Announcement of fee-waiver scholarships

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Charles Sturt University would like to increase the number of part-time PhD, Research Professional Doctorate and Master Students. Consequently, each year the Faculty of Business will award a number of fee-waiver scholarships to students who wish to enrol part-time in a research higher degree (or already enrolled) within the Faculty of Business.

Awards will only be available to those who are Australian citizens and New Zealand citizens or have been granted permanent resident status by 31 October of the current year; and have lived in Australia continuously for at least the 12 months prior to 31 October of the current year.

Applicants must have completed at least four years of tertiary education studies at a high level of achievement.

The Faculty of Business invites applications from potential Research and Higher Degree students for 2011 awards. The closing date for applicant is 1 November 2010. The Faculty will rank applicants by academic merit by the end of November 2010. Interested candidates should submit their application in no more than five pages under the following headings:

1) Name and Postal Address (including email address):
2) Nationality (attach evidence):
3) Academic Qualifications, Name of institution(s) and Level of achievements (ie, First class Honors, Distinction average etc. Attach evidence):
4) One page Research proposal:
5) Any other relevant information about your research and achievements (publications etc):
6) Two confidential reference:

Current CSU students need to provide the following additional information

1) Course enrol at CSU and the year of enrolment (eg, PhD, DBA, DIT, Masters):
2) Expected date of completion:
3) Progress made so far (ie, research proposal presented, data collection completed etc.):
4) If you are a DBA student state your achievement in coursework component:
5) It is important that you send a copy of your application to the Principal Supervisor to write a confidential report which needs to be sent directly to A/Professor Kishor Sharma, Sub-Dean (Graduate Studies).
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Fee-waiver Scholarships for part-time Research Higher Degree Study

Conditions of Award

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Eligibility

Awards will only be available to those who:

1. are Australian citizens and New Zealand citizens or:
   • have been granted permanent resident status by 31 October of the current year; and
   • have lived in Australia continuously for at least the 12 months prior to 31 October of the current year.

1.2. Persons who are not members of CSU staff.

2. Criteria

2.1. Applicants must have completed at least four years of tertiary education studies at a high level of achievement, e.g. a three year degree and an Honours year.

2.2. The faculty will rank applicants by academic merit. The applicant’s place in the order of merit will not be affected by age, having applied to another institution, or proposed area of research or study, provided that they fall within the specified research areas of the Faculty and that appropriate supervision is available.

3. Duration of Scholarship
3.1. The maximum duration of the award is normally six years for part-time PhD, four years for part-time DBA and DIT, and two years for part-time Master students, with periods of study already undertaken towards the degree being deducted from the period of tenure.

3.2. Continuation of the award each year to the maximum duration will be depend on the satisfactory progress of the candidate as measured against probationary conditions, stated goals and the timeline presented in the research proposal.

4. Maintenance/Resource Allowance

A resource allowance ($250) is paid per semester (March & August) to support the consumable costs of the student's research. It is essential for the student and the Supervisor to consult on the use of the resource allocation. The relevant Head of School is required to authorise such expenditure.

5. Suspension of Benefits

A student who is unable to pursue his/her study may request suspension of the Scholarship. Supension of the Scholarship will not exceed twelve months. In exceptional circumstances, students may apply for suspensions beyond twelve months and must be approved by the Board of Graduate Studies.

5.1. A student must suspend the Scholarship when a period of leave of absence from the candidature is approved, excluding annual leave and sick leave entitlements.

5.2. During the period of approved suspension the student will not be entitled to receive any benefits from the scholarship. Failure to resume studies after a period of suspension will result in the scholarship being terminated.

Period of study undertaken towards the degree during suspension of the award will be deducted from the maximum period of tenure.

6. Termination

The Scholarship may be terminated:

- If the course of study is not being carried out with competence and diligence or in accordance with the offer, and no suitable alternative arrangements can be made for continuation of the degree.
- If a student is guilty of serious academic misconduct.
- In the event of death, incapacity, resignation or withdrawal of the student;
- If the Scholarship holder does not resume study at the conclusion of a period of suspension, or does not make arrangements to extend that period of suspension.
- If the Scholarship holder fails to maintain satisfactory progress.
If the Scholarship holder accepts another equivalent award, scholarship or salary to undertake their research higher degree providing a greater benefit than the fee-waiver scholarship. In some cases, the Scholarship may be suspended for the period of the concurrent award, scholarship or salary. In such cases, the period of study undertaken towards the research higher degree during suspension of the Scholarship is deducted from the maximum period of its tenure.

If a Charles Sturt University Scholarship is terminated, it cannot be re-activated unless the termination occurred in error.

7. Obligations of Scholarship Holders

The student shall diligently and to the best of their ability apply themselves to the successful completion of the degree.

Regular and frequent consultations with the supervisor must be maintained by the scholar.

The responsibilities of the supervisor towards scholars are those set out the University's policies and guidelines with respect to postgraduate students, available from Heads of Schools.

The student shall abide by the NH & MRC codes on human and animal experimentation, other guidelines of the Australian and New South Wales Governments, and policies and rulings of the University and its committees.

8. Transferability

A Faculty of Business Fee-waiver Scholarship is not transferable to another Faculty or University.

9. Annual Progress Reports

The progress of students in research programs shall be reviewed at least annually by the Board following a report in each case by the candidate and the supervisor. The candidate shall be given the opportunity to review and comment upon the supervisor's comments and recommendation(s).

The Centre for Research and Graduate Training will seek to clarify and resolve any identified difficulties in consultation with the candidate, supervisor and Sub Dean as appropriate.

As a result of the review of progress reports, the Board may endorse continuation of the candidature, exclude a candidate or take such other action as it considers appropriate.
Please forward your complete application to Ms Marlene Hinkley as an email attachment at mhinkley@csu.edu.au by 1 November 2010.

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