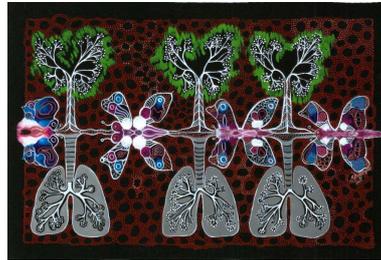


Centre for Research Excellence (CRE) in Respiratory Health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children



SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES AND CONDITIONS

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The Centre for Research Excellence (CRE) in Respiratory Health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children is led by the Menzies School of Health Research and is funded by the National Health and Medical Research Council from 2012-2017. The CRE offers a Scholarship program to support excellent candidates to undertake a PhD in areas relevant to the respiratory health of significance to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children. Scholarships are competitive and subject to review.

The purpose of these Scholarships is to build clinical science and public health research capacity and in doing so, result in improved health and research transfer outcomes for lung health in children, particularly Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

While supported by a CRE Scholarship, successful applicants are expected to apply for external funding which will be used to replace their CRE Scholarship and augment their available research funding.

To be eligible to receive funding, applicants must be enrolled in or satisfy the admission requirements to the Doctor of Philosophy program at their specified university. Applicants are also required to have a Primary Supervisor who is one of the CRE Chief Investigators listed on the CRE web site-

http://www.menzies.edu.au/page/Research/Centres_initiatives_and_projects/Centre_for_Research_Excellence_Lung_health/

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CONDITIONS

1. Commencement

- a. Scholarships are to be taken up on a full-time basis by the commencement date specified in the offer letter.
- b. If the scholar is not able to commence by this date then written permission to commence at a later date must be obtained from the CRE Leadership Group.

2. Duration

- a. Scholarships will be awarded for 12 months in the first instance. Scholars may apply for a second and third year of funding subject to a review of progress by the CRE Leadership Group. To achieve satisfactory progress scholars are required to;
 - i. conduct their project with competence and due diligence; and
 - ii. submit satisfactory annual progress reports for evaluation by the CRE Leadership Group; and
 - iii. complete all milestones as required by the enrolling institution.
- b. Unless otherwise stated in the offer letter, the scholar must be enrolled full time.

3. Other Funding

- a. Scholars cannot hold an externally funded scholarship at the time of application, but are expected to apply for externally funded scholarships during the term of their scholarship.
- b. Should a scholar be awarded an external scholarship during the CRE scholarship period then the CRE scholarship can be used to top-up the external scholarship to a maximum of \$40,000 per annum for the duration of the external scholarship funding, for a maximum of 3 years.
- c. The scholar is required to inform the CRE Leadership Group of any other funding received in a prompt manner and in writing.

4. Reporting

- a. The CRE requires the scholar to provide progress and final reports using the CRE report template. The CRE will contact the scholar in advance of the reporting due date to request the report.
- b. The scholar is required to participate in CRE related research transfer activities. This may include an annual meeting with the Chief Investigators, Associate Investigators, Advisory Board members and other researchers.
- c. The CRE reserves the right to suspend or withdraw funding if reporting requirements are not fulfilled or if the scholar's progress is deemed to be unsatisfactory.
- d. From time-to-time scholars may be required to supply or present information to forums such as CRE meetings, for the CRE Advisory Board or for use in research transfer activities, media releases and/or promotional activities.

5. Finances

- a. All amounts quoted are inclusive of GST.
- b. Scholarships are for the scholar's stipend and are set at the Australian Post-Graduate Award level.
- c. The scholar, in consultation with the Scholarships Office of the administering institution must make an application for tax exemption for the scholarship to the Australian Taxation Office.

6. Intellectual Property (IP)

- a. The scholar's IP will be subject to the policies and guidelines of the Formal Agreement regarding this CRE between the Menzies School of Health Research and the scholar's administering institution.

7. Publications

- a. While supported by the CRE, the scholar is required to acknowledge the 'NHMRC CRE in Respiratory Health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children, grant number 1040830' as their affiliation on all publications and presentations.
- b. Copies of publications resulting from this scholarship are to be attached to reports to the CRE.

8. Termination

The scholarship may be terminated for reasons including:

- a. after due enquiry, it is concluded that the scholar has not complied with the Guidelines and/or Conditions; or
- b. the scholar fails to submit required reports in a timely manner; or
- c. the scholar has not made satisfactory progress; or
- d. the scholar has committed serious misconduct, including, but not limited to the provision of false or misleading information.

9. Administering Institution Internal Purposes Only

- a. The CRE does not fund infrastructure costs.
- b. The CRE will reimburse the scholar's institution as stipulated at the award of the Scholarship. Recipient created tax invoices will be raised by the scholar's institution and submitted to Menzies School of Health Research.
- c. Conditions regarding recreation leave and sick leave will be those of the administering institution.
- d. Ethical approval for the project must be obtained as necessary from the Human Research Ethics Committee of the administering institution.