

# Scholarship Application Form

## INTRODUCTION

The late Dr Peter Woodgate was instrumental in setting up SmartSat CRC's structure and governance framework and was the inaugural SmartSat Chair, serving from August 2019 until his sudden unexpected passing in December 2022. Dr Woodgate was heavily involved with the space and geospatial industries for over 30 years. To honour Peter's significant contribution, passion, vision and tireless commitment to the advancement of these industries in Australia and around the world, the **SmartSat CRC Dr Peter Woodgate Scholarships for Earth Observation** will be awarded on an annual basis each year, commencing from 2024 – 2026.

Applications are invited from current or potential Masters by Research or PhD students seeking to undertake study in the field of Earth Observation. The successful recipient will receive a scholarship valued at \$35,000 per year. Masters by Research Scholarships are available for up to 2 years; PhD for up to 3 years.

All SmartSat scholarship recipients within the SmartSat education and training program become valuable members of SmartSat, benefiting from their inclusion in its graduate network, as well as an extensive professional development program that includes opportunities to participate in the SmartSat conference series and networking events.

Our students also benefit from being part of an organisation that links research and industry. SmartSat actively encourages students to undertake periods of placement with industry and end-user partners so they have both academic and industry-based research experience.

**Complete forms must be emailed by the applicant in pdf format (please compile into one file) to [HDR@smartsatcrc.com](mailto:HDR@smartsatcrc.com)**

## ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION CONDITIONS

1. Applicants must be Australian citizens or permanent residents. Special consideration will be given to eligible Australians with an Indigenous background, female applicants and/or applicants from rural or regional areas.
2. Applicants must complete online application form and provide the additional supportive information.
3. Applicants must be enrolled at, or intending to enrol at, a SmartSat [partner university](#).
4. Applicants must have discussed their research with their relevant academic supervisors and secured their support in the form of a letter of support to be provided with their application.
5. Where SmartSat funds the primary scholarship the default position will be that SmartSat owns the intellectual property (IP). The scholarship recipient will be required to assign their IP to the host University to support this. If there are opportunities to commercially exploit the IP then SmartSat will take a generous position in relation to helping the student share in the commercialisation activities and any benefits.

## SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT OBLIGATIONS

Recipients of the SmartSat Peter Woodgate Scholarship will be required to:

1. Maintain a full time enrolment with their host university
2. Maintain satisfactory progress of their research degree;
3. Comply with policies, procedures and codes of conduct of the host university;
4. Participate in the SmartSat induction process at commencement of the scholarship;
5. Participate in SmartSat professional development activities and reviews during the term of the scholarship;

6. Contribute to the achievement of the SmartSat objectives including that of the activating project;
7. Make outcomes from the research available to SmartSat staff and stakeholders;
8. Acknowledge SmartSat support in publications and presentations;
9. Lodge a copy of their completed thesis and any publications with SmartSat for publication through the website and allied channels; and
10. On submission of their thesis, the recipient must provide a Close Out Report to SmartSat which must be submitted within four weeks of the thesis submission.

## CHECKLIST

Please check the following items before submitting your form.

- I am enrolled at SmartSat partner university (provide evidence)
- I am seeking enrolment at a SmartSat partner university (provide evidence)
- My Research is related to Earth Observation
- My Curriculum Vitae / resume is attached
- My university academic transcripts are attached
- I have discussed this application with a University supervisors and included a letter of support
- I have attached a copy of my current Masters/PhD enrolment or admission application form

## PERSONAL DETAILS

**First Name** [Click here to enter text.](#)

**Surname** [Click here to enter text.](#)

**Address** [Click here to enter text.](#)

**Telephone** [Click here to enter text.](#)

**Mobile** [Click here to enter text.](#)

**Email** [Click here to enter text.](#)

**What degrees do you already hold?**

**University Name** [Click here to enter text.](#)

**Degree** [Click here to enter text.](#)

**Year**

**University Name** [Click here to enter text.](#)

**Degree** [Click here to enter text.](#)

**Year** [Click here to enter text.](#)

**Attach details of any other degrees.**

**Attach your academic transcript(s) to this application.**

**Your citizenship** (required by Commonwealth CRC Program) [Click here to enter text.](#)

**Are you Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin?**  Yes  No

**Gender** (required by Commonwealth CRC Program)  Female  Male

## SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

**What is your intended scholarship?**

PhD Full

Masters Full

If research has already started, start date [Click here to enter text.](#)

Expected finish date [Click here to enter text.](#)

## RESEARCH DETAILS

Proposed Research Topic (if known) [Click here to enter text.](#)

In 300 words describe in your own words the area of research proposed. It is helpful to include your interpretation of the problem, proposed solution and potential impact.

[Click here to enter text.](#)

## SUPERVISOR DETAILS AND REPORTS

### Proposed Academic Supervisor(s)

1. University Name [Click here to enter text.](#) Supervisor Name & contact details [Click here to enter text.](#)

2. University Name [Click here to enter text.](#) Supervisor Name & contact details [Click here to enter text.](#)

Academic supervisors are to provide a short confidential report on the PhD candidate including:

- The student's record to date and likelihood of successful and timely completion
- Your experience with the student

(The report should comprise no more than a few paragraphs. Should there be any conflicts of interest these should be noted.)