

# 2007

## **GESA Postgraduate Clinical Research Scholarship** **Closing Date: 31 August 2006**

**Applications must be on this original application form**

Please note: Late, faxed or incomplete applications will not be accepted

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**This scholarship is to support a medical or science graduate, wishing to gain full-time training in methodology pertinent to any aspect of clinical research related to hepatology disorders, while enrolled for an MD or PhD.**

## Definition

Clinical research is defined broadly as research predominantly involving human subjects. It may involve clinical or physiological studies of patients or volunteers, studies based on diagnostic or therapeutic procedures, clinical epidemiology, population studies, observational studies, clinical practice, treatment trials or evaluation of medical technology. There may be a component of laboratory studies, but applications for predominately laboratory-based work should be directed to the other awards offered by the Society.

## Career Stage

The award is designed for candidates at an early stage in their careers, for example (but not confined to) advanced trainees who have completed core clinical training at the time of taking up the scholarship

## Value

The major conditions and the stipends for this scholarship are identical to those of the NHMRC Research Scholarships.

## Leave, Fees & Allowances

Applicants will be entitled to recreational leave not exceeding four weeks in any one year, which, except in special circumstances and with the approval of the Chair of the Research Committee, shall be taken during each twelve month period and shall not be cumulative.

Entitlements to sick and maternity leave will be in accordance with the conditions of the employing institution.

Compulsory fees, eg student, sports and union fees, shall be met by the student out of the scholarship stipend.

No other allowances are available.

## Superannuation

The Society does not contribute to superannuation, loadings or continuation of service. Furthermore, time spent under this scholarship is unlikely to be counted as service contributing towards long-service leave or study leave by the administering organisation.

## Additional Earnings

Applicants shall be entitled to engage in professional work for a maximum of one working day per week, providing that: the additional work is approved by the applicant's supervisor; and teaching and consulting are regarded as categories of work that must have approval.

## Tenure

This scholarship is for a maximum of three years from the date of enrolment for an MD or three years from the date of enrolment for a PhD, subject to satisfactory progress at the annual review.

Successful applicants are required to present research work originating from the award on at least one occasion at Australian Gastroenterology Week prior to completion of the award.

Only under extreme circumstances will an extension be granted.

The Scholarship will commence in January or February 2007.

## Eligibility

An applicant is required to:

Be a financial member of the Gastroenterological Society of Australia. Financial is defined as "confirmed as a member of the society prior to taking up the award";

Attend the next Australian Gastroenterology Week (AGW) following notification of the award and in each year of tenure; and

Correctly complete the application form and lodge it with attachments prior to the closing date.

The proposed supervisor is required to be a financial member of the Gastroenterological Society of Australia at the time of submission of the application.

## Reporting

The Society will accept the Administering Institution's assessment of progress reports.

A copy of the progress report, including a note from the Supervisor as to the classification given by the administering institution, is to be sent to the Society by the 31 January in each year of the scholarship tenure.

Late or non-submission of these reports will result in stipend payments being withheld by the Society.

The Council of the Society shall have the right to publish, or use in such a manner as they see fit, any such report, in whole or in part, providing due acknowledgement of the source is made.