



SIR ROBERT MENZIES MEMORIAL RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP IN THE

ALLIED HEALTH SCIENCES

The Sir Robert Menzies Memorial Foundation wishes to stimulate research in the allied health sciences and is offering one or two research scholarships in this field. The level of remuneration is **\$27,500 p.a. free of income tax.**

The award will be tenable at an Australian tertiary institution with adequate facilities for post-graduate research in the applicant's discipline. The scholarship will be open to persons who will be working as full-time students in a research PhD program which is likely to be completed during the two year tenure of the scholarship. The applicant will generally have completed the first stage of the PhD project. The successful applicant will be expected to take up the scholarship during the calendar year 2013.

The purpose of the scholarship is to try to improve the health of Australians by supporting an outstanding applicant from one of the non-medical allied health disciplines whose research is likely to fall outside the conventional areas of medical research.

Application forms are available on written request from the Menzies Foundation at the address below or through the Foundation's web site at **www.menziesfoundation.org.au**.

**The Scholarship Officer
The Menzies Foundation
210 Clarendon Street
East Melbourne Vic 3002.**

email: menzies@vicnet.net.au

CLOSING DATE: 30 JUNE, 2012

The Sir Robert Menzies Memorial Research Scholarships in Allied Health Sciences

PROSPECTUS & CONDITIONS OF AWARD

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1.0 GENERAL

The Sir Robert Menzies Memorial Foundation offers one or more scholarships each year for full-time post-graduate research in one of the allied health sciences. Each award is tenable for up to two years at an Australian tertiary institution with facilities for postgraduate research. Graduates in evidence-based disciplines such as clinical psychology, nutrition, nursing, occupational therapy, physiotherapy and speech pathology, are encouraged to apply. Applications from graduates of other allied health disciplines pursuing a PhD in that field will also be considered.

2.0 TENURE

- 2.1 Scholarships are open to persons who are working as full-time students in a research only PhD program which is likely to be completed during the two year tenure of the scholarship. The applicant will usually have completed the first stage of the PhD project.
- 2.2 A successful applicant will be expected to take up the scholarship during the calendar year 2013.

3.0 PURPOSE

- 3.1 The purpose of the scholarship is to try to improve the health of Australians by supporting an outstanding applicant from one of the non-medical allied health disciplines, or from an applicant who is working directly in applied clinical research. Projects in laboratory sciences will not be supported.

4.0 THE AWARD

- 4.1 The scholarship provides emoluments to contribute substantially toward the cost of living, books and charges. The level of remuneration will be \$27,500 per annum, free of income tax. Payments will normally be made to the host institution each quarter.
- 4.2 The award will be for up to two years and is subject to the scholar's satisfactory progress. Each six months, the scholar's institutional supervisor will be expected to submit a written report on the scholar's progress to the Foundation.

5.0 SELECTION

- 5.1 The Scholarship will be awarded on merit to the person or persons who best meet the qualifications and qualities set out in this prospectus. The selection committee, appointed by the Sir Robert Menzies Memorial Foundation, will interview short-listed applicants in Melbourne in mid-August.

6.0 SELECTION CRITERIA AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR AN AWARD

- 6.1 The primary criterion is that of academic excellence, assessed on the basis of the candidate's tertiary performance and publication record. Applicants should list the papers which they have authored and which have been published (or accepted for publication) in refereed journals. This should not include abstracts or papers in preparation.
- 6.2 The selection committee will also give preference to persons with leadership qualities who are likely to make a contribution to the further development of the allied health sciences in Australia.
- 6.3 Applicants must provide a specific research proposal, developed in consultation with the postgraduate supervisor at the institution where the award is tenable.
- 6.4 Applicants must be enrolled as full-time students. The "full-time" criterion means that the applicant should spend not more than 10% of time in clinical practice - unless the clinical practice is providing the subjects for the research project.
- 6.5 Ethics committee approval of the research project is necessary before an award can be made.
- 6.6 Applicants must be Australian citizens of at least five years standing at the time of application.
- 6.7 The Menzies Scholarship cannot be held concurrently with another scholarship or award. However, with prior approval from the Foundation, Menzies Scholars may receive supplementary funding of up to \$5,000 pa from other sources to support conference travel or other activities that will facilitate the successful completion of the scholarship project.

7.0 TERMINATION OF SCHOLARSHIP

The Foundation may terminate a scholarship if:

- (a) the research is not being carried out with competence and diligence; or if satisfactory progress is not being made; or if reporting on the project is unsatisfactory;
- (b) the applicant ceases to be engaged on the project, or is absent from the project for more than one month without prior approval;
- (c) the project, in the opinion of the Foundation, ceases to pursue the approved objectives.

Upon the termination, monies already paid to the organisation and not duly expended or committed shall be returned.

8.0 APPLICATION

- 8.1 Please forward one original single-sided copy and one single-sided photocopy of the completed application form, a recent photograph, and a certified copy of your Academic Transcript(s), to:

The General Manager
The Menzies Foundation
210 Clarendon Street
East Melbourne Vic 3002

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The Sir Robert Menzies Memorial Research Scholarship

ALLIED HEALTH SCIENCES

APPLICATION FORM: CLOSING DATE 30 JUNE, 2012

The application must be presented as an EXACT COPY of this 8 page single sided A4 form

SECTION 1: PERSONAL DETAILS

Family name

Other names

Title (Mr, Mrs, Ms, Miss)

Place of birth

(If not born in Australia, enclose copy of Naturalisation Certificate)

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE:

Telephone *W* (0) **State** *H* (0) **Postcode**

Email **Mobile**

ACADEMIC RECORD:

Please list tertiary qualifications COMPLETED and enclose originals or certified copies of Academic Transcript(s).

