Guide to the UNSW Faculty of Science PhD Maternity Scholarship

Purpose

The purpose of the Science PhD Maternity Scholarship is to support women PhD research students who suspend their enrolment for a session to have a child. This scheme provides financial support from the Faculty of Science.

Principles

The aim is to cover income that might be lost due to maternity leave by a student where the scholarship does not already have a provision for such leave.

Eligibility requirements

- Students have been enrolled and have received a scholarship for at least two terms prior to suspending their enrolment.
- Students have confirmation of candidature and demonstrated good academic progress, through timely and satisfactory completion of reviews, as a minimum.

Examples of costs that could be covered (not exhaustive)

The support will be equivalent to any scholarship they are required to forgo (up to the value of a Research Training Program (RTP) scholarship at the time).

Finance

The value of the Maternity Scholarship will depend upon each student’s individual circumstances.

Process

- Students who are planning to suspend their enrolment to have a child should contact their School’s Postgraduate Coordinator (PGC). The PGC will determine the student’s eligibility and value of the Faculty Maternity Scholarship based upon the student’s current circumstances. They will then draft a scholarship proposal kit and forward this to the Faculty Associate Dean (Research Training) who will complete the financial codes, endorse and forward to the Graduate Research School.

It is preferable if a request for suspension of enrolment is submitted at the same time. The Maternity Scholarship will usually be paid as a one-off payment prior to suspension of enrolment.