VACATION RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS
Applications close 17 September 2017

UniSA undergraduate students, who in the current year are completing their 2nd, 3rd, 4th or Honours year and have a strong academic record, are offered the opportunity to undertake research for up to 8 weeks with experienced researchers, usually between November and February. The scholarship is expected to be undertaken on a full-time basis (38 hours per week) for the period of the scholarship. Hours/duration of work are to be agreed upon with your supervisor prior to the acceptance and commencement of your project.

The scholarships are provided principally for educational purposes to enable the recipient to engage in, and gain experience in, research. Vacation Research Scholarships are awarded on a competitive basis, based on academic merit.

Purpose
The aims of the Vacation Research Scholarship are to:

- encourage outstanding UniSA students who may be interested in exploring or wish to pursue a higher degree by research
- provide the platform to learn about the principles and practices of undertaking research
- stimulate students’ interest in research and to interact with students and staff who are actively involved in research
- Gauge the research aptitude of the successful applicants.

Summer scholars are expected to participate in an ongoing research project or to undertake a substantial piece of supervised research work, which may result in a report/paper, possibly for publication.

The scholarships are not intended to support the employment of students for routine work or to support the completion of course requirements.

Eligibility
The Vacation Research Scholarships are open to enrolled UniSA undergraduate students who, in the current year, are completing the second, third, fourth or Honours year of their program at the time the scholarship commences.

Only one application per student is permitted each year and scholarships are only awarded to undertake research at UniSA.

Funding
The scholarship will be paid at the rate of $300 per week for the agreed tenure, from a minimum of 4 weeks and up to a maximum of eight weeks. To accommodate the Christmas/New Year closure of 1.5 weeks, the period of tenure may be taken in two blocks of time, subject to approval from the supervisory staff.

How to find a placement
Think about areas in which you would like to research.

You may wish to select an existing project.
View the projects available for 2017/18: unisa.edu.au/vacation-research-scholarships and contact the person listed for the project(s) of your choice to find out more.

Can’t find an existing project in your area of interest, or would like to develop your own project?
In this instance, you will need to identify a potential supervisor. You can:

- approach academics who are known to you (eg lecturers, course coordinators, program directors)
- contact a school for more information:
  - Business
  - Education, arts and social sciences
  - Health sciences
  - Information technology, engineering and the environment
- use the Directory of Research Expertise to identify experts in a given research area.
You should contact the project researcher (whether it is an existing project or your own) to discuss the project before submitting your application. The researcher will be your project supervisor and is required to provide a supporting statement and approve your application.

How to apply

You will need to:

1. Complete the online application via your myUniSA student portal.
2. Submit the Application support form* with your Curriculum Vitae (CV) to the Scholarships and Candidature team, Student and Academic Services: research.students@unisa.edu.au.

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* The Application support form asks for the supervising researcher to provide a supporting statement. If you were previously unknown to the researcher, you are encouraged to submit a separate supporting statement from an academic staff member who can comment on your academic abilities.

Selection

Your application, together with the recommendation for approval, will be forwarded to the relevant Associate Dean: Research Education and the Scholarships and Candidature team, SAS for final selection.

Selection is competitive, based on academic merit and the availability of researchers in your area of interest and unfortunately not all applicants or projects will be funded.

Report

As a condition of the scholarship, successful applicants are required to write a short report (1 or 2 pages) on the research undertaken and submit it a few days before the end of the scholarship period to your supervisor(s), with a copy to the Scholarships and Candidature team, SAS (research.students@unisa.edu.au).

Note: Successful applicants cannot defer the scholarship and must take it up during the time nominated.

Further information

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