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PETER GAGE MEMORIAL SUPPLEMENTARY SCHOLARSHIP IN MEMBRANE PHYSIOLOGY CONDITIONS OF AWARD

1. INTRODUCTION

Each year the John Curtin School of Medical Research (JCSMR) ('the School') in the ANU College of Health and Medicine ('the College') may offer an award known as the Peter Gage Supplementary Scholarship in Membrane Physiology ('the Award').

The Peter Gage Supplementary Scholarship in Membrane Physiology is named in honour of Professor Peter William Gage, in recognition of his having been one of Australia's leaders in membrane physiology, biophysics and neuroscience. Peter influenced and encouraged a great many research students, postdoctoral fellows and senior colleagues in their scientific careers.

The objective of the Award is to encourage outstanding domestic¹ or international² candidates to pursue a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) program in the field of medical sciences, based in the JCSMR.

2. BENEFITS

The value of the Award is stated in the letter of offer. The Award will be paid in fortnightly instalments, unless otherwise stated in the letter of offer.

The Award provides a supplementary scholarship to a candidate who holds an ANU approved higher degree by research (HDR) base stipend scholarship, such as an Australian Government Research Training Program (AGRTP) scholarship or similar.

The recipient is responsible for making payment of all tuition fees by the prescribed date as set out by the University for each session. Recipients of the Award are responsible for the costs of books, study materials, accommodation and all other costs of study.

3. DURATION

- (a) The duration of the full-time Award will be 3.5 years for the Supplementary Scholarship, less
 - i. periods of enrolment already undertaken for the PhD degree; and/or
 - ii. such shorter period as is stated in the letter of offer.
- (b) A recipient may apply for an extension of the supplementary scholarship by completing the [Manage my Degree - HDR](#) form at least three months before the expiry of the scholarship.

Recipients may apply for an extension of scholarship, where a candidate meets the following eligibility criteria:

¹ A student who is an Australian citizen, a New Zealand citizen, the holder of an Australian Permanent Resident visa or the holder of an Australian humanitarian visa

² A student who is not an Australian or New Zealand citizen or the holder of Australian permanent resident status, and is required to hold a visa to study in Australia and liable for international student fees (ISF) payable to the University either by the student or a sponsor

- i. research has been delayed by circumstances beyond the recipient's control³, up to three months;
- ii. completion of an industry placement, internship, professional practice activity of:
 - a. less than 60 days FTE, up to three months;
 - b. 60 days FTE duration or more, up to six months;
- iii. Indigenous candidates, up to six months.

Subject to approval. The maximum period of extension is six months, to a total maximum of four years for PhD candidates.

4. PROGRAM LEAVE

Periods of program leave must be taken in accordance with the *Research Awards Rule*.

(a) Unpaid Program Leave

A recipient may apply for unpaid program leave on personal grounds. If the leave does not exceed a total period of 12 months during the duration of the Award, the recipient may resume the Award at the completion of the leave.

Program leave exceeding a total of 12 months will only be considered where there are exceptional circumstances beyond the control of the recipient and must be approved by the Delegated Authority in the College.

Unpaid program leave is aggregated and awarded only in one-week blocks for a full-time recipient and two-week blocks for a part-time recipient.

A recipient must apply for unpaid program and scholarship leave by completing the relevant section of the [Manage my Degree - HDR](#) form in ISIS.

(b) Paid Recreation Leave

A recipient is entitled to a maximum of 20 working days paid recreation leave for each year of the Award. Leave entitlements may be accrued over the life of the Award but are forfeited when the Award ceases.

A recipient must apply in writing to their Chair of Panel.

Paid recreation leave does not extend the duration of the Award.

(c) Paid Medical Leave

A recipient is entitled to a maximum of 10 working days paid medical leave for each year of the Award. Leave entitlements may be accrued over the life of the Award but are forfeited when the Award ceases.

A recipient must apply in writing to their Chair of Panel.

Paid medical leave does not extend the duration of the Award.

5. ELIGIBILITY

The Award is available each year to a prospective or continuing domestic or international ANU student who:

- (a) is enrolled or will be enrolling full-time in a program of study for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, based in the John Curtin School of Medical Research; and
- (b) has completed qualifications comparable to the educational level of an Australian Bachelor first class Honours degree, or has demonstrated research experience to a standard equivalent to an ANU first class Honours; and
- (c) has been awarded, and continues to hold, an approved ANU HDR base stipend scholarship at the minimum AGRTP base rate.

³ Where this may include illness, recipients are encouraged to use relevant program leave at the time of illness (if applicable) prior to seeking a program extension.

6. SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

No application for the Award is required as eligible students will be automatically considered.

7. SELECTION

Selection is made by the JCSMR Scholarship Committee according to the criteria detailed in the Handbook of the Committee. These criteria are primarily based on academic merit. The current membership of the Committee is available on the JCSMR website.

The Scholarship Committee reserves the right to make no award if it considers there is no applicant of sufficient merit. The Committee may also vary the number of Awards and/or offer the Award at other times in exceptional circumstances or based on the standard of applications or students (where funds allow).

8. CONCURRENT HOLDING OF AWARDS

A recipient is permitted to hold other scholarships, awards, grants and bursaries concurrently with this Award, provided the terms of the other scholarship permits this also.

