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Dear Prospective Student

**SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INTERNATIONAL HIGHER DEGREE RESEARCH STUDENTS TO  
COMMENCE IN 2012  
ON OFFER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

Thank you for your enquiry regarding undertaking postgraduate studies at The University of Western Australia (UWA). The International Postgraduate Research Scholarships (IPRS) and the Scholarships for International Research Fees (SIRF) at the University of Western Australia are available for postgraduate research degrees. These scholarships are available for study across all research disciplines at UWA.

Applications for to undertake study in 2012 opened online on Tuesday, 18 October 2011. These scholarships are for study in 2012. Applications will close online on Friday 2 March 2012.

Links to further information about the IPRS and SIRF scholarships, and other international postgraduate research scholarships is available at <http://www.scholarships.uwa.edu.au/home/postgrad/international>.

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**International Postgraduate Research Scholarships (IPRS) and Scholarships for International Research Fees (SIRF) scholarships** – applications for these scholarships are now open.

The IPRS and the SIRF scholarships cover the cost of tuition fees and health insurance or OSHC only. A living allowance scholarship (either a UPAIS – University Postgraduate Award International Student or a UIS – University International Stipend) may be awarded in conjunction with the IPRS and the SIRF scholarships.

**Applications are by an online application form – further information and links to the iAthena online application form can be found at**

<http://www.scholarships.uwa.edu.au/home/postgrad/international/iprs>

The IPRS and SIRF awards are available for students undertaking **Masters by research or PhD degrees only**. They are not available for coursework degrees or postgraduate diplomas. In addition, these scholarships are awarded only in areas in which The University of Western Australia has specialised research strengths.

Please read the following information carefully to ensure that you **are eligible to apply** for the IPRS and SIRF awards and other international postgraduate scholarships. Meeting the following eligibility criteria is also essential for an applicant to be considered to be granted admission for a higher degree study place.

Competition for these awards is extremely keen as only a limited number of international postgraduate research scholarships are offered at UWA each year. **Only applicants with exceptional academic records (first class Honours degree or equivalent as a minimum), research experience and research training, and English proficiency to the following standards will be considered for these scholarships:**

<b>Qualification through Year 12 English or equivalent</b>	Proof of WA TEE (Year 12) or equivalent Pass in English, English Literature or English as a Second Language – Australian study only.
<b>GCE Ordinary Level English</b>	C6 or higher
<b>TOEFL (Paper-Based total) – only accepted when iBT TOEFL test unavailable to applicant</b>	580 overall score, with 4.5 in the Test of Written English
<b>iBT TOEFL (Internet-based test score)</b>	95 overall score, with 22 for reading and listening, 24 for speaking and 23 for writing
<b>IELTS (Academic test)</b>	6.5 overall score, with no less than 6.0 for speaking and listening, and no less than 6.5 for reading and writing
<b>IELTS – DentalSchool</b>	7.0 overall score, with no band less than 7.0
<b>IELTS – LawSchool</b>	7.5 overall score, with no less than 7.0 for speaking and listening, and no less than 7.5 for reading and writing
<b>Pearson Test of English (PTE) Academic</b>	64 overall, with no less than 64 for reading and writing, and no less than 54 in all other sections
<b>Pearson Test of English (PTE) Academic – LawSchool</b>	70 overall, with a minimum of 70 in all sections
<b>Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English</b>	B grade
<b>CELT Academic Bridging Course</b>	Overall B+, with no less than a B+ for reading and writing, B for listening and speaking

\*\*\*\*\*In view of the above being minimum requirements to be eligible to be awarded a scholarship for study at The University of Western Australia, you may need to meet a different criterion of English proficiency testing in order to apply for a student visa - you **MUST** check the Department of Immigration and

Citizenship (DIAC) website to ensure your level of English proficiency and relevant testing meets DIAC requirements for the Classification and Assessment levels for your country - <http://www.immi.gov.au/index.htm>

Please note - **It is not sufficient for you to claim your education has been fully or partially conducted in English. We must have documentation that provides accepted quantitative evidence such as the acceptable tests listed in the above table.** Please also note that usually English test scores must be less than 2 years old. The only exception to this rule is students who have already enrolled at The University of Western Australia. **No country is granted automatic exemption to the need to provide documented proof of English proficiency – completing study at another Australian university does not provide automatic exemption.**

**To be deemed to have achieved the equivalent of First Class Honours, a student must be able to demonstrate that they have sufficient research training and experience to be eligible to enter higher degree study. This means that they have produced a thesis or dissertation in a four-year degree that equates to at least 25 % of their final mark. This mark must be of a high standard – 75% or more is expected. The student may also have publications or have undertaken work as a researcher. Any applicant who cannot provide documented proof of sufficient research experience and training will not be considered for a Masters by Research or PhD place and will be ineligible for a scholarship.**

IPRS and SIRF awards cover the Full-Fee cost of the course and the Overseas Student Health Cover charge. UWA provides a living allowance of \$AU27,228 per annum (in 2012) for successful IPRS and SIRF applicants and an allowance for thesis production costs. **Travel and relocation costs are the responsibility of the applicant.**

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**China Scholarships** – These scholarships are for PhD study only. Information on these awards and a link to the online application form is available at [http://www.scholarships.uwa.edu.au/home/postgrad/international/china\\_sch](http://www.scholarships.uwa.edu.au/home/postgrad/international/china_sch) . Online applications for China Scholarships to undertake study in 2012 are now open. Applications will close online on Friday 2 March 2012.

