

## **QIRC PHD SCHOLARSHIP TOP-UP PROGRAM**

Developing the next generation of world-class immunologists is critical to building our future innovation-capable workforce. The Queensland Immunology Research Centre (QIRC) is contributing to this by providing additional support to PhD students to allow them to focus on creative research, engagement, training and mentorship to build new pathways in medical research.

Our Postgraduate Scholarship Top-Up program provides opportunities for outstanding students enrolled in a postgraduate degree.

### **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

Scholarships top-ups are available to current full-time and part-time PhD students undertaking a higher degree by research where they are jointly co-supervised by personnel of both The University of Queensland and QIMR Berghofer Medical Research Institute. This collaboration allows students to maintain and develop their university connections while being exposed to research at a medical research institute to build networks between the two institutions.

To be eligible, students must be:

- A doctoral student who has obtained a research training program scholarship (RTP) or equivalent university award.
- Co-supervised by personnel at both UQ and QIMR Berghofer, where one supervisor is located at a UQ campus and one is located at QIMR Berghofer.
  - At least one of the co-supervisors must be a QIRC member.
- Undertaking research related to the field of immunology.
- Not a previous 2024 recipient of a QIRC PhD Scholarship Top-Up.

### **FUNDING AVAILABLE**

Up to four scholarships top-ups are available in this round and are valued at \$8,000 each.

Successful recipients will receive the top-up amount either as a one-off payment or distributed across the three months of 2025 on top of their fortnightly stipend. This decision will be at the discretion of the student's primary institute.

### **HOW TO APPLY**

Applicants are required to submit an application via email to [qirc@uq.edu.au](mailto:qirc@uq.edu.au), with the following documents attached:

1. Cover letter addressing the four assessment criteria (1 page)
2. Application form (available on the [QIRC website](#)).
3. Resume/CV
4. Academic transcripts
5. Supervisor statement of support for the student, that indicates the collaborative context of the co-supervision (100 words)

Applications close: **5pm, Friday 11 April 2025**. Applicants will be notified by email by the end of May with the outcome of their submission.

## **ASSESSMENT CRITERIA**

Applications will be reviewed by QIRC Executive and assessed on the following:

1. **Academic calibre:** The quality of the student is critical to the assessment of a scholarship and candidates must have a relevant first-class honours (or equivalent) degree from a recognised university.
2. **Research potential:** The student must be able to demonstrate research potential to carry out the nominated research project including required research knowledge, literacy and skills.
3. **Evidence of skills and capability required to carry out their project:** The student should demonstrate through their application the required skills, knowledge and experience for the project.
4. **Collaboration potential:** The student should demonstrate how each institution/supervisor will contribute to the development of their project and describe how this co-supervision will benefit their research and professional development.

## **RECIPIENT EXPECTATIONS**

To receive QIRC scholarship top-up payments, you must maintain satisfactory academic progress and engagement. Progress will be monitored through complementary annual scholarship and academic reviews undertaken by the university review panel, including the relevant supervisors.

**Postgraduate Scholarship Top-Up Awardees may be invited to present at a future QIRC Retreat or other QIRC-related events.**

All students supported by QIRC must include QIRC affiliation in publications which include their name. In addition, funding support by QIRC should also be in the acknowledgement section of the manuscript.

## **Additional Information for preparing your application:**

### **Curriculum Vitae (CV)**

Your CV provides an overview of your educational and employment history and your skills. Please ensure you include:

- **Educational history**  
List all degrees studied in your educational history, indicating the name of the degree, university, years studied and GPA if known. If you completed a thesis as part of your degree, provide its title, the mark and list your supervisor/s.
- **Employment history**  
List your employer, your role, duration of employment, duties and achievements.
- **Awards**  
List any awards received throughout your tertiary study or employment.
- **Publications/Papers**  
Provide a list of publications that have been accepted or published. Do not list publications that are submitted.
- **Other information**  
You may provide other information in the CV that you think is relevant to your assessment, for example, information about research interests, research project experience, or other key skills.

### **Academic Transcripts**

Provide official transcripts for all university studies as PDF documents, including degrees not completed or abandoned. Provide translated documents where transcripts are in a language other than English. Ensure scans are legible. Do not provide transcripts from high school, testamurs/degree certificates or award certificates.