Qualifications:

Qualification (eg B App Sc Physio)	Level (eg H1, HD)	Institution	Year Awarded

PRIZES AND AWARDS:

Please list any prizes and awards that you received during your academic career.

Prize/Award	Institution	Year of Award

RELEVANT EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE:

Position	Organisation/Institution	From	To

PUBLICATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS:

Please list your publications in refereed journals and presentations at conferences. Also list your extra-curricular activities and achievements which you think will be of interest to the Selection Committee.

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Publications, presentations and other achievements (continued):

[Empty box for publications, presentations and other achievements]

SECTION 2: HOST INSTITUTION

Institution at which research will be carried out

Name

Address

Postcode

Responsible Officer of the Institution (eg. Bursar, Registrar/Research Officer)

Name

Title

Telephone

Email

SECTION 3: PROJECT DETAILS

Project Title:

When did the project commence?

When will the thesis be submitted for examination?

What specialist skills essential to the success of the project are not available within the project team (e.g. in statistical techniques, economic analysis etc.) and how is it proposed that this be overcome?

SECTION 4: ABSTRACT

DO NOT TYPE OUTSIDE THIS FRAME

Please describe the project in not more than 250 words. If the application is successful, the abstract may be used in future Menzies Foundation publications. It should therefore be comprehensible to persons outside your own discipline.

SECTION 5: CERTIFICATION

Certification is required from the institution's Ethics Committee, the Supervisor and the Responsible Officer.

Without these three Certifications, the application cannot proceed.

1. Certification by Ethics Committee *(This certification is the responsibility of the applicant.)*

PLEASE CIRCLE (a) OR (b) AND SIGN:

(a) I certify that the application has been referred to the institution's Ethics Committee, the report of which is included with this application.

OR

(b) I certify that the application has been referred to the institution's Ethics Committee, the report of which will be forwarded to the Executive Director of the Menzies Foundation.

Signature of applicant Date

2. Certification by Supervisor

I certify that the candidate, if successful, will be carrying out a program of full-time research leading to the Degree of

I expect the thesis to be submitted for examination not later than (month) (year)

Name *Prof/Dr/etc* (BLOCK LETTERS)

Department

Signature of Supervisor Date

3. Certification by Responsible Officer of the Institution

I certify that this project is appropriate to the general facilities of this Institution and, if successful, will be administered and supported by the Institution.

Signature of Responsible Officer Date
(eg Bursar, Registrar, Research Officer)

SECTION 6: REFEREES

Please give the names and postal addresses of three referees who can be approached by the Menzies Foundation. One should be the designated supervisor of the proposed research project; the second should be able to comment authoritatively on the quality of the applicant's academic qualifications; the third should be a personal referee who has known the applicant for some years and is therefore able to comment on his/her personal qualities.

(a) Supervisor: Title _____ First Name _____ Last Name _____
Institution _____
Full Postal address _____
State _____ Postcode _____
Telephone: (0) _____ Fax: (0) _____
Email _____

(b) Academic: Title _____ First Name _____ Last Name _____
Institution _____
Full Postal address _____
State _____ Postcode _____
Telephone: (0) _____ Fax: (0) _____
Email _____

(c) Personal: Title _____ First Name _____ Last Name _____
Full Postal address _____
State _____ Postcode _____
Telephone: (0) _____ Fax: (0) _____
Email _____

PART 7: How did you become aware of the Menzies scholarship?

Internet site: _____ Previous recipient? YES NO
Uni/Hospital/workplace (eg noticeboards, email, colleague): _____
Other - please provide details (eg professional association): _____

PART 8: LODGEMENT

Attachments will not be circulated to the Selection Committee. Please return one *single sided* original and one *single sided* photocopy of this form together with the Insert (pages 7 and 8 following) describing your project, a recent portrait photograph and your original or certified copy Academic Transcripts to:

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FULL DETAILS OF RESEARCH PROJECT

The application should be completely described on this Insert which may be sent to external assessors. Do NOT exceed the two pages provided. The typeface must not be smaller than 10 point. Proposals should be comprehensive with a clear outline of the research methodology, using the following headings:

- 1. **Project Title:**
- 2. **Background:** *Describe the background to and the need for the project. Outline its significance to Australia. Up to six scientific references may be included.*
- 3. **Objectives and Hypothesis:** *State clearly your objectives and hypothesis.*
- 4. **Research Plan:** *Describe the experimental design, including subject numbers. Describe also the groups, measurements and procedures that will be used.*

Background, Objectives and Research Plan *(Continued)*

OFFICE USE ONLY

FILE NO:

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MENZIES FOUNDATION

The Sir Robert Menzies Memorial Research Scholarship in the **ALLIED HEALTH SCIENCES**

Instructions for Applicants

Applications should be typewritten on the standard single sided form. (Minimum acceptable size is 10 point.) Failure to complete any section will affect review of this application.

The application should include the following items with no other attachments:

1. The completed single-sided application form and one A4 single-sided photocopy.
2. Original or certified copies of Academic Transcript(s) and one photocopy.
3. A recent portrait photograph for possible use on the web and in publications.
4. A certified copy of a Naturalisation Certificate (if not born in Australia) and one photocopy.

Please note:

5. Fill in all relevant boxes. **Do not** include a CV and **do not** put "See attachment".
6. **SECTION 5:** *Without these three certifications, the application cannot proceed.*
The application form must be signed (page 5) by:
 - Yourself after selecting Ethics statement (a) or (b)
 - Your Supervisor
 - The Responsible Officer of the Institution
7. Some projects are referred for comment to additional external assessors who receive **only** pages 7 and 8. The project should therefore be completely described in these two pages.

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