Applicants who are citizens and resident in China at the time of application, and enrolled in a Chinese University, may apply for a UWA China Scholarship to cover the cost of tuition fees and student health insurance - if successful in securing a UWA China Scholarship prospective students are sent the offer of a PhD place. This offer is then used to apply to the China Scholarship Council (CSC) for a living allowance scholarship. The CSC will give preference to graduates from the 985 and 211 Program Chinese universities.

The CSC, on behalf of the Chinese Government, will provide a living allowance of \$AU20,400 pa plus a return airfare to Australia by the most economical route, and pay visa application fees.

If you are awarded a China SIRF Scholarship by UWA, **you must also secure a China Scholarship Council (CSC) scholarship to provide you with a living allowance.** UWA China Scholarships only cover the cost of tuition fees, health insurance. UWA will also provide a \$AU6,000 pa Top-Up or supplementary scholarship to the CSC living allowance.

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**India Scholarships** - These scholarships are for PhD and Masters by Research study. Information on these awards and a link to the online application form is available at [http://www.scholarships.uwa.edu.au/home/postgrad/international/india\\_sch](http://www.scholarships.uwa.edu.au/home/postgrad/international/india_sch) . Applications for India

Scholarships are now open. Applications will close online on Friday 2 March 2012. These scholarships are for study in 2012.

UWA India Scholarships cover 50% only of the Full-Fee cost of the course and the Overseas Student Health Cover charge. UWA provides a living allowance of \$AU27,228 per annum (in 2012) for successful India Scholarship applicants and an allowance for thesis production costs. **Travel and relocation costs are the responsibility of the applicant. Students must provide documented proof of their ability to pay 50% of their tuition fees for up to two years for a Masters degree and up to four years for a PhD – this documentation should be provided at the time of application for an India Scholarship.**

This scholarship will cover fifty-percent (50%) of all tuition fees for up to 4 years, as well as Overseas Student Health Cover, and provides a full living allowance scholarship. Applicants must:

- be citizens of and residents in India at the time of application;
- be able to commit to funding personally, or have a commitment from a recognised sponsor, fifty percent (50%) of the full tuition fees for up to 4 years. A recognised sponsor may be a government department, university, employer or other organisation approved by UWA;
- demonstrate English language proficiency to an acceptable standard (see <http://www.studyat.uwa.edu.au/postgrad/doctorates/admission/english> for more information)
- have completed a relevant undergraduate degree requiring at least four years of study with First Class Honours, or the equivalent
- be prepared to enrol as a full-time candidate for a higher degree by research.

**Travel and relocation costs are the responsibility of the applicant.**

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Scholarship students are only permitted to work limited hours and must enrol full-time so it is extremely important that students have a source of funds on which to live while they carry out their studies.

If you meet all admission requirements and are selected to receive a tuition fee scholarship from The University of Western Australia (UWA), then you will receive an offer letter. Successful applicants will normally be expected to start their PhD study program at UWA within *a restricted time* of the scholarship being awarded. Applications for all international postgraduate scholarships are by [online form](#) only.

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**The value of living allowance scholarships, both full and supplementary or top-up, is wholly within the discretion of the UWA Scholarships Committee. The Committee will take various factors into consideration, when setting an annual stipend rate. This rate will be reviewed annually and the annual value may be varied up or down in subsequent years from the amount initially quoted in the year of commencement.**

If you wish to apply for any of the above awards it is essential that you contact the individual UWASchool in which you are interested in undertaking research. The School must be able to confirm that your proposed research topic is in an area of research strength which is well supported by external research funding. They must also be able to provide appropriate expertise and supervision for the research project. You must have agreement from a prospective UWA supervisor before you apply for a scholarship – this means that you can nominate a UWA supervisor who is committed to supervising your research for the duration of your degree studies.

A list of Faculties, Schools and Centres may be found by following the links from:

<http://directory.uwa.edu.au/structure> . A list of Postgraduate Contacts within specific Schools and Discipline Groups may be found at: <http://www.postgraduate.uwa.edu.au/page/41554>. You can also search for UWA staff with particular areas of research expertise by looking at: <http://research.publishing.uwa.edu.au/>

International students may apply for an Australian Government Scholarship (AusAID) which are available in selected developing countries. Please check with the Australian Diplomatic Mission in your home country for details or look at <http://www.ausaid.gov.au/> .

You may also be eligible to apply for other Australian Government Scholarships under the Endeavour scheme - <http://www.deewr.gov.au/International/EndeavourAwards/InternationalApplicants/Pages/PostgradAwards.aspx> . Through the Endeavour Awards, the Australian Government provides opportunities for high achieving international students, researchers and professionals to undertake short or long term study, research and professional development in Australia in a broad range of disciplines. For details of Awards available by country of citizenship or residency, please go to the [participating countries page](#).

If you are unable to obtain a scholarship, it is essential to remember that you must have private funds to support your studies – you must be able to meet all costs including tuition fees. A link to a list of international student tuition fees can be found at <http://www.studyat.uwa.edu.au/postgrad/doctorates/fees> . A student visa for Australia will be granted only upon confirmation of your ability to fund your studies. Please contact the University's International Centre directly if you require further information about postgraduate admission as a full-fee paying student - email: [international@uwa.edu.au](mailto:international@uwa.edu.au) The International Centre also has an on-line information booklet on studying at UWA and living in Perth - this book is very informative and provides detailed information for prospective students <http://www.studyat.uwa.edu.au/>

Kind regards

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