

Tim Healey Memorial Scholarship

General Conditions of Award

Preamble

These *Conditions of Award* are intended to supplement the various codes of practice for postgraduate supervision, conditions of award for ad-hoc scholarships, and higher degree regulations of the partner universities as well as providing a framework for managing outcomes and financial accountability. In matters of potential conflict between the Future Farm Industries CRC's originally defined 'conditions of award' and the codes and regulations of the administering University, the University documents will take precedence.

Background

Dr Tim Healey was a valued member of the former Future Farm Industries Cooperative Research Centre (CRC) Board, serving from its inception in 2007 until retiring due to illness in 2012. His specialist roles included acting as Chairman of the Board's Audit and Risk Committee. Fellow Board members valued his deep thinking and erudite nature. Dr Healey had broad interests encompassing agriculture, arts, architecture, travel, walking and, in his younger years, marathon running and squash.

The Tim Healey Memorial Scholarship represents the former CRC's continuing commitment to increasing Australia's research and development capabilities within disciplines consistent with the CRC's vision for the ongoing development of Australia's farming systems.

It is also a fitting legacy in memory of Dr Healey's contribution to this effort.

1. Scholarship Duration

The Tim Healey Memorial Scholarship is a top-up stipend scholarship available to existing award holders. The maximum duration of the scholarship is 3.5 years, subject to satisfactory university approved progress and performance. Scholarship extensions would only be considered in exceptional circumstances.

2. Recipient Eligibility

Scholarship recipients must:

- Be commencing or continuing higher degree study in the year after the application round.
- Be a current holder of, or be approved for, an existing base scholarship such as an Australian Postgraduate Award (APA) or an industry-based fund of similar merit.
- Have been granted enrolment acceptance in an appropriate full-time Higher Degree, Research (HDR) program at a recognised Australian university.
- Conduct research within the list of research disciplines and interests originally defined by the FFI CRC and reflected in Schedule B.
- Satisfy the selection criteria, including research interests, detailed within Schedule C.

Preference will be given to recipients with Australian citizenship or permanent residency, although international students with research interests consistent with the research programs mentioned in Schedule B are encouraged to apply.

3. Supervision

A student's principal supervisor will be an academic who meets the supervisory requirements of the university partner. A minimum of two (2) supervisors will be required to submit written statements supporting the student's application, research interests and ability to complete their study program. One supervisor should be from a non-university partner, such as an industry agency or research and development organisation, with relevant expertise.

Supervisors must be formally recognised by the relevant university.

4. Administration

The Tim Healey Memorial Scholarship will be administered and managed under the auspices of the AW Howard Memorial Trust (see Schedule D).

Schedule A: Particulars of the ‘Top-Up’

Scholarship Value

The value of the Tim Healey Memorial Scholarship is \$10,000 per annum.

Eligibility

Recipients will need to already hold, or be approved for, a current HDR award including, but not limited to: an Australian Postgraduate Award (APA), university, industry or government recognised award.

Duration

Subject to satisfactory review on student progress and performance conducted by the host university’s internal reporting processes, the Scholarship will ordinarily be available for a maximum of three years and six months full time enrolment. Leave of Absences during enrolment as approved by the host university will not affect the availability of the Scholarship. Requests for additional funding beyond the three years six months of full time enrolment will only be considered in exceptional circumstances.

Schedule B: Research Disciplines and Interests

Eligible research activities need to demonstrate a positive contribution to the improvement, modification, adaptation or increased understanding of Australia’s farming industries.

Specific research areas or interests that are encouraged include, but are not limited to:

- farming systems
- pastures
- field crops
- livestock management
- soils or agronomy
- climate change (adaptation and mitigation)
- sustainability
- farm business management
- agricultural system- based woody crops
- on-farm biodiversity
- on-farm related salinity
- rural social research in relation to farming (including resilience)
- economic research in relation to farming

HDR by thesis or publication, as defined and administered by the host university, is equally acceptable.

Schedule C: Selection Criteria

Selection for a Tim Healey Memorial Scholarship is based on merit, including merit of an academic and/or non-academic nature.

Applicants will need to complete the *Application for Tim Healey Memorial Scholarship* form. In completing this application, applicants will need to clearly state their capacity to address one or more of the research interests (or related) in Schedule B.

The application also provides sections to demonstrate the:

- research proposal, including outputs;
- industry contribution, including how the industry will benefit (outcomes);
- supervisory support, including industry-based supervision; and
- history, commitment and passion for research in this area.

Schedule D: A W Howard Memorial Trust Inc.

For further information on the Trust, visit:

http://www.pir.sa.gov.au/top_menu/pirsa_careers/aw_howard_memorial_trust