

## Griffith Medical Research College

### GRIFFITH MEDICAL RESEARCH COLLEGE PhD Scholarships – Guidelines

#### PURPOSE

The Griffith Medical Research College will offer two (2) PhD Scholarships to start in 2009. These Scholarships have been established as a one-off initiative to assist the GMRC in its objective of strengthening research collaboration between Griffith University (GU) and the Queensland Institute of Medical Research (QIMR). The GMRC PhD Scholarships' main objectives are:

- (i) To attract talented PhD candidates to the GMRC;
- (ii) To strengthen collaboration between GU and the QIMR under the umbrella of the GMRC by awarding two Scholarships that will complement the work of new or existing collaborations.
- (iii) To provide the GMRC PhD Scholars with support to develop their biomedical research potential; and

**Number: Two (2) Scholarships, each three years in duration, will be awarded for commencement in 2009. The following scholarships will be offered:**

- GMRC-Health Group Scholarship
- GMRC Scholarship

#### ELIGIBILITY

##### Supervisor Eligibility

- Each Scholarship applicant must have at least one co-supervisor employed by the QIMR. In addition:
  - i. GMRC-Health Group Scholarship applicants must have a Griffith University staff member from the Health Group as a co-supervisor.
  - ii. GMRC Scholarship applicants must have a Griffith University staff member as co-supervisor from any Griffith University Faculty, School, Group or Centre.
- The Primary supervisor of the student may be either the Griffith University staff member or a QIMR staff member with a Credentialed GMRC/Griffith University Appointment.
- Each supervisor must have a Griffith University or QIMR full time or fractional academic appointment of 50% OR MORE for the 2009-2011 calendar years.

##### Applicant Eligibility

- Available to both international and domestic (Australian citizens, NZ citizens and Australian permanent residents) applicants.
- PhD fees or other costs for International students will NOT be covered under the Scholarship terms. Evidence of how these costs will be met must be submitted with the application.
- Recipients must reside in Australia for the full term of the Scholarship. In some circumstances, exceptions may be made by GMRC Committee approval.

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- Applicants must be accepted as Griffith University PhD candidate according to University guidelines. The GMRC must be the enrolling element for the entire term of candidature.

### TENURE

- The GMRC PhD Scholarships will be awarded for a period of three (3) years.
- The GMRC PhD Scholarships are tenable on a full-time basis only and the scholar must be located on one of Griffith University's five campuses or at the QIMR. Exceptions to the full time status will be made subject to Griffith University policies for PhD students.
- The Scholarships must be taken up as soon as possible after notice and acceptance of the award and no later than 31st March 2009. Extensions to this start date will be granted in only very exceptional circumstances.
- The GMRC PhD Scholarships will be awarded on a competitive basis

### PhD STIPEND AND SUPPORT

- The GMRC PhD Scholarships will be awarded at the same rate as Australian Postgraduate Awards (APA) (2008 APA awards rate \$20,007 p.a.).
- Travel or removal costs will NOT be provided for the recipient from the GMRC Scholarship award.
- The Total value of the PhD Scholarship will be ~\$25, 000 each year for three years (Total of \$75, 000). Funds not used directly for the stipend component of the award may be used to support the scholars research project (e.g, conference travel, research consumables), at the discretion of the Primary Supervisor.

### APPLICATION PROCESS

- Applications must be submitted to Griffith University using the standard application form ("*Application for Research Higher Degree Candidature and Scholarship*" on the following web site: <http://www.griffith.edu.au/rhd/scholarships/>). The Enrolling element is the GMRC (Health Group).

**Under Section 4 "Research Proposal" the following additional information must be included: "How will this project contribute to strengthening collaboration between Griffith University and the QIMR. (200 words max)"**

- Applicants wishing to be considered for a GMRC PhD Scholarship MUST complete Part B of the application form "*Application for a Research Higher Degree Scholarship*". Under Section 13 "*Scholarship Type*" applicants should tick the "*Other*" box and name either the "GMRC-Health Group Scholarship" and/or the "GMRC Scholarship"
- Applications must reach the Griffith Graduate Research School by 5pm on the advertised **closing date of 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2008**. Late applications will not be accepted.
- An electronic copy must also be e-mailed to the GMRC Executive Officer (Kathy.andrews@qimr.edu.au.)