

**Please retain these Conditions of Award as this document forms part of your agreement with the University.**

## **1 PURPOSE**

The purpose of the scholarship is to enable a suitably qualified graduate to undertake a Doctor of Philosophy, under the supervision of an eligible primary supervisor in the College of Medicine and Public Health, in a program of study designed to improve the outcomes for leukemia patients.

## **2 ELIGIBILITY**

- 2.1 To be eligible for the award of the Gary Curtis Leukemia Medical Research Scholarship, a student must:
- be an Australian citizen or a New Zealand citizen or an Australian permanent resident at the closing date for applications; who has a completed Second Class (Division A) Honours or above or equivalent qualification including a research component of at least 6 months' full-time study; or
  - have a coursework qualification with evidence of equivalent research experience, such as a substantial first-author refereed publication or track record as an investigator on a competitive grant; or
  - have completed a Doctor of Medicine with a Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 5; and
  - be enrolled, or be seeking to enrol, in a Doctor of Philosophy at Flinders University as a full-time student.
- 2.2 The Gary Curtis Leukemia Medical Research Scholarship will not be awarded to a student who:
- is in receipt of an award which directly duplicates the purpose of this award;
  - is on paid study leave;
  - holds a fractional academic appointment;
  - holds a Research Doctorate or equivalent.
- 2.3 Applicants to a PhD in the College of Medicine and Public Health should be focused in fields related to medicine, biomedical sciences, or public health.
- medical professionals must be registered to practise in Australia at the time of application, with no conditions or suspensions attached to the registration that prevent them from practising.

## **3 APPLICATION**

Applications are submitted via the student information system available via the Flinders University website: <https://www.flinders.edu.au/study/apply/apply-research-degree/how-to-apply>

Please provide the following as a single pdf document:

1. Applicant CV (maximum 2 pages detailing academic record, medals, prizes and awards, research achievement and productivity commensurate with authorship of research publications, book chapters and presentations, postgraduate/research training and/or research/professional experience, broader community engagement).

2. Application outlining the following details:
  1. Research Proposal (maximum 2 pages), including a research plan and description of impact and feasibility.
  2. Research Environment and supervisory team statement (maximum 500 words)

#### 4 SELECTION

Selection of scholarship recipients will be undertaken by a panel that includes the College HDR Coordinator and/or Deputy HDR Coordinator and a clinician researcher and will be based on academic merit and research potential, in alignment with College values of equity, excellence and social vision.

Applications will be ranked (based on the NHMRC criteria for postgraduate scholarships) based on:

- Academic Record and Research Achievement – Relative to Opportunity (60%),
- The research environment and supervisor (20%)
- Research project (20%)
- Principal PhD supervision must be by a member of staff or full academic status holder in the College of Medicine and Public Health who must be currently active on the HDR supervisor register.

#### 5 TENURE

- 5.1 The Gary Curtis Leukemia Medical Research Scholarship is tenable for 3.5 years full-time in the case of Research Doctorate students. This may include a research internship of at least 3 months with specific learning outcomes.
- 5.2 A part-time Gary Curtis Leukemia Medical Research Scholarship may be approved for a limited period of time by the HDR Scholarships Committee only if the student has exceptional circumstances. Exceptional circumstances relate to significant caring commitments or a medical condition which limits the student's capacity to undertake full-time study. Part-time scholarships are not available to applicants seeking to undertake paid employment.
- 5.3 Part-time award holders are expected to progress at half the rate of full-time award holders. Part-time award holders may revert to full-time study at any time with the approval of the Scholarships Committee.
- 5.4 The tenure of the award will be adjusted for
  - Award holders who have completed periods of study towards the degree for which the scholarship was awarded before accepting their Gary Curtis Leukemia Medical Research Scholarship;
  - Award holders who undertake periods of study towards their degree whilst on intermission from their Gary Curtis Leukemia Medical Research Scholarship.

