



Summer Scholarship Program

2020 / 2021

On the presentation day, we felt like a powerhouse of undergraduate Western Sydney Researchers

This program was the most intense and fulfilling experience of my academic career so far

It gave me an insight into research as a student and I will be forever thankful that I was given this opportunity

I gained countless skills during the placement – it allowed me to experience research in the real world

SUMMER SCHOLARSHIP PROCESSES

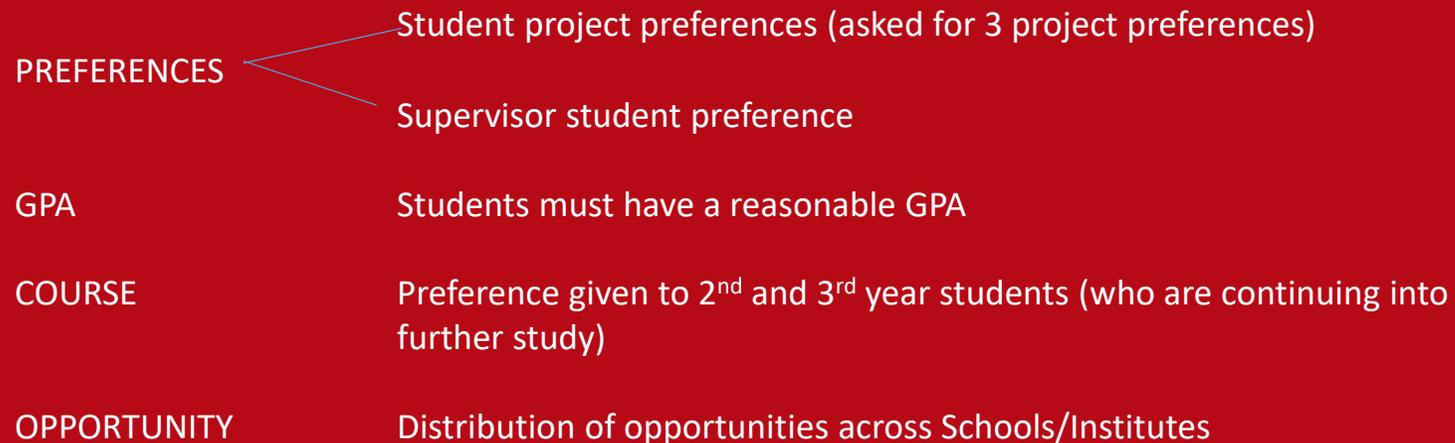


2019/2020 student cohort at the Presentation Day

1. Call for project proposals from Schools and Institutes ✓
2. Student Applications – through Jobs on Campus – including meeting with Supervisors
3. Supervisors asked for input on preferred candidates
4. Allocation of student to project
5. This year will be very competitive – last year we awarded 124 scholarships. This year we anticipate around 60 given budget constraints due to COVID19.

STUDENT ALLOCATION

- Main aim of program is to provide as many opportunities for students as possible and to invest in undergraduate students to encourage future research students
- The allocation process considers the following:



EXAMPLE of how project allocation works

PROJECT 1	PROJECT 2	PROJECT 3
Student A (1 st Pref: GPA 6) Student B (2 nd Pref: GPA 5.5) Student C (1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd Preference: GPA 5.0) Student D (2 nd Preference GPA 6.7)	Student A (2 nd Pref: GPA 6) Student B (3 rd Pref: GPA 5.5) Student D (1 st Pref: GPA 6.7)	Student A (3 rd Pref: GPA 6)
Supervisors Preferred: Student A	Supervisors Preferred: Student D	Supervisors Preferred: Student C

What you need to consider

- These are **FULL TIME** scholarships. You will be required to complete 280 hours of work over what equates to about 10 weeks (taking into account the Xmas shutdown).
- There will be flexibility with being on campus, working hours etc. But the equivalent of 35 hours per week over the scholarship period will be required. If you are completing Summer Units, or working over Xmas, please consider the workload.
- Treat the meeting/phone call/email with your supervisor as an interview. You want them to put your name forward as the preferred student for their project.
- Choose three different projects with your preference choices. This makes a HUGE difference as to whether you are considered for a Scholarship at all.
- If you do take up the Scholarship and then choose to withdraw, and you have been paid, the University MAY elect to recover those funds. Of course, this depends on the circumstances around the withdrawal.

Student Timeline

- 14 Sep 2020 Applications open
- 18 Oct 2020 Applications close

If successful, you must be available to attend an Orientation on Monday 30 November 2020 and a Presentation Day on Monday 15 February 2021. The suggested working dates for the program are:

- 30 Nov 2020 – 15 Dec 2020 Orientation, project design and aims, and commence research
- 16 Dec 2020 - 3 Jan 2021 Holiday shut down (no work, University is closed)
- 4 Jan 2021 - 15 Feb 2021 Resume research project and Final Presentation/Report

Application Process

STEP 1: Review the research project descriptions and select three project preferences

www.westernsydney.edu.au/jobsoncampus.

