), 2016	Session 2 (July), 2016
EOIs open	January 2015	July 2015
EOIs closes on	15 April 2015	15 October 2015
Successful applications for pre-selection notified to KoSASA universities	July 2015	January 2016
Formal application closing on	August 2015	February 2016

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