

## Announcement: Scholarships to support Honours research abroad at Oxford University in 2020

The School of Biomedical Sciences in the Faculty of Medicine is offering up to three Oxford Scholarships for Honours students in 2020. Each prestigious scholarship consists of a return Brisbane-London economy airfare and insurance (up to \$3000 AUD) and a \$7000 (AUD) bursary to support living expenses.

The purpose of these awards is to provide the opportunity for talented students to undertake their Honours research project within a leading biomedical research laboratory at one of the world's most respected Universities. Successful applicants will be enrolled in the SBMS Honours program and attend and live at Oxford University to undertake their biomedical research. The scholarships are open only to students currently enrolled in a Bachelor's program and majoring in Biomedical Sciences (in any degree program) at the University of Queensland (UQ) and who are enrolling in the School of Biomedical Sciences Honours program in Semester 1, 2020. Applicants must be Australian citizens or permanent residents and be available to start discussing and organising projects and their visit with Oxford supervisors via Skype over the UQ summer vacation period. Students will study abroad for about 6 months from March to August and then return to UQ to complete their Honours program.

Projects are available in the areas of Cell Signalling, Cardiovascular Biology and Neuroscience within the Department of Pharmacology and associated Institutes or Centres. The host laboratories are led by our world leading collaborators in these areas, including: Chris Garland, Kim Dora, Trevor Sharpe, Anthony Galione, Nigel Emptage, Daniel Anthony, Ming Lei, Robert Wilkins and Russell Foster. Applicants should visit the Oxford University website and familiarize themselves with the research undertaken in these laboratories.

Although the living expenses bursary does contribute significantly to college accommodation expenses it does not cover the full cost of living in Oxford. Successful applicants must seek alternate financial support to meet additional expenses.

The selection criteria include an applicant's GPA (particularly in Biomedical Sciences courses), indicators of academic excellence (e.g. Dean's awards and prizes), personal drive and potential leadership qualities, as well as congruence between academic portfolio, academic trajectory, future aspirations and suitability of host laboratory.

Applicants are requested to submit both a hard copy and a single combined PDF copy of their CV including names of two referees, academic record (including an update of grades in assessment items completed in any currently enrolled courses), and a covering letter (< 2 pages) that addresses the selection criteria and nominates two preferred Oxford laboratories (and Associate Supervisors at UQ), to the Honours Administrator (see below). Students must also indicate that they will be able to cover expected overseas living expenses above that provided by the bursary. Closing date is noon on Monday, 21 October, 2019. A shortlist of applicants will be selected and then invited for interview. Submissions and enquiries should be directed to the Honours Administration Officer at [sbms.hons@uq.edu.au](mailto:sbms.hons@uq.edu.au).