- Please note it is recommended that you choose more than one preference. If you choose only one preference, there is a greater possibility of not being allocated a project.

STEP 2: Download the 'Confirmation of Meeting with Supervisor Form' for each project preference.

Attachments

-  001-012 School of Medicine.pdf
-  013-017 School of Business.pdf
-  018-020 School of Computer, Data and Mathemati.pdf
-  021-026 School of Engineering.pdf
-  027-030 School of Humanities and Communication.pdf
-  031-048 School of Health Sciences.pdf
-  049-058 Hawkesbury Institute for the Environme.pdf
-  059-060A School of Law.pdf
-  061-071 MARCS Institute.pdf
-  072-082 NICM Health Research Institute.pdf
-  083-092 School of Nursing and Midwifery.pdf
-  093 School of Psychology.pdf
-  094-101 School of Science.pdf
-  102-110 School of Social Sciences.pdf
-  111-113 Translational Health Research Institut.pdf
-  114-115 Institute for Culture and Society.pdf
-  JOC021 - Summer Scholarship Research Program -.pdf
-  Meeting with Supervisor Confirmation 2020.pdf

Meeting with Supervisor



Meeting with the project supervisor/s is MANDATORY.

- Make contact with the project supervisor/s, this should be done via email initially and you are strongly encouraged to speak with the supervisor/s via zoom or a phone call.
- You must complete the **‘Confirmation of Meeting with Supervisor Form’** and upload to your application.
- Failure to submit your meeting with supervisor form through the application process may result in not being selected to take part in the program.
- *This form is located in CareerHub under the opportunity attachments*

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When you meet with project supervisors

You will need to make contact with the project supervisors as part of the application process. This should be done via email initially and you are strongly encouraged to speak with the supervisor(s) via zoom or a phone call. The meeting should be an informal discussion and is not considered an interview.

Please complete this form to confirm that you have met with the supervisor(s) and discussed the requirements for each of your project preferences.

Please attach the signed form(s) to your online application.

Tips for the meeting

- Read the project description prior to meeting with the supervisor(s)
- Do some research on the project topic and on the supervisor(s) if possible
- Seek clarification of terms/concepts in the project description
- Prepare some questions to ask the supervisor(s) (e.g. what will be expected of me if I am successful in gaining this project?)
- Understand the research environment you will work in if successful (e.g. what challenges may be faced due to COVID-19 restrictions, where you will be based, what lab/office you will work in, what equipment/resources will be available for you).
- Be well presented and punctual to the meeting
- Be ready to describe your skills and ability to complete the project

Date of Meeting	
Student Name	
Student Number	
Project Name	
Project Number	
Supervisor's Name	
Supervisor's Signature	

If you have any questions please contact the Summer Scholarship Coordinator via email on studentresearch@westernsydney.edu.au

Application Process

STEP 3: Make contact with supervisors for ALL three of your project preferences. Supervisor contact details are listed in the attached project descriptions

STEP 4: Prepare your responses to the essential criteria and your resume

STEP 5: Complete the online application form on CareerHub
<https://careerhub.westernsydney.edu.au/Form.aspx?id=896157>

Jobs on Campus - Summer Scholarship Research Program (JOC021/2020)

Any application that is saved as a draft is marked "Incomplete" and will not be considered. Please ensure that you finalise your application and PRESS SUBMIT before 11:59pm of the closing date.

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Summer Scholarship Research Program Application Form
Jobs on Campus - Summer Scholarship Research Program (JOC021/2020)

Applicant Details

*** Name**
First Name Last Name

*** Student Number**

*** Address**
Address

City State

Country Postcode

*** Email Address**
PLEASE NOTE: The email that automatically displays is the email from your profile. If you make any changes to the email on your application form, you MUST also update and confirm the email address on your profile. When communicating with you, we will use your profile email address.

*** Phone Number**

Preference Selection



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Project Preferences

Please note: it is recommended that you choose more than one preference. If you choose only one preference, there is a greater possibility of not being allocated a project.

Project Preference 1

Please indicate your first project preference here:

★ Pref 1: School/Department

The project list will be released after you select a school/department below: It is strongly recommended that you choose more than one preference. If you choose only one preference, there is a greater possibility of not being allocated a project.

★ Pref 1: Statement of Interest

Please provide a brief statement indicating why you are interested in this project

Project Preference 2 (Optional)

Please indicate your second project preference here: It is strongly recommended that you choose more than one preference. If you choose only one preference, there is a greater possibility of not being allocated a project.

★ Pref 2: School/Department

The project list will be released after you select a school/department below:

Project Preference 3 (Optional)

Please indicate your third project preference here:

★ Pref 3: School/Department

The project list will be released after you select a school/department below: It is strongly recommended that you choose more than one preference. If you choose only one preference, there is a greater possibility of not being allocated a project.