9. DEFERMENT

The Award must be taken up no later than the date specified in the letter of offer, unless otherwise approved.

10. ONGOING ELIGIBILITY

A recipient of this Award is required remain enrolled full-time in an eligible program of study for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at the Australian National University.

A part-time Award may be offered or approved if the recipient has reasons acceptable to the University which preclude full-time study for part or all of the program of study. In such cases the University must be satisfied that the reasons relate to caring commitments, a medical condition, a disability or other circumstance which limits the recipient's capacity to undertake full-time study.

11. SUSPENSION OF AWARD

A recipient may apply to the College for suspension of their Award. A suspension may be appropriate if a recipient is studying at another institution and receives an award for that study. In these circumstances the duration of the Award will be reduced by the periods of study undertaken towards the degree during suspension of the Award (unless the study was undertaken overseas as part of a Commonwealth Government financially supported international postgraduate research scholarship or award).

The University may suspend the Award where a recipient has:

- (a) outstanding fees; or
- (b) an outstanding debt with the University; or
- (c) outstanding HDR program milestone/s; or
- (d) been found to be in breach of a statute, rule or policy or procedure of the University.

The Award will be suspended when at least five working days have passed since the University advised the recipient in writing that the milestones, debt and/or fees are outstanding, until the milestones have been met or the outstanding fees and/or debt have been paid. Under these circumstances, the recipient will forfeit payment of the Award for the period of time that their Award is suspended.

12. CESSATION OF AWARD

The Award ceases or should be surrendered:

- (a) if a student no longer meets the eligibility requirements;

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- (b) at the conclusion of the period outlined in section 3;
- (c) on the date on which the recipient withdraws or ceases to attend the University other than for approved absences;
- (d) if a recipient fails to enrol as required in section 5;
- (e) if a recipient changes their program or course without permission to retain the Award;
- (f) if a recipient breaches academic or behavioural standards set by the University under the *Discipline Rule (2021)* and *Academic Integrity Rule (2021)*;

whichever is earliest.

13. REPAYMENT OF FUNDS

A recipient who is taking leave from their program, or changing their enrolment intensity from full-time to part-time, must submit the prescribed [Manage My Degree - HDR](#) form in a timely manner and, where possible in advance, in order to avoid receiving an overpayment of their Award. In circumstances where an overpayment does occur, these will be recovered in accordance with the ANU Procedure - Overpayments.

14. PROVIDING FALSE OR MISLEADING INFORMATION

The Award is based on the information provided to the University. The Award may be withdrawn at any stage if incorrect, false or misleading information is provided, or relevant information is withheld. This includes circumstances where the false information is unrelated to the assessment for the Award.

15. VARIATION TO CONDITIONS OF AWARD

In exceptional circumstances and on a case-by-case basis, section 7 of these Conditions of Award may be varied by the JCSMR Director on the recommendation of the chair of the JCSMR Scholarship Committee.

16. TAXATION & CENTRELINK

Recipients are responsible for seeking taxation and Centrelink advice (if applicable) regarding their own individual circumstances. Awards may be regarded as taxable income if a recipient is enrolled on a part-time basis.

For information on how the Award may affect Centrelink benefits, see this website <http://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/enablers/income/>

17. ACCOMMODATION

It is the recipient's responsibility to obtain residential accommodation. Information on student accommodation and application forms are available from the University Accommodation Services. Information may be found on the Web at: <http://www.anu.edu.au/study/accommodation>

18. PUBLICITY

The recipient may be requested to participate in publicity for the Award from time to time. This may include publicity in the country of residence or of schooling. Recipients may be contacted for an interview and photograph. The University may also publicise the Award by publishing the names of the recipients. Arrangements for such publicity will be made through the College of Health & Medicine or ANU Communications and Engagement (ACE).

Recipients will also be required to acknowledge funding from the Award should the outcomes lead to publication.

19. DISCLOSURE AND DONOR CONTACT

For the purposes of reporting on the impact of awards, the name, program name and demographics (for example: age, country or town of residence) relating to a recipient of the

Award may be disclosed to donors supporting the Award. This will not include recipient contact details. The recipient may be asked to write a personal note of thanks or to meet with donors. Any contact between a donor and a recipient will be facilitated by the ANU Advancement Office or an authorised representative of the University.

20. CONTACT WITH THE AWARD OWNER

All enquiries regarding the Award and changes, issues, or further information after acceptance should be made to:

John Curtin School of Medical Research (JCSMR)

College of Health and Medicine (CHM)

jcsmr.hdr.sa@anu.edu.au

21. DISCLAIMER

The recipient of the Award is subject to *The Australian National University Act 1991* as amended, and to the Statutes, Rules, Regulations and Resolutions of the University.

The Award does not carry any commitment by the University for future employment.

These Conditions of Award should be read in conjunction with the *Research Awards Rule* and Higher Degree Research Policy and Procedures available from the [ANU website](#).

22. RELATED POLICIES, PROCEDURES & RULES

HDR Legislation, policies and procedures - <https://www.anu.edu.au/students/program-administration/assessments-exams/hdr-policies-procedures>

ANU Academic Integrity Rule - <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2021L00997>

ANU Discipline Rule - <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2021L00998>

ANU Student Code of Conduct <https://www.anu.edu.au/students/program-administration/program-management/student-code-of-conduct>