Sexual Health and Blood-borne Virus Program
Post-graduate Student Scholarship

Two scholarships are available to assist post-graduate or honours degree students to undertake applied research and/evaluation projects sexual health and/or blood-borne virus (HIV, hepatitis C or hepatitis B) related projects. The research project must have a public health or social research focus that will contribute to the prevention of sexually transmitted infections or blood-borne viruses.

Applicants should complete the application form (PART A) and return 5 copies to:

Manager, Sexual Health and Blood-borne Virus Program
Communicable Disease Control Directorate
PO Box 8172
Perth Business Centre WA 6849

Applications close 5pm Friday 25 October 2013

Fax and email applications will not be accepted

INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANTS

Eligibility for the Scholarship
The scholarships are only available to Australian permanent residents or citizens enrolled in post-graduate or honours degree at a Western Australian university. Please read information below “Eligibility for DOH Postgraduate Scholarships”

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students intending to undertake post-graduate studies are encouraged to apply.

Value
The value of the scholarship is up to $5,000 per student and two scholarships will be awarded per academic year.

The funds will be awarded to the host university to administer to the successful applicant. The Department of Health will disperse 50% of the funds upon awarding the scholarships and the final 50% of funds will be awarded to the university upon submission of the final report and evidence that the student has:

- Submitted a paper on the project findings to a peer review journal for publication
- Disseminated the research findings to an appropriate industry and community partners, and
- Submitted the final report to the Department of Health within 18-months of the date of the scholarship approval

Students will also have the option of presenting the project findings at the Quarterly Sexual Health and Blood-borne Viruses Forum, held at Grace Vaughan House, Shenton Park.

The terms and conditions of the scholarship are subject to review from time to time by the Department of Health.
**Offer Dates**
The scholarship applications are open until the last Friday in October each year and offers made within six weeks of the closing date.

**Eligibility for Department of Health Postgraduate Scholarships**
- Applicants must have successfully completed an undergraduate degree course in a discipline relevant to public health at the time of application. If a student has been offered the opportunity for an honours degree, but the final undergraduate course results are not yet known, the Supervisor or Head of Department must certify that the applicant is eligible for enrolment into the honours program.
- Applicants must make all necessary arrangements for acceptance and supervision with a Supervisor or Head of Department and have endorsement included within the application.

**The following information applies to all of the above scholarships:**
The research project must contribute towards an educational program that leads to a recognised postgraduate qualification in a relevant discipline e.g. masters degree in public health.
- Any publication or presentations arising from the research project must acknowledge the financial support of the Sexual Health and Blood-borne Virus Program.
- Applicants may only apply for one DOH scholarship in each round of offers.
- The scholarships apply for study in the year 2014. Funding is for one study year only, therefore applicants who plan to continue to study in the following year need to reapply if further funding is sought.
- Funding is not retrospective and is only available for studies commencing in 2014.

**Assessment of applications**
The original application form (PART A) plus four copies must be submitted by the stated closing date. All applications must include a fully completed application form and attach the supporting documents. Failure to do will make the application ineligible for assessment.

An independent assessment panel of five people will assess each application. To avoid any selection bias or conflicts of interest, the selection of the panel members will ensure that nominated Supervisors or Heads of Department will not be assessing their own students or projects.

Applicants will receive written advice from the Department of Health on the outcome of the panel’s decision. The panel’s decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into between the applicants, the Department of Health or any of the panel members.
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<td>3. Proposed research is supported by appropriate community- and industry-based partners</td>
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Please Note
Applicants are advised to carefully read the ‘Instructions to Applicants’ and ensure all relevant documents are included when submitting an application.

Applicants will be notified of the Department of Health’s decision by mail within six weeks of the closing date.

Queries regarding the application process should be directed to:

Personal Assistant | Sexual Health and Blood-borne Virus Program

t +61 8 9388 4841 | f +61 8 9388 4877
a: Grace Vaughan House, 227 Stubbs Terrace, SHENTON PARK WA 6008
e: shbbvp.gvh@health.wa.gov.au
w http://www.public.health.wa.gov.au/2/1005/0/bursaries_and_scholarships.pm
Sexual Health and Blood-borne Virus Program
Post-Graduate Scholarship Application
PART A

APPLICANT DETAILS
Surname: ____________________________________________________________
First name: _________________________________________________________
Enrolled Course: _____________________________________________________
Proposed School/Department: _________________________________________
University: _________________________________________________________
Postal address for correspondence: ___________________________________
Home address: ______________________________________________________
Preferred Daytime Telephone Number: _________________________________
Email: _____________________________________________________________

Have you completed and attached (tick the box):
[ ] Cover letter (not more than 500 words)
[ ] Completed and 5 copies of the research project outline (not more than 2000 words)
[ ] Applicant’s curriculum vitae (not more than 1000 words)
[ ] Evidence of Australian citizenship or residency
[ ] Evidence of enrolment in a post-graduate or honours degree at a WA university
[ ] Complete academic transcript indicating successful progress towards a relevant degree
[ ] Evidence of Supervisor and/or Head of Department endorsement and support for the project

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w http://www.public.health.wa.gov.au/2/1005/0/bursaries_and_scholarships.pm
Details of Proposed Scholarship Project – PART A

**Project Title:**

**Research hypothesis:**

**Brief description (in plain English suitable for the lay public, not to exceed 200 words):**

**Brief description (in scientific/academic language, not to exceed 1000 words):**
How does this project relate to the prevention and control of sexually transmitted infections and/or blood-borne viruses (not to exceed 500 words)?

How is this research going to advance your career and personal knowledge (not to exceed 250 words)?

Signature of Applicant ___________________________ Date __________________________

Signature of Head of School/Department or Supervisor (indicates acceptance of the applicant, approval of the work proposed and provision of adequate supervision and facilities for the period concerned)

______________________________ Date __________

Head of School/Department or Supervisor details:

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Project Report Guidelines - PART B

Please provide a short and concise final report using the following headings that can be used for submission to a peer-review journal.

Please ensure that the report is 12 point Arial font, single spaced. Page numbers should appear on the bottom right hand corner of each page commencing at page one for the abstract. Report should be a minimum of 4 pages and should not exceed 10 pages (including references).

1. Abstract
   The abstract should not exceed one page and should include a brief synopsis of the methods, results and conclusions.

2. Introduction and rationale
   Please outline how the project relates supports current knowledge and/or interventions in the prevention of STI and/or BBV research.

3. Methods

4. Results

5. Discussion

6. Conclusion

7. Lay description
   This section should be no longer than 100 words. This is a plain English outline of the research outcomes from your project and how they relate to the prevention or treatment of cancer in the future. This section must be suitable for the lay public to clearly understand.

8. Reference list
   Only include those references cited in your report using Vancouver referencing format.

9. Please provide a paragraph outlining how the scholarship has advanced your career and knowledge on sexual health and/or blood-borne virus prevention.