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Example:

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★ Pref 1: School of Medicine

- Project 1 - Helicoverpa armigera (Caterpillar) as a neurodegenerative disease model
- Project 2 - 'The Gambling Bug'- gambling in Aboriginal communities
- Project 3 - Review of Indigenous Health Unit in the PG Diabetes Course
- Project 4 - Scoping review of the intersection between homosexuality and religiosity
- Project 5 - Mechanism of dopamine release from dopaminergic amacrine cells in the retina
- Project 6 - Development of dopaminergic cells in the mammalian retina
- Project 7 - Validation of a childrens healthy lifestyle questionnaire
- Project 8 - Evaluation of the Diabetes Contraception And Pre-pregnancy Program (DCAPP) among health care professionals
- Project 9 - Scoping inclusive terminology for diversity in Australian health services
- Project 10 - Factors associated with mortality rates among admitted patients with Diabetes in South Western Sydney (2011-2018)
- Project 11 - Coventry Diabetes Study Follow Up: Diabetes in UK South Asians-A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis
- Project 12 - Machine learning for proteomic mass spectrometry

★ Pref 1: Statement of Interest

Please provide a brief statement indicating why you are interested in this project

Application Form

After starting your application you can save it as a draft before submitting.

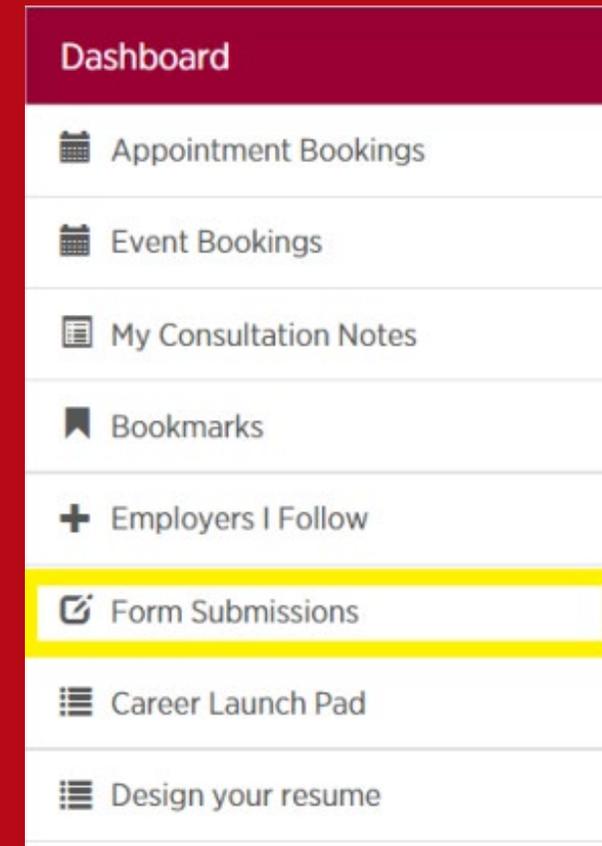
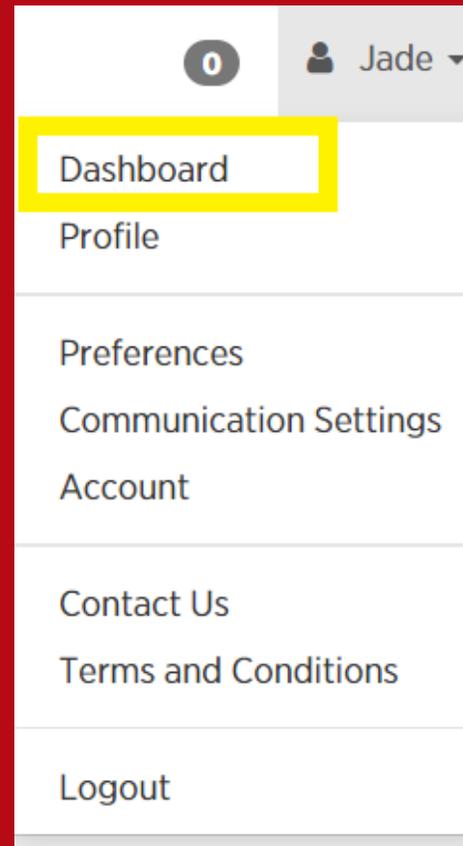
- This allows you to work on your application progressively.

Ensure to address the selection criteria by:

- Writing AT LEAST one to two paragraphs
- Using actual EXAMPLES from your work, study or community
- EXPLAINING what you have done, how well you did it, what you achieved, and how it relates to the requirements of the role.

To access your draft application:

- Click your name and select 'Dashboard'
- Select 'Form Submission'
- Select your 'Draft'



Questions???

If you have any questions regarding the application process please ask now.

Application Questions: email the Jobs on Campus Teams jobsoncampus@westernsydney.edu.au

Project Questions: Email the supervisor listed in the project brief.