

# 2024 DAWES SCHOLARSHIP | Full and Top-up

## Instructions to Applicants

### Objectives

The objective of the Dawes Scholarships is to provide support for medical or dental graduates eligible for registration in South Australia; appropriately qualified scientist or health professionals to undertake a HDR (Higher Degree by Research – either a Research Doctorate or Research Masters Course).

The Dawes Scholarship offers a;

- **Full Scholarship**; fixed up to the value of **\$37,500 per annum**, or a
- **Top-up** component to supplement a successful RTP; fixed to the value of **\$7,500 per annum**. RTP's (formerly Australian Postgraduate Awards);
  - provide flexible funding arrangements to support training of students undertaking HDRs at Australian HEPs (Higher Education Provider),
  - deliver graduates with the skills required to build careers in academia and other sectors of the labour market,
  - support collaboration between HEPs and industry and other research end-users.

### Eligibility

Applicants must be Australian citizens or have permanent resident status and be currently residing in Australia. Evidence is to be submitted at the time of application.

This scholarship will be awarded to medical or dental graduates eligible for registration in South Australia or to appropriately qualified science graduates or health professionals for the purpose of receiving training in research methods leading to a higher degree in the University of Adelaide or University of South Australia.

The applicants proposal must directly link and benefit the Royal Adelaide Hospital. This can be through: participant recruitment (Royal Adelaide Hospital patients), sample collection and analysis, or use of clinical trial facilities. The applicant must outline how one or more of the criteria is met in the application form.

### Conditions of award

- Term of the scholarship is up to 3 years (PhD candidates) – No extensions. Scholars are encouraged to apply for other external funding during their first year of scholarship.
- Successful applicants must be enrolled full-time in an appropriate course of study at a university or college (priority will be given to applicants enrolled in a PhD degree). Documentary evidence must be produced to verify that this is the case before the scholarship can commence.
- One supervisor must be a member of the staff of the Royal Adelaide Hospital or SA Pathology the other must be with the University. In the event that there is a change of Supervisor, the Scholarship holder must notify CALHN Research Services ([Health.CALHNResearchGrants@sa.gov.au](mailto:Health.CALHNResearchGrants@sa.gov.au)).
- Attention is also drawn to the regulations of the University of Adelaide and University of South Australia which govern studies for higher degrees. If the principal supervisor does not hold an appointment allowing the supervision of graduate students then it will be necessary to arrange for a second supervisor ("internal supervisor") within the appropriate University department.
- The CALHN Research Scholarships and Fellowships Review Panel reserves the right to recommend that no award be made if in its opinion applicants are not suitably qualified.



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- The project must be based within the Adelaide Biomed City.
- This scholarship is awarded on the basis of available funding through CALHN Research Services and may be withdrawn at any time should insufficient annual funding be made available for this fellowship.
- The Scholarship is required to commence by **1st January 2024**.
- On award of the Scholarship the recipient must contact their **University Graduate Centre** who will be administering this grant. All future correspondence should be directed through the University Graduate Centre and in accordance with the University's regulations, including employment restrictions.
- Successful applicants may be eligible to undertake other paid duties for a maximum of up to **8 hours per week**, provided the University and the scholar's supervisor(s) are satisfied that this will not interfere with the progress of the research project and with the approval of the University.
- This scholarship is not transferrable and no other fellowship or scholarship may be held concurrently (when awarded a "Full" scholarship). Applicants who are subsequently awarded another scholarship are expected to take up that scholarship and relinquish the balance of the full Dawes. If another scholarship is accepted at any other stage during the Dawes award, application for part of any balance of the Dawes award may be applied as top-up funding to supplement the other scholarship to a maximum scholarship award, subject to the approval of the CALHN Research Scholarships and Fellowships Review Panel.
- In the event that a recipient has **already commenced a higher degree**, any time that the recipient has already spent enrolled in the degree prior to this award will be deducted from the maximum three-year term of the scholarship, and the award will be adjusted accordingly with the University Graduate Centre.
- Continuation of the scholarship beyond the first year is subject to satisfactory annual progress report from the recipient's supervisor.
- Successful applicants must submit an **annual progress report, due 1 March** following the first and second year of the scholarship and a **final report** must be provided **within in 3 months of completion of the scholarship period** to the CALHN Research Scholarships and Fellowships Review Panel. The successful applicant may be required to present findings if requested by the CALHN Research Scholarships and Fellowships Review Panel or CALHN Research Services.
- The award may be considered by the Australian Taxation Office to be taxable income and the recipient is advised to seek professional taxation advice.
- Successful recipients must notify CALHN Research Services of **any changes of circumstance** or interruptions that may impact the progress of their candidature. If the work of the recipient of the award is interrupted for a period of time CALHN Research Services may grant an intermission to the tenure of the award. Stipend payments will be withheld during the period of intermission. The award has no provisions to grant paid maternity or parental leave.
- Leave periods which extend the end date of the project must be reported to CALHN Research Services (Health.CALHNResearchGrants@sa.gov.au). Leave without Pay (LWOP) periods will not be funded (thus not extend the funding period), but will push out the end date of the candidature and the project.
- Leave entitlements included in the stipend include the following:
  - 20 working days paid annual leave per year, calculated on a pro-rata basis (accruable). Leave must be taken during the tenure of the award; intermission of candidature is not necessary. Any annual leave that is not taken during tenure will be forfeited.
  - 10 working days paid sick leave per year (accruable), and this does not extend the period of the award.
- In the event that the tenure of the scholarship cannot be completed for whatever reason, any funding remaining against this award will cease, and any balance of funds will be forfeited.
- In addition to University policies, the recipient agrees to accept responsibility for the performance of the study in compliance with all SA Health policies and procedures, WHS and regulatory requirements governing the use of the facilities utilised and agree to carry out the study in accordance with the Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research including any updates or replacements.

