

Frequently Asked Questions

TCRN Clinical PhD Scholarship Top-up Awards and TCRN PhD Top-up Awards 2017

What is the closing date for applications?

The deadline for receipt of applications is 5pm, Wednesday 31 May 2017. No late applications will be accepted.

How do I find out whether my supervisor is on the current TCRN membership?

Please check the [membership page on the TCRN website](#).

What is the difference between the TCRN **Clinical** PhD Scholarship Top-up Awards and the TCRN PhD Scholarship Top-up Awards?

The TCRN **Clinical** PhD Top-up Awards are designed to recruit and support nursing, allied health or medical graduates to enhance their translational cancer research capabilities. Only 3-year-top-up is available for the students who commence full-time study during the 2017 UNSW and UTS academic year.

The TCRN PhD Top-up Awards are designed to support the students who are undertaking a full-time PhD degree either in the Faculty of Science, the Faculty of Health or the Business School at UTS or a UNSW Medicine School with a strong alignment to the TCRN. No clinical qualification required.

A number of 3-year, 2-year and 1-year (final) top-ups are available.

I have a degree in science (or biotechnology), am I eligible to apply for the TCRN **Clinical** PhD Scholarship Top-up Awards?

No, to be eligible for the TCRN **Clinical** PhD Scholarship Top-up Awards, you will need to have one of the following qualifications - Medical Graduate, Medical Graduate with further clinical training, Nursing & Allied Health Professional Graduate. If you are not sure about your eligibility, please email tcnrgants@unsw.edu.au.

I am in receipt of another TCRC (Translational Cancer Research Centre) PhD Scholarship award. Can I still apply for the TCRN PhD top-up awards?

No, a recipient of another TCRC PhD Scholarship awards is not eligible for the TCRN PhD Scholarship awards. Other TCRCs include Sydney Catalyst, The Kids Cancer Alliance, Hunter Cancer Research Alliance, Sydney West Translational Cancer Research Centre, Sydney Vital, and Centre for Oncology Education and Research Translation.

When and how do I find out the outcome of my application?

The TCRN will email you and your supervisors the outcome of your scholarship application within 4-6 weeks of closing date of applications.

What is Research Support?

As part of the TCRN PhD Scholarship Top-up awards, 3-year top-up recipients and 2-year top-up recipients receive \$2,500 research support fund for up to three years and up to two years respectively.

For the TCRN **Clinical** PhD Scholarship Top-up awards, 3-year top-up recipients receive \$2,500 research support fund for up to three years. Payments will be made to your supervisors.

What is Research Support fund for?

The research support fund is there to off-set a supported student's research costs for the lab or team to which the student belongs. The TCRN Research Support fund can be used to purchase a computer and other consumables or to pay for travel and other expenses related to the student's research project. But that decision is made IN CONJUNCTION with his/her supervisor.

Can I use the Research Support Fund for a conference or research-related travel?

Yes, if you are interested in participating in or presenting at a conference, you can use the TCRN Research Support fund to pay for the travel. Once again, this must be approved by your supervisor first. Please note that the TCRN top-up students who receive Research Support fund are not eligible for TCRN Conference & Professional Development grants.

Who do I contact for further information about the PhD Scholarship top-up awards?

You can either email tcrngrants@unsw.edu.au or stella.jun@unsw.edu.au.