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## 6 STIPEND

### 6.1 Clinician rate (medical professional)

A stipend valued at up to \$53,299\* per annum (2026 rate) tax free. \*Aligned with the annual NHMRC postgraduate scholarship rate.

### 6.2 Non-medical rate

A stipend valued at up to \$36,061 per annum (2026 rate) tax free.

## 7 TUITION FEES

Commencing Australian or New Zealand citizens and Australian permanent residents and eligible continuing students will receive a Research Training Program Fee Offset. This provides an exemption from tuition fees for the normal duration of a HDR, up to a maximum period of four years full-time equivalent study. Refer to the [RTP Scholarship Administrative Rules](#) page for more details.

## 8 ALLOWANCES

### 8.1 Relocation Allowance

A Gary Curtis Leukemia Medical Research Scholarship recipient who relocates to Adelaide from overseas or interstate in order to take up an award may be eligible to apply for reimbursement of relocation and travel expenses. This allowance will be paid at the following rates:

<i>Relocation Allowance</i>	<i>Rates for 2026</i>
Relocation Expenses	
• Adult	\$505
• Child	\$255
Travel Expenses	Value of economy or student concession airfares
<b>Total Maximum Allowance</b>	<b>\$1,485</b>

### 8.2 Thesis Allowance

A Gary Curtis Leukemia Medical Research Scholarship recipients may be eligible to apply for a thesis allowance of up to \$500 to assist with thesis production costs. Students claiming a thesis allowance must include original receipts and must be lodged within six months of the date of College approval that all requirements for the degree have been completed, and within two years of the termination date of the scholarship.

### 9 REGISTRATION & ESTABLISHMENT

- 9.1 Award holders will be asked to nominate a commencement date, which is not later than 31 March 2027.
- 9.2 In exceptional circumstances, award holders may apply to the HDR Scholarships Committee for permission to commence their award after 31 March but must commence no later than 30 June.
- 9.3 Following acceptance of a Gary Curtis Leukemia Medical Research Scholarship, an Award holder must contact the Office of Graduate Research HDR Admissions Team to be enrolled into the HDR and thesis topic and must remain enrolled for the duration of the Gary Curtis Leukemia Medical Research Scholarship. Refer to [Your HDR: Getting Started](#) for more details.

### 10 EMPLOYMENT

- 10.1. It is expected that a full-time study load is a minimum of 30-40 hours per week. Award holders may undertake additional part time employment provided it does not interfere with their study program. It is recommended that no more than 8 hours of employment during normal business hours is undertaken. Employment arrangements are to be discussed and monitored by a student's supervisor alongside HDR Progression milestones. A part-time student is subject to the same restrictions pro rata. Part-time scholarships are not available to applicants seeking to undertake paid employment.
- 10.2 The assessment of hours for award holders who undertake part-time teaching will be defined in accordance with the awards and rates of pay for part-time teaching at Flinders University as follows:
  - an initial tutorial involves a total time of three hours, normally requiring one hour each of preparation, contact and marking time;
  - a repeat tutorial is designated as two hours.

### 11 LEAVE

- 11.1 Award holders are entitled to 20 working days paid recreation leave for each year of stipend, in addition to all public holidays. Recreation leave may be accrued over the tenure of the award but will be forfeited when the award is terminated. Recreational leave does not extend the period of support for the Scholarship.
- 11.2 Award holders are entitled to up to 10 working days of paid sick leave per year. Sick leave may be accrued over the tenure of the award but will be forfeited when the award is terminated. Sick leave less than 10 consecutive working days does not extend the support of the Scholarship.
- 11.3 Award holders are entitled to receive additional paid sick leave of up to a total of 60 working days' during the duration of the Scholarship stipend for periods of illness where the student has insufficient sick leave entitlements available under clause 11.2, provided that a medical certificate has been provided by the student to the University. Approved sick leave longer than 10 consecutive working day and up to 60 working days with a certificate will extend the period of support of the Scholarship.
- 11.4 Sick leave entitlements (including additional sick leave) for award holders may also be used to cover leave for students with family caring responsibilities, subject to the usual practice of the University.

