SMI Student Publication Support Scheme

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The Student Publication Support (SPS) Scheme has been initiated by the SMI Research Committee to support students to write journal articles in the period immediately following the submission of their thesis. The SPS serves the twin objectives of assisting students to build their research profile and of increasing the overall publication output of SMI.

The award will be made as a scholarship that can be applied for through a competitive round, as advertised on the SMI Student Website and the SMI Research Committee Intranet. Each scholarship will be paid for through funds from the Research Committee, with a co-contribution from the SMI Centre in which the student is based.

The terms of the scholarship are as follows:

Application Process

- Application forms can be obtained from the SMI Research Committee Intranet or SMI Student Website.
- A single call for applications will be made early in the year, with a maximum of five awards granted on an annual basis.
- Eligible students should be expecting to submit their thesis **before the end of the current year**.
- Funding will be conditional on Centre Director approval, indicating that the Centre agrees to contribute funds equivalent to 33% of the total scholarship.
- The scholarship duration is 3 months, but can be interrupted with the approval of the SMI Postgraduate Coordinator (for example, where the student needs to take time off to make thesis corrections).
- The value of the 2014 Scholarship is $25,392 per annum (or equivalent to the Australian Postgraduate Award rate in the year the scholarship is activated).
- The scholarship can commence when the thesis is submitted, unless otherwise approved by the SMI Postgraduate Coordinator.
- Scholarships not commenced by the end of November will be withdrawn and re-allocated.
- If a scholarship is offered to a student who is subsequently unable to meet this timeframe, the student will need to reapply in the following year. A previous award that has lapsed does not guarantee success of the reapplication.

Scholarship Conditions

1. Scholarships will be awarded to those students who have demonstrated the strongest publication track record (relative to their discipline). At a minimum, applicants must already have authored or co-authored at least two refereed publications (which may include journal articles, conference proceedings, books, book chapters), and must have been the lead author on at least one of these. The SMI Research Committee will also have regard to the standing of the journals/conferences in which papers have been published.
2. The scholarship recipient will be expected to lead the writing and submission of a minimum of two papers to quality journals during the scholarship period. For students who have undertaken a thesis by publication, the papers must be additional to what is contained in the thesis.

3. The scholarship recipient must be enrolled as an SMI RHD student.

4. Scholarship recipients are expected to work the equivalent of a standard five-day working week, between the hours of 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday to Friday. The actual working hours are to be negotiated with the recipient’s advisory team.

5. The recipient may undertake additional work commitments or paid employment within the hours specified in condition 4 to a maximum of 67 hours per scholarship, subject to the approval of the advisory team.

6. The recipient may undertake additional work commitments or paid employment outside the hours specified in condition 4 only with the approval of the advisory team. There are no restrictions on the number of hours the recipient may work as long as it does not impact on the recipient’s ability to maintain satisfactory progress in their research.

7. A scholarship recipient is entitled to 5 days paid recreation leave during the period of the scholarship.

8. A scholarship recipient is entitled to 2 days paid sick leave during the period of the scholarship.

9. At the mid-way mark of the scholarship, the relevant Centre Director will be asked to confirm that the recipient is making satisfactory progress. If progress has been deemed unsatisfactory, the scholarship may be suspended or withdrawn at the discretion of the Postgraduate Coordinator, in consultation with the Chair of the SMI Research Committee.

10. At or prior to the date their scholarship expires, scholarship recipients must forward the following documents to the SMI Research Committee Secretary:
    - copies of the papers that have been submitted
    - evidence from the journal editor (e.g., email notification) that each paper has been received for review
    - a close-out report summarizing the experience and including any other relevant information, such as additional activities undertaken during the scholarship period.