



## VACATION RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS for non-UniSA applicants

### Applications close 17 September 2021

Domestic undergraduate students, who in the current year are completing their **2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> or Honours year** and coursework masters' students, who have a **strong academic record**, are offered the opportunity to undertake research for up to 8 weeks with experienced researchers, usually between December 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 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

Vacation Research Scholarships are open to domestic students (Australian citizens or permanent residents, or New Zealand citizens) enrolled in an Australian University who, in the current year, are:

- Completing the second, third, fourth or Honours year of their program at the time the scholarship commences.
- Enrolled in a coursework masters' 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 (24 December 2021– 3 January 2022), the period of tenure may be taken in two blocks of time, subject to approval from the supervisory staff.

#### How to find a project

Think about areas in which you would like to research.

#### You may wish to select an existing project.

View the projects available for 2021/22: [unisa.edu.au/vacation-research-scholarships](https://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:

- contact an Academic Unit for more information:
  - [UniSA Allied Health & Human Performance](#)
  - [UniSA Business](#)
  - [UniSA Clinical & Health Sciences](#)
  - [UniSA Creative](#)
  - [UniSA Education Futures](#)
  - [UniSA Justice & Society](#)
  - [UniSA Stem](#)
- use the [Directory of Research Expertise](#) to identify experts in a given research area
- approach academics who are known to you (eg lecturers, course coordinators, program directors).

**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. Applications without project supervisor approval will not be accepted.

**How to apply**

You will need to:

1. Complete the application form at [unisa.edu.au/vacation-research-scholarships](https://unisa.edu.au/vacation-research-scholarships)
2. Provide a Curriculum Vitae (CV) and all academic transcripts (unofficial transcript print outs are acceptable, but not result notices)

Forward your completed application (that includes the supporting statement and approval from the project supervisor\*) to the **Scholarships and Candidature Team, SAS:** [research.students@unisa.edu.au](mailto:research.students@unisa.edu.au)

**Closing date for your application: 17 September 2021**

\* The application form requires project supervisor approval and supporting statement. If you were previously unknown to the researcher, you are encouraged to submit **an additional** 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 submitted to the Scholarships and Candidature team, Student and Academic Services and forwarded to the relevant Academic Unit for final selection.

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

The Scholarships and Candidature team, SAS will aim to notify applicants by the end of October of the outcome of their application.

**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 with 2 weeks of completing the scholarship period to your supervisor(s), with a copy to the Scholarships and Candidature team, SAS ([research.students@unisa.edu.au](mailto:research.students@unisa.edu.au)).

**Note:** Successful applicants cannot defer the scholarship and must undertake it during the nominated summer period.

**Further information**

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