



UNSW Evolution and Ecology Research Centre
POSTGRADUATE WRITING and SKILLS TRANSFER AWARD
INFORMATION SHEET

PURPOSE: The postgraduate Writing and Skills Transfer award is designed to support Science doctoral candidates during the preparation of journal articles and short-courses which are based on the thesis submitted for a Ph.D. (Research). The aim is to increase publication rates and allow for the transfer of professional skills between post-graduates.

NUMBER: The number of awards is limited due to funding. Decisions will be based on the selection criteria below. Submission of an application does not guarantee the award of a postgraduate Writing and Skills Transfer award.

ELIGIBILITY: Ph.D. and Masters (Research) students in the Evolution and Ecology Research Centre, The University of New South Wales are eligible to apply no more than four months before their intended submission date (Notice of Intention to Submit must be appended to the application) and at least three weeks before the submission of the Ph.D./Masters thesis. **Awards cannot be made once a thesis has been submitted.**

Please note that this award is not for assisting students in the process of writing up their theses for submission, the fellowship cannot commence until the thesis has been submitted and the E&ERC exit seminar must be delivered before the fellowship's award period.

The awardee should **not** hold a similar award for the same purpose. A person to whom an award is made may not undertake full-time or substantial regular part-time employment during the tenure of the award. (More than 10 hours per week is considered 'substantial regular part-time work').

International students should ensure that your visa allows you to stay in the country, as upon submitting your thesis you are no longer enrolled as a student. International students must also comply with any contractual obligations, which you may owe to an employer or sponsor, in particular, those obligations relating to the period to be spent in your home country following completion of your studies.

VALUE: The awardee will receive a **maximum of \$6,000** for support over a duration of three months, or a pro-rated amount for a shorter period.

TENURE: The award is tenable for a maximum of three months. The awardee will be responsible to the Director of the E&ERC for work undertaken whilst a recipient of the award.

APPLICATION: Applications should comprise a cover page with the student's name, contact details, the duration of funding requested, supervisor name(s), plus the following four items, each **no more than one page**:

- a) a progress report on the applicant's PhD outlining the main findings, the papers already submitted, and any other indications of the successful progress of the project (prizes, presentations, grants, etc).
- b) a proposal from the student on what he/she will write during the period of the award and the journals to which the articles will be submitted.
- c) a proposal from the student on what skills he/she will transfer during a short-course that he/she develops and delivers to the E&ERC (student and/or staff members). Sufficient details of this workshop must be given for the Selection Committee to be able to assess its merits and appeal to the E&ERC's student body.
- d) a confidential letter of support from the students' supervisor, or a member of the student's postgraduate committee, providing an assessment of the applicant's Ph.D./Higher Doctorate research work, the nature of the thesis material being written up for publication, and the proposed course. Applicants should arrange with their supervisor for the letter to be forwarded with the completed application to Vera. Letters of support must be received by Committee by the application deadline.

Applications must be submitted before one of three deadlines a year: 28 February, 30 June or 30 October. **Awards must be taken up immediately after the thesis is submitted and exit seminar is completed, and cannot be deferred.**

SELECTION: The Ph.D. thesis must be submitted within the maximum 4 Year Candidature period and the candidature must not have been lapsed.

Applications will be assessed against the criteria outlined below. The Committee and the Director of the E&ERC reserve the right to make no award in a given round if there is insufficient funding available or if the applications received are not satisfactory or do not meet the intended purposes of the scheme.

Criteria that will be taken into account by the Committee in assessing applications are as follows:

- Quality and quantity of proposed papers to be submitted under the award.
- Proposed skills transfer program to be completed under the award.
- Previous publication record, conference papers and quality of the Ph.D./Doctorate research.
- Supervisor's report.
- Conference papers, if any, based on Ph.D./Doctorate research
- Length of time as a Ph.D./Doctorate candidate. (Priority will be given to students who submitted their thesis without extensions. Approved leave periods are not included in this. No candidate who has exceeded 4 years full-time enrollment will be considered).
- Record of participation in, and contribution to, the intellectual life of the E&ERC

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