



Cancer Council WA

Student Vacation Research Scholarships Guidelines

Guidelines for applicants applying for a Vacation Scholarship

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Closing Date for applications:

1. Introduction

Cancer Council WA aims to minimise the effect of cancer on our community through research and education and by providing people affected by cancer with support to enhance their quality of life. A key objective of Cancer Council WA is to encourage and support a wide range of research activities into the causes, diagnosis, treatment and prevention of cancer.

Cancer Council WA is calling for applications from students for cancer related research projects over the long summer vacation period in the areas of biomedical, clinical, health services and public health.

2. Scholarship Description

Cancer Council WA Vacation Scholarship, offered by Cancer Council WA since 1963, are for undergraduate students to work on a cancer related research project for 6-10 weeks. The scholarship includes funding of up to \$3,000.



James Crofts
Hope Foundation Inc

Two additional scholarships are offered by the James Crofts Hope Foundation (JCHF). The Foundation is committed to the advancement of research in the area of brain cancer these scholarships will be allocated to research projects that relate directly to brain cancer research



Two additional Scholarships are also offered by the Abbie Basson Sarcoma Foundation. The Foundation is committed to the advancement of research in the area of sarcoma, primary bone and soft tissue tumours, these scholarships will be allocated to research projects that relate directly to sarcoma research.

Please note: those applicants who wish to be considered for the James Crofts Hope Foundation, or the Abbie Basson Sarcoma Foundation student vacation scholarships are to nominate their preference at the relevant place allocated in the application form. In the instance where applications for the James Crofts Hope Foundation and the Abbie Basson Sarcoma Foundation student vacation scholarships are unsuccessful the applications will be considered for the Cancer Council WA Student Vacation Scholarship.

3. Student Eligibility Criteria

The following students are eligible to apply:

1. Students enrolled full-time in the year when the application is received.

AND

2. (a) students who have completed two years of an appropriate course work degree, this includes a Masters by Course Work degree, and are enrolled in at least the third year of the course work degree in the disciplines relevant to cancer control or treatment when the application is received.

or

- (b) medical students currently at the end of their third year.

or

- (c) post graduate medical students who have not already completed a research degree.

The following students are ineligible to apply:

1. Students who are enrolled in or have completed a research degree (ie honours)
2. Students who were enrolled part-time in the year when the application is received
3. Students who have not completed two years of an appropriate degree course when the application is received
4. Students who are previous recipients of a James Crofts Hope Foundation Student Vacation Research Scholarship, an Abbie Basson Sarcoma Foundation Student Vacation Research Scholarship or a Cancer Council WA Student Vacation Research Scholarship.
5. Students who are current recipients of a full-time scholarship intended to provide an equivalent stipend / salary of an amount equal to or greater than \$3,000 may be ineligible (assessed on a case by case basis)
6. Students who are currently employed in the area (eg 3rd or 4th year student working as a part time research assistant)

The Tobacco and Other Industries

The Cancer Council will not provide a research grant to any researcher who is an applicant for or is in receipt of funds from:

- I. Companies or other entities receiving money or revenues from the tobacco industry or having arrangements or dealings with the tobacco industry in which may actually, potentially or perceivably compromise tobacco control initiatives. This includes:
 - a) Tobacco manufacturers or wholesalers, and their subsidiaries or other entities within that group of companies;
 - b) Entities or individuals whose sole or principal business is the retailing of tobacco products;
 - c) Other entities identified to have links of a commercial, strategic or public nature with tobacco manufacturers or wholesalers
- II. Companies or other entities involved in manufacturing, distribution, promotion or sale of any other product or service known to cause cancer or to increase cancer risk (including, but not limited to, solarium, asbestos, alcohol, environmental carcinogens, sugared beverages, and other energy dense nutrient poor foods).

Cancer Council WA will terminate its support for a research project if the above provisions relating to support from these industries are breached or it believes that the integrity of the research is threatened by influence from tobacco or other interests.

Researchers in receipt of funds from other organisations in conflict with the prevention of cancer will be examined closely to determine if a conflict of interest exists.

4. Application Process

Applications for these scholarships are to be submitted through a Western Australian higher education institution and/or medical research institution that will be responsible for the administration of the scholarship if successful. Applicants should contact the Research Administration or Student Officer of their Institution for further advice regarding the closing date, institutional approvals and processes.

Applicants for these Scholarships are to be submitted through the Cancer Council WA's [online portal](#).

Before sending your application, please ensure all sections have been completed as specified, including sign-off from the Responsible Officer at your Administering Institution. A guide to completing your application online is available [here](#).

Applications are to be received no later than 8 August 2022.

Timeline

Stage	Date
Applications Open	15 June 2022
Applications close 4pm	8 August 2022
Notification in writing	October / November

5. Guidance on completing the Application

For the application to be ruled eligible:

- a) The research must be conducted at a Western Australian higher education institution and/or medical research institution
- b) A transcript of the student's academic history must accompany the application. This transcript must be complete, including all enrolment years, all units the student has been enrolled in, enrolment status for each year (full-time/part-time), all marks and grades, and the course weighted average where possible.

Applications will be ruled ineligible if:

- c) If an original or certified academic transcript or progress report is not included with the application
- d) If an academic transcript or progress report is not complete
- e) The application is received after the closing date
- f) The application has not been approved by the Responsible Officer

The project must adhere to the following:

- a) The time frame for the proposed project must be clearly stated and must be at least four weeks and no more than ten weeks.
- b) The research project proposed by the applicant must be relevant to a career in research
- c) The research project proposed by the applicant must broadly relate to cancer research

- d) The project must not rely on the outcome of a greater research investigation
- e) The project must not be a coursework component of the degree in which the student is enrolled
- f) It is essential that the applicant have appropriate supervision throughout the duration of the proposed project and that they make all necessary arrangements for acceptance and supervision with the Head of Department or supervisor concerned.
- g) Eligibility requirements for the James Crofts Hope Foundation and the Abbie Basson Sarcoma Foundation student vacation scholarships being offered:
 - o The research project proposed by the applicant must relate specifically to brain tumour research
 - or
 - o The research project proposed by the applicant must relate directly to sarcoma research.

6. Selection Criteria

The applications are sent to our Predoctoral Research Grants Advisory Subcommittee for external peer review. The committee consists of c.10 WA cancer researchers and up to 4 community representatives who have a personal connection to cancer. There is a scientific assessment and a community assessment, with a scoring allocation of 90:10 respectively.

7. Obligations of the Recipient and Administering Institution

- a) Payments in respect of this scholarship will be made through the Administering Institution.
- b) Scholarships are currently valued at \$3,000 (excluding GST)
- c) Scholarships will normally be payable upon receipt by the Cancer Council WA of a concise report by the scholar, and signed by the supervisor, submitted **within four weeks** of the completion of the Scholarship of the work done (and no later than 30 April). A report template will be provided.
- d) Any publication arising from the work carried out must acknowledge financial support of Cancer Council Western Australia, the James Crofts Hope Foundation or the Abbie Basson Sarcoma Foundation where applicable. A copy of the publications concerned should be provided to Cancer Council WA.
- e) It is the responsibility of the Scholarship holder to assess the tax liability of their scholarship. Cancer Council WA cannot provide advice regarding taxation. Please refer to the