<https://www.nhmrc.gov.au/guidelines-publications/r39>

- **Compliance Approvals:** Ethics and Governance approvals are required before commencement of the project.  
Scholarship payments may commence prior to finalising ethics and governance approvals, however, evidence of approvals must be provided within 6 months for the commencement of the Scholarship period to avoid funding being withheld, until these have been submitted.  
Please contact: [Health.CALHNResearchGrants@sa.gov.au](mailto:Health.CALHNResearchGrants@sa.gov.au) for further advice.
- Before and during the tenure of this award the recipient agrees to inform CALHN Research Services in writing of any situation whereby they may not or may no longer be able to abide by these terms and conditions, and agree this information may be used by the CALHN Research Scholarships and Fellowships Review Panel to reassess continued eligibility for this scholarship.
- This scholarship is awarded on the basis of available funding by the CALHN Research Scholarships and Fellowships Review Panel and the Health Services Charitable Gifts Board, and may be withdrawn at any time should insufficient annual funding be made available for this scholarship

## Application Guidelines

- **Please use the 2024 Application Form provided** with these guidelines.
- Applications that exceed specified limits will be discarded. Please do not send hard copies.
- The Application Form must be submitted as a searchable **pdf** document.
- The applicant must provide:
  - a) A full **CV** with current details: full name, title, position, current employer, department, address, telephone and e-mail. Include qualifications, awards and prizes, professional experience (not exceeding three pages), start and end date PhD and specialised training program.
  - b) A signed **Letter of Certification** from the **Head of Department/Division** certifying that appropriate general facilities will be available to the investigator if successful, and that the project will be carried out strictly in accordance with NHMRC Ethical and Scientific Practice Guidelines and,
  - c) A signed **Supervisors Letter of Approval** and assessment from the nominated supervisor(s) indicating their willingness to carry out such supervision.
  - d) **Honours Results** (if applicable). The applicant must provide CALHN Research Services with their Honours result immediately as soon as it is available.
  - e) **Honours supervisor Report** (if applicable). The applicant's Honours supervisor should complete the assessment form provided and forward to CALHN Research Services by the closing date.

## Submitting the Application

- Applications to be submitted by email to [Health.CALHNResearchGrants@sa.gov.au](mailto:Health.CALHNResearchGrants@sa.gov.au).
- The application may be submitted either as one "Application" document with all documents included within the one PDF or as separate documents – with the following naming conventions:  
**Eg: Surname\_2024\_Dawes\_App.pdf**  
Surname\_2024\_Dawes\_CertificationLetter.pdf | Surname\_2024\_Dawes\_CV.pdf  
Surname\_2024\_Dawes\_HonsSupervisor.pdf | Surname\_2024\_Dawes\_PropSupervisor.pdf
- The application document must be a searchable pdf (scanned pages are not accepted).
- The email must include all relevant documents (attached) and include the applicants surname and name of award applying for in the subject heading: eg Subject: Surname | 2024 Dawes (Full and/or Top-up) Scholarship Application

**Applications Close: 4PM Monday 28 August 2023**

### For more information

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