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- 11.5 Award holders who have completed 12 months of their Gary Curtis Leukemia medical Research stipend are entitled to a maximum of 60 working days paid parental leave during the duration of the stipend, which is in addition to the normal tenure of the award. This will be subject to the usual practice of the University paid leave may also be approved if the student has adopted a child.
- 11.6 Award holders who are partners of the primary carer while receiving a Gary Curtis Leukemia Medical research stipend and who have completed 12 months of their Gary Curtis Leukemia Medical Research Scholarship may be entitled to 1-week paid parenting leave at the time of the birth or adoption, subject to the usual practice of the University. Approval will extend the period of support of the stipend by 1 week.
- 11.7 Award holders may receive up to a maximum of 20 days paid leave for jury service, provided they submit the summons with their application. Approved Jury Service leave will automatically extend the period of support of the scholarship.

### 12 INTERMISSION

- 12.1 Award holders who wish to intermit or suspend their studies must complete the request on in [INSPIRE](#) and submit it at least four weeks before the proposed change (except in the case of illness). The HDR Scholarships Committee may approve a period or periods totaling up to 12 months. In exceptional circumstances (circumstances beyond the student's control), the Committee may approve periods of intermission up to 24 months in total.
- 12.2 The HDR Scholarships Committee will not approve intermission of scholarships in the first six months of scholarship tenure except in exceptional circumstances.
- 12.3 Award holders must notify Student Finance and Scholarships at least three weeks prior to resuming study following a period of intermission.
- 12.4 Award holders who suspend their studies without the approval of the HDR Scholarships Committee will be required to repay any award payments to which they were not entitled.

### 13 TERMINATION OF AWARD

The award will be terminated:

- 13.1 if the award holder ceases to meet the eligibility criteria specified in 2 above, other than during a period of intermission; or
- 13.2 two weeks after the award holder's thesis is submitted or when the award expires, whichever is earlier; or
- 13.3 if at any time, under the provisions of Clauses 4.8 of the [HDR Policy](#) and Clauses 4 and 6 of the [HDR Progression Procedures](#), the College terminates the scholarship recipient's candidature; or
- 13.4 if the award holder ceases to be a full-time student and approval has not been obtained from the HDR Scholarships Committee to hold the award on a part-time basis; or
- 13.5 if the award holder does not resume study at the conclusion of a period of intermission and approval has not been obtained from the HDR Scholarships Committee to extend that period of intermission; or
- 13.6 if the course of study is not being carried out with competence and diligence or in accordance with the offer of the scholarship; or

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- 13.7 if the award holder has committed serious misconduct, including, but not limited to the provision of false or misleading information in relation to holding other scholarships that duplicate this award.

If an award is terminated, it cannot be re-activated unless the termination occurred in error.

### 14 TRANSFER OF AWARD

- 14.1 An award won in competition at Flinders University cannot be taken up at another institution and award holders are expected to complete their candidature at Flinders University.

### 15 HDR MILESTONES

- 15.1 Every HDR student is required to complete a HDR Milestone report in each year of candidature. Refer to Clauses 4.8 of the [HDR Policy](#) and Clause 4 of the [HDR Progression Procedures](#). An award may be terminated if an award holder fails at any time to make satisfactory progress as documented by the HDR Milestone process.
- 15.1 The Scholarships Committee may, at its discretion, require an award holder to submit additional progress reports.

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The conditions contained in this document comply with the Department of Education, conditions of award and must be adhered to by award holders. Scholarships are renewed on an annual basis and Conditions of Award may be amended from time to time to comply with the Department of Education conditions of award. Queries about the Conditions of Award should be directed in the first instance to Student Finance and Scholarships (Flinders University)

Ph: (08) 8201 5511

Email: [hdr.scholarships@flinders.edu.au](mailto:hdr.scholarships@flinders.edu.au)

The Department of Education conditions of award and guidelines for this award can be obtained from <https://www.education.gov.au/research-training-program>