

The AusIMM Education Endowment Fund Scholarships Operational Guidelines 2023

The AusIMM EEF Postgraduate Research Scholarship

1. The objective of the Postgraduate Research Scholarship is to support an awardee who is passionate about research and the contribution it makes to the development of the minerals industry. The scholarship includes monetary support and opportunities to network and demonstrate leadership within the AusIMM and the minerals sector.
2. The scholarship shall be known as:
 - a. The AusIMM EEF Postgraduate Research Scholarship
3. The scholarships shall be awarded annually by the AusIMM EEF on the recommendation of the EEF National Postgraduate Scholarship Committee, subject to suitable nominations being received.
4. The scholarship is awarded for the length of study, up to a maximum of three calendar years, providing the holder continues to satisfy scholarship criteria. Extensions to the scholarship term may be granted in extenuating circumstances and at the discretion of the National Postgraduate Scholarship Committee subject to the submission of a formal application.
5. The value of the scholarship for full-time students is up to \$25,000 pa* (see eligibility). A pro rata rate is payable for students enrolled on a part-time basis.
6. The cash component of the scholarship will be split with half the per annum rate being paid each six months in advance.

Eligibility

1. Applicants must be active members of the AusIMM and enrolled either on a full time or part time basis in an approved research program with an Australian University.
2. Applicants must be able to clearly demonstrate how their research will benefit the minerals industry.
3. Scholarship applicants must be Australian citizens or students with permanent resident visa status. Full fee paying international students are ineligible.
4. Applicants who are employed or intend to be employed during the course of their research studies are asked to indicate this obligation within prescribed ranges (see application form). The employment status of candidates will be taken into account when considering the relative merit of applications received for the award of a scholarship.
5. Postgraduate research students in receipt of other scholarships, awards or prizes may submit an application. If they are successful, the combined total stipend from all scholarships, awards, and prizes held may not exceed \$45,000 per annum. The following simplified table illustrates how this condition will apply:

Value of scholarship other scholarships, etc, pa	EEF Scholarship Contribution pa
\$10,000	\$25,000
\$15,000	\$25,000
\$20,000	\$25,000
\$25,000	\$20,000
\$30,000	\$15,000
\$35,000	\$10,000

Expectations for scholarship holders

1. Scholarship holders must be current members of the AusIMM and maintain active membership during the tenure of their scholarship. This includes involvement in local AusIMM Student Chapters and/or Branches and acting in an ambassadorial role for the AusIMM and the Education Endowment Fund.
2. A scholar who has been awarded a Scholarship must maintain their enrolment within the agreed minerals industry related program. Any changes in enrolment status (e.g. conversion from full to part time enrolment or vice versa or university transfer) must be advised to the AusIMM as it may be necessary to reconsider a scholarship offering to better reflect changed circumstances
3. Evidence of satisfactory progress towards completion of the program must be supplied at the completion of each year through written advice from either the University Research Office or the scholar's academic supervisor.
4. A scholar may defer a scholarship once only for a maximum of one year.
5. A scholar must make continuous disclosure of details of all other scholarships, awards and prizes held.
6. A Scholarship may be cancelled should the recipient be involved in unethical practices or exhibit unprofessional conduct at any time during the tenure of the Scholarship.
7. Scholarship holders must report on their achievements at agreed intervals and then each year after Graduation for as long as requested.
8. Scholarship holders are expected to actively participate in the field trip arranged for awardees during their first year of receiving their scholarship. They will also be required to present to relevant groups on their experiences of the field trip, the AusIMM and scholarship more generally.

Application requirements

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The application should include a cover letter and a research report outlining the following:

- your current discipline
- research topic (including area of discipline it falls under)
- research degree type (Masters/PhD – note that Master by Research students will need to demonstrate their intention to transition into a PhD; scholarship applies for the PhD candidature program)
- date of commencement and expected date of completion
- how your research findings will benefit the minerals industry
- how receiving this scholarship will advance your research
- why you have chosen your research topic
- summary of literature review
- timeline of research and milestones
- research budget
- details of any other scholarships, awards and prizes held or in prospect

Applicants are asked to note that applications MUST be submitted via the online application portal. It will not be possible to add to your application after it has been submitted.

Contact eef@ausimm.com.au for any further information on The AusIMM Education Endowment Fund and its scholarship program.