

Terms and Conditions: Philipp Hofflin International Research Travel Scholarship

The scholarship was established in 2010 with a gift from Dr Philipp Hofflin, University of Sydney graduate, to enable outstanding PhD students in the School of Mathematics and Statistics to explore research collaborations on a global scale. The scholarship allows leading PhD students to interact with research mathematicians over a period of up to two months at a chosen host institution.

The scholarship shall be awarded under the following conditions:

1. The purpose of the scholarship is to assist, by means of supplementary assistance, a postgraduate student proceeding to a doctorate in Mathematics or Statistics to undertake research in connection with their doctoral thesis at a leading university overseas for a period of up to two months.
2. The scholarship is open to international and domestic students enrolled full-time in a Doctor of Philosophy in the School of Mathematics and Statistics. Students must have satisfactorily completed an annual progress report after their first full-time year to be eligible for consideration.
3. Subject to the availability of funds, the scholarship will be advertised annually. Applicants are required to submit a written application addressing the selection criteria as well as submitting a travel proposal and budget containing details of the overseas institution, researchers they intend to visit and the importance of the proposed research in relation to the applicant's doctoral thesis topic. Applicants must also provide evidence that the host institution is willing to allow the student to visit to work on the proposed project.
4. The selection criteria for the award of the scholarship shall include:
 - (a) demonstrated academic excellence;
 - (b) established research direction;
 - (c) presentation of a well articulated high-quality research plan; and
 - (d) capacity for future influence and leadership.
5. Written applications will be evaluated by a selection committee chaired by the Postgraduate Director, School of Mathematics and Statistics and short-listed candidates will be required to present for an interview.
6. The value of the scholarship shall be determined each year by the Head of School, but is capped at \$7,000. It is expected that the value shall be sufficient to cover one return economy airfare from Sydney to the host institution and a contribution towards living expenses for a period of eight weeks.
7. The terms and conditions of the scholarship may be varied in such manner as the Senate of the University of Sydney, or such other body delegated by the Senate, shall determine provided that the objectives of the award and the special selection criteria stated above are preserved.