GLOBAL CHALLENGES
2016 PHD TOP-UP SCHOLARSHIPS

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

The Global Challenges Program (GCP) aims to bring researchers from a variety of disciplines together to work on three major challenges – Living Well, Longer; Manufacturing Innovation; and Sustaining Coastal and Marine Zones. These challenges are united by an overall research goal: Transforming Lives and Regions.

A Key Objectives of the program is to nurture and encourage the careers of PhD students by promoting a sense of broader relevance and collaboration.

The GCP PhD Scholars is designed to attract and retain high quality PhD students to research projects that address the Global Challenges. This program is open to Domestic and International students due to commence in 2016 and up to 6 Top up Stipends will be awarded.

STIPEND

• A tax-free top up of $10,000 p.a. for a maximum of 3.5 years¹.
• An additional support allowance of $5,000 p.a. to support project related costs, including travel (administered via their primary supervisor).

CONDITIONS FOR APPLICATION

• PhD Projects must align with the aims of the GCP.
• Applicants should note that successful candidates will need to hold a Competitive Scholarship and satisfy the ongoing conditions of that award and their enrolment at UOW. This Application can be made concurrently with Competitive Scholarship Applications, visit the Research Student Centre for more information on scholarships.

APPLICATION

All potential candidates should send their CVs (including academic transcript) and a one-page summary of their research background and highlights.

Applicants must provide a one-page statement addressing how their proposed research project aligns with the GCP². In particular, applicants should

• describe the ‘big picture’ challenge or problem that they wish to address;
• explain how their proposed research project will contribute to that challenge;
• suggest ways in which they plan to communicate the outcomes of their research to the broader community; and
• describe their suitability as an ‘ambassador’ for the GCP.

Ensure you have reviewed and Agree to the Terms and Conditions
Submit Application via email to globalchallenges@uow.edu.au
Applications Close 17 October 2015

¹The top up value from all sources for a Global Challenges Scholar would be capped at $10,000 above the current APA rate.
²Also review the Global Challenges Website (http://globalchallenges@uow.edu.au) or contact us at globalchallenges@uow.edu.au
TERM & CONDITIONS

CRITERIA
The Global Challenges Program is designed to draw researchers from different specialties together to address the identified Challenges. This highly multidisciplinary approach to research will provide mechanisms for creating connections and building networks to encourage the cross-fertilisation of innovative research ideas, maximise collaborative efforts across themes and projects and build new linkages by bringing together internal and external research colleagues, research partners and the wider community.

Whilst PhD students supported by the Global Challenges PhD Scholars funding, may be based in a single discipline, as a condition of their award, they will be expected to engage with the GCP to develop a sense of broader relevance and collaboration, that is the intended purpose of the program.

ASSESSMENT
Applicant will be assessed and ranked by the GCEC against Criteria of

- Academic Excellence
- Quality of the Project
- Alignment with the Global Challenges
- Strengths and Suitability as Global Challenges PhD Scholar

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

- Applicants must be in receipt of a Competitive Scholarship and satisfy the ongoing conditions of that award and their enrolment at UOW.
- PhD Projects must align with the aims of the GCP
- Identify as a Global Challenges PhD Scholars.
- Engage and contribute to regular (no more than 6 times per year) GC PhD Scholar networking events/forums to discuss their work and engage with the GCEC and their peers.
- Annually submit a brief report on the outcomes and impact of the project.
- Primary Supervisor to annually submit a high-level budget as to how funds were spent and outcomes.
- $SK support allowance is to be spent annually and any unclaimed funds will be reclaimed and reallocated within the Global Challenges Program.
- Present their work/engage Global Challenges workshops/sandpits where appropriate.
- Keep the Global Challenges informed of activities and outcomes (e.g. conferences, publications, visiting researchers, fieldwork) as they arise.