



# Jobs on Campus

## Summer Scholarship Research Program (JOC021/2020)

Employer:	Office of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research, Enterprise & International)
Number of scholarships:	Up to 115 from various disciplines
Application close date:	Sunday 18 October 2020 (11.59pm)
Information Sessions:	Friday 18 September 2020 and Friday 9 October 2020
Start date and duration:	Monday 30 November 2020 to be completed by Monday 15 February 2021
Scholarship:	\$3,500
Location:	Various Western Sydney University campuses

### Details

Western Sydney University has an excellent opportunity available for undergraduate students wanting to learn more about university research, in particular higher degree research. The Summer Scholarship Research Program is designed to provide students with a placement in a formal research environment supervised by leading Western Sydney University academics.

Students will gain experience in carrying out a research project and presenting their findings in a report and presentation. Western Sydney University is offering a range of project choices in various Schools and Institutes across a number of research fields.

Scholarships are available to currently enrolled Western Sydney University undergraduate students and will be awarded on a competitive basis. Students can nominate up to 3 projects of interest. Whilst every effort will be made to accommodate project preferences, the Selection Committee will have final determination in the allocation of projects. 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.

### Application Information sessions

Application information sessions will take place on Friday 18 September, 2020 and Friday 9 October 2020 via zoom from 9.30am to 10.00am. These sessions will provide information regarding the application process and give students the opportunity to ask any questions they may have regarding the program. To confirm your attendance please complete the online booking form via [CareerHub](#). You will be emailed the meeting link once you have submitted your booking. Please note the information session will provide information regarding the application process only, not particular project information.

### Program timeline

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

## ELIGIBILITY-CURRENT WESTERN SYDNEY UNIVERSITY UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ONLY

### ESSENTIAL CRITERIA

- Ability to participate for the entire duration of the program (30 November 2020 to 15 February 2021) and attend Orientation (30 November 2020) and Presentation day (15 February 2021)
- Genuine interest in taking part in further university research and desire to develop research skills and techniques
- Strong written communication skills including the ability to write reports
- Strong verbal communication skills including the ability to present clearly and persuasively
- Highly motivated, enthusiastic and able to work within a group
- Australian citizenship, permanent residency or appropriate visa

### Application procedures

- STEP 1:** Review the research project descriptions and select three project preferences [www.westernsydney.edu.au/jobsoncampus](http://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.
- 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>

### APPLICATION ADVICE

You must address each selection criterion listed above. This is your opportunity to demonstrate to the Selection Committee that you have the skills required.

Provide detail about your relevant skills, qualifications and experience to demonstrate how you meet each criterion. Give specific examples and emphasise your achievements. You can provide examples from a range of your experience including paid and unpaid employment, university studies, community and sporting groups. There is no word limit on your response, aim for about half a page of information.

Ideally you should prepare responses to each of the selection criteria in a Word document before you start your online application. This will allow you plenty of time to prepare your information as you may be timed-out of the online form. Please make sure you use the spell check function, as there is no facility in the online application form. Then you can cut and paste the information from Word into the online application form.

Guides to assist in preparing your application and addressing selection criteria are available on the CareerHub website: <https://careerhub.westernsydney.edu.au/> under 'Resources'.

#### Contact details

##### Online application advice

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##### General advice on the program

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