

**Office of Graduate Studies
Commercialisation Training Scheme (CTS)
For Domestic Students**



Information Sheet for Applicants - 2008

The Commonwealth Government is providing funds to support research commercialisation training for a limited number of domestic Research Higher Degree students. The scheme is NOT available to international students. The closing date for applications is 20 March 2008.

The objective of the CTS is to provide high quality research commercialisation training for the next generation of Australian researchers as a means of equipping them with the skills, knowledge and experience necessary to bring research-based ideas, inventions and innovations to market.

The funding covers the tuition fees of a Graduate Certificate in Innovation and Commercialisation and also provides a living allowance (pro-rata, part-time APAI rate).

The Program

The Graduate Certificate in Innovation and Commercialisation is a postgraduate qualification offered online, on a trimester, part-time basis only, via Gradschool.com. Scholarship recipients must complete the program in trimesters 2 and 3. The program requires the completion of four courses - three core courses and one elective. Course descriptions are available through the following website: <http://www.newcastle.edu.au/program/postgraduate/2008/12000.html>

Core Courses

GENG 6005 Engineering Practice, Innovation and Commercialisation	Tri 3	Gradschool.com
GENG 6006 Research and Development – Managing Intellectual Property	Tri 2	Gradschool.com
GSBS 6020 Management and Organisational Behaviour	Tri 2 Tri 2 Tri 3	Gradschool.com NGSB NGSB

Electives

GSBS 6503 Project Management	Tri 2	NGSB
GSBS 6200 Accounting and Financial Management	Tri 2 Tri 3	NGSB NGSB
GSBS 6031 Marketing Research	Tri 2 Tri 3	Gradschool.com NGSB
GSBS 6162 Entrepreneurship	Tri 3	Gradschool.com

2008 Trimester 2 and 3 Dates

Trimester 2 Commences	Monday 19 May 2008
Trimester 2 Concludes	Friday 8 August 2008
Trimester 2 Stuvac	Monday 11 August to Wednesday 13 August 2008
Trimester 2 Examinations	Thursday 14 August to Friday 22 August 2008
End of Trimester 2 Recess	Monday 25 August to Friday 29 August 2008
Trimester 3 Commences	Monday 1 September 2008
Trimester 3 Concludes	Friday 21 November 2008
Trimester 3 Stuvac	Monday 24 November to Wednesday 26 November 2008
Trimester 3 Examinations	Thursday 27 November to Friday 5 December 2008

Selection Criteria

Applicants must be PhD candidates in their 2nd, 3rd or 4th year of candidature, making above average progress AND on track to submit their PhD thesis for examination within the equivalent of four years of full-time enrolment or part-time equivalent OR MPhil candidates in their 2nd year and on track to submit within two years of full-time enrolment or part-time equivalent.

Selection for CTS scholarships is competitive, based on academic merit and the probability of pursuing a career that will utilize the skills, knowledge and experience gained from CTS training. In the application, applicants are required to submit a written statement providing the following information:

- An outline of career goals and how the skills, knowledge and experience gained during CTS training will help achieve these goals;
- A clear statement of the relevance of the research topic to commercialisation training;
- A brief overview of relevant experience in commercialisation and/or related fields.

Applicants must also have approval from their supervisor, Head of School and Assistant Dean Research Training to apply for the training, to ensure that undertaking CTS training will not delay the completion or quality of their thesis.

Benefits

The tuition fees (total \$6,720) will be paid for by the scheme. In addition, a living allowance of \$7,038 (pro-rata, part-time APAI equivalent) will be paid fortnightly over the period of enrolment in trimesters 2 and 3.

Concurrent Enrolment and Existing RHD Scholarship Holders

Students are advised to seek advice from The Australian Tax Office on the taxation of RHD and CTS scholarships, because the circumstances of each student will be highly individual.

Various options are available for RHD enrolment while a student undertakes the CTS program and these will be discussed with successful applicants.

Students may complete CTS training during the thesis examination period on the condition that no more than six months of full-time or equivalent part-time study from the date of submission is required to complete the training.

It is not possible to defer acceptance of the CTS scholarship. The University cannot provide additional resources over and above those already provided to candidates for their RHD candidature. Enquiries should be directed to ResearchScholarships@newcastle.edu.au

APPLICANTS MUST READ THE CTS SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS.