Faculty of Medicine International Postgraduate Scholarship (MIPS)

Conditions of Award 2012

→ Eligibility

- The award is offered to an international student to pursue internal, full-time candidature in a research degree in the Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences.

- An awardee must be eligible for admission as a research degree candidate.

→ Taking up of award

- The award should be taken up by 31 March of the year for which the offer is made.

→ Benefits

- The award will pay two-thirds of the annual international course tuition fee (1/3 funded by Faculty, 1/3 funded by the academic unit). The awardee is required to pay one-third of the annual international course tuition fee, as well as Overseas Student Health Cover, the Student Service and Amenities Fee, and any other costs associated with applying for or extending a student visa.

- The award shall be tenable for a maximum of 3 years (doctorate) or 18 months (master's) subject to the awardee making progress to the satisfaction of his or her supervisor and the head of the academic unit. The duration of the award will be reduced by any periods of prior study undertaken towards the degree prior to the commencement of the award.

→ Obligations

- The awardee shall make regular reports on his or her work to his or her supervisor, and participate actively in the academic life of the academic unit.

- A candidate making satisfactory progress may apply for a maximum extension of up to 12 months (6 months for master's) if both the Faculty and the academic unit are agreeable and if funding is available. An extension will normally only be approved where research has been delayed by circumstances beyond the awardee's control and where such delays could not have been reasonably anticipated at the commencement of candidature. The grounds for an extension must be related to the research project and not of a personal nature.

- Should the awardee subsequently be offered another award that pays his or her course tuition fees, this MIPS offer will be terminated. The awardee is required to notify the Faculty's Research Degrees Office immediately of any change to his or her enrolment or scholarship that renders them ineligible to continue receiving the MIPS. Failure to do so will result in the candidate being required to return any overpaid amounts to the Faculty.

- An award holder is permitted, with the approval of his or her main supervisor, to undertake a strictly limited amount of paid employment throughout the year, being no more than 15 hours of work on average in any one week. Up to a maximum of 6 hours only on average of this employment may be undertaken during normal working hours (9 am – 5 pm, Monday to Friday). However, this may be extended to a maximum of 8 hours if the employment is limited to one weekday.

- An award holder is required to conform to Monash's regulations and statutes (see www.monash.edu.au/pubs/calendar/statutes). Attention is drawn in particular to Statutes 4.1 ('Discipline'), 5.2 ('The university library'), 5.3 ('The Computer Centre'), 6.3 ('Exclusion for health reasons') and 11.2 ('Intellectual property') and regulations made thereunder.