

The AusIMM Education Endowment Fund Scholarships Operational Guidelines

The AusIMM EEF PhD Scholarship

1. The objective of the AusIMM EEF PhD 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 for research, a field trip and opportunities to network and demonstrate leadership within the AusIMM and the minerals sector.
2. The scholarships shall be known as:
 - a. The AusIMM EEF PhD Scholarship
3. The scholarships shall be awarded annually by The AusIMM EEF on the recommendation of the EEF National Scholarship Committee, subject to suitable nominations being received.
4. The length of the scholarships is dependent on year of study and is as follows:
 - a. The AusIMM EEF PhD Scholarship
 - i. Entering first year of PhD – maximum of three years
 - ii. Entering second year of PhD – maximum of two years
 - iii. Entering third year of PhD – maximum of one year
 - b. Exceptions to this may be considered on application to the National Scholarship Committee
5. The value of the scholarships is as follows:
 - a. The AusIMM EEF PhD Scholarship – up to \$25,000 pa (see eligibility)
6. The scholarship will be split with half the per annum rate being paid each six months in advance.

Eligibility

1. Those seeking the AusIMM EEF PhD Scholarship must be able to demonstrate how their research will benefit the minerals industry.
2. Scholarship holders must be Australian citizens or students with a permanent resident visa status.
3. Postgraduate students in PhD programs who hold 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 other scholarship(s) etc, pa	EEF PhD 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 of scholarship holders

1. Scholarship holders must be current members of the AusIMM or apply for membership 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 full-time enrolment within the agreed minerals industry related doctoral program.
3. Satisfactory progress towards completion of the doctoral program must be demonstrated following the completion of each year of the program by production of an assessment from 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 practicable.
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 upon request to present to relevant groups on their experiences obtained during the field trip and in relation to the AusIMM and their scholarship.

Application requirements

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 students will need to demonstrate 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 affect 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

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