COMMERCIALISATION TRAINING SCHEME
SCHOLARSHIP RULES

1 PURPOSE
The objective of the Commercialisation Training Scheme is to provide high quality research commercialisation training for the next generation of Australian researchers as a means of equipping them with the skills, knowledge and experience necessary to bring research-based ideas, inventions and innovations to market.

2 ELIGIBILITY
2.1 To be eligible for consideration for the award of a Commercialisation Training Scheme (CTS) Scholarship, a student must:
   - be an Australian citizen or permanent resident of Australia or a New Zealand citizen; and
   - be enrolled as a full-time student in a Doctorate by research at Flinders University; and
   - have at least 12 months of candidature remaining; and
   - have the unqualified support of his/her principal supervisor.

2.2 A CTS Scholarship may not be held by a student who:
   - has previously completed CTS training or its equivalent;
   - is in receipt of an award which directly duplicates the purpose of the CTS Scholarship;
   - is on paid study leave;
   - holds a fractional academic appointment;

3 APPLICATION
Applications must be made on the prescribed form available from Student Finance or the University web site. Applications must be lodged with the Student Finance, Student Centre, Flinders University, GPO Box 2100, Adelaide SA 5001 by the specified closing date.

4 SELECTION
4.1 Selection will be based on the extent to which the CTS training will add value to the student’s research higher degree experience and enhance a student’s career prospects.

4.2 Selection will be made by the Scholarships Committee and the Managing Director of Flinders Partners (or nominee).

4.3 Applicants for the CTS Scholarship will be notified in writing of the outcome of the selection process. Successful applicants will receive a letter of offer detailing the conditions of receiving a CTS Scholarship.

5 VALUE OF SCHOLARSHIP
The CTS Scholarship provides an exemption from tuition fees for the Graduate Certificate in Science and Technology Commercialisation and an allowance equivalent to an Australian Postgraduate Award stipend for the duration of the course.

6 TENURE AND PAYMENT
6.1 Recipients of the CTS Scholarship will enrol in the Graduate Certificate in Research Commercialisation at Queensland University of Technology.

   In special circumstances, recipients may be permitted to undertake a substitute topic where their qualifications and/or experience are sufficient. Note that the Graduate Certificate provides relevant training for students from all disciplines.

6.2 Recipients must commence study in the Graduate Certificate within 6 months of being awarded the CTS Scholarship.

6.3 The tenure of the scholarship will be adjusted for any credit for prior study received towards the Graduate Certificate.

6.4 The tenure of the scholarship will be adjusted for periods of approved leave of absence.
6.5 The scholarship will be paid:
- in instalments equivalent to 25% of the value of the scholarship allowance on the completion of each topic in the Graduate Certificate for those recipients who do not currently hold a postgraduate research scholarship; or
- as a fortnightly living allowance while undertaking study towards the Graduate Certificate for those recipients who currently hold a postgraduate research scholarship. Payment will be at the same rate as the postgraduate research scholarship.

Continued payment of the scholarship is subject to the student maintaining satisfactory academic progress and maintaining ongoing eligibility requirements.

6.6 The University will monitor the ongoing eligibility requirements of scholarship holders.

6.7 Scholarship holders must advise Student Finance of any changes to their circumstances that would make them ineligible for the scholarship.

7 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

7.1 Scholarship holders who wish to suspend their studies must apply in writing to the Scholarships Committee. Except in the case of sickness, applications must be made at least three weeks in advance of the proposed period of intermission.

7.2 Scholarship holders must notify Student Finance at least three weeks prior to resuming study following a period of intermission.

7.3 Scholarship holders who suspend their studies without the approval of the Scholarships Committee will be required to repay any scholarship payments to which they were not entitled.

8 TRANSFER OF AWARD

Students cannot transfer a CTS Scholarship awarded by another higher education institution to Flinders University. Students transferring from another higher education institution who meet the eligibility criteria may apply for a CTS Scholarship at Flinders University and must declare any previous CTS Scholarship support they have received.

9 TERMINATION OF SCHOLARSHIP

A CTS Scholarship will be terminated:
- if the student ceases to meet the eligibility criteria specified in Clause 2 above, other than during a period of approved leave; or
- when the student completes the course of study; or
- if the student fails to maintain satisfactory academic progress; or
- if the student fails to complete CTS training within 24 months from the date of commencement (plus any periods of approved leave) and within 6 months of the date of submission of their thesis (whichever is sooner); or
- if the student does not resume study at the conclusion of a period of approved leave; or
- if the student has committed serious misconduct, including, but not limited to, the provision of false or misleading information in relation to the CTS Scholarship. In the event of a student providing false or misleading information, the University is required to report the matter to the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.

The rules contained in this document comply with the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations conditions of award and must be adhered to by scholarship holders. The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations may amend the conditions of award from time to time.

Queries about these Rules should be directed in the first instance to:

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