

SCHOOL OF ALLIED HEALTH: RESEARCH EXPERIENCE SCHOLARSHIPS

Guide for Applicants (2025)

About the scholarships:

The School of Allied Health is offering up to two Research Experience Scholarships for high-performing students. Successful applicants will have a unique opportunity to work alongside, and receive research mentoring from, innovative research teams from the School of Allied Health. This competitive opportunity will boost your academic CV, teach you skills in collecting and analysing research data, and give you an insight into whether a research degree could be a viable career path for you.

Scholarships provide a stipend of **\$2000**. The scholarships will run for 8-12 consecutive weeks and commence at any point before the end of 2025 (all dependent on the specific research activities being completed). Across this time, scholarship recipients will be expected to spend a minimum of 60 hours engaged with the research activity. They will also deliver a 15-minute presentation on their experience and potential research ideas for the future to their research/academic group at the conclusion of the research.

Student eligibility:

Scholarships are open to domestic students currently enrolled full-time in a discipline within the School of Allied Health at Murdoch University. To be eligible, students must:

- Be an Australian citizen or permanent resident.
- Be an Undergraduate student enrolled at Murdoch University (completed at least their second year of university), or enrolled in a coursework Masters degree.
- Contact the academic supervisors for their desired project and have their approval to submit.
- Commit to the research activities and timeframe defined within your application.

Students may be invited to attend an interview with members of the School of Allied Health Research Committee if shortlisted.

Mentoring that scholarship recipients will receive:

Scholarship recipients will receive focused mentoring from their research team, including:

- **Induction meeting** – Supervisors provide an overview of the project and what your role will include, and an opportunity you to explain what they hope to achieve from the program.
- **Fortnightly research meetings** – Fortnightly team meetings to discuss your research work. You'll also receive mentoring in these meetings on important research issues (e.g., how to develop an impactful research project, planning for data management and analysis, steps involved in publishing research, career opportunities in research, etc).
- **Training in specific research methods** – You will be trained in relevant laboratory or computer-based skills and be integrated to assist the team with as many aspects of the research as possible.
- **Guidance in developing final presentation** – Supervisors will work with you to help you construct your final presentation, and teach you effective presentation skills.

Scholarship recipient expectations:

Scholarship recipients will be expected to:

- Spend a minimum of 60 hours engaged with the research activity, under direction of the supervisors.
- Keep a logbook to detail the research activities they engage with, and time spent on these. Academic supervisors will approve logbook entries.
- Deliver a 15-minute presentation on their experience and potential research ideas for the future to their relevant research/academic group at the conclusion of their scholarship.

Scholarships will be paid in two instalments: 50% (\$1,000) upon commencement of the scholarship, and 50% at the mid-point (i.e., after at least 30hrs of engagement with the research activities). Scholarship holders will keep a logbook to document time dedicated to the research activity, which must be approved by the project supervisor at the mid-point to receive second half of scholarship payment. If a scholarship holder is unable to complete the planned research activity (minimum of 60 hrs), their scholarship will be terminated, and they will not receive further payment (if conditions set above have not been met). If there are unforeseen delays in a planned research activity beyond the control of the scholarship holder, they will be placed within another research team to complete their scholarship, or can elect not continue.

How to apply:

Applications will be assessed by the School of Allied Health Research Committee on the basis of academic merit and suitability. Final approval of scholarships will be given by the Dean of Allied Health.

Prior to considering this scheme, applicants must review the eligibility criteria. Applications from ineligible candidates cannot be considered. Applicants can only submit for one project in this round of the scheme.

Applications must include the following:

1. **One-page cover letter:** Nominate at least two projects you are applying for (in ranked order; up to three), your commitment to the research activities (as per information provided by the project supervisors) and your interests in research.
2. **Brief curriculum vitae (CV):** Detailing your previous experience and training (maximum 2 pages).

Submit your application all together as a single PDF document, to the Associate Dean of Research (A/Prof Timothy Fairchild: T.Fairchild@murdoch.edu.au) using the following naming convention:
first initial_last name_research scholarship_2025

Closing date:

Applications close on at 5:00 pm on 16/06/2025. Late applications will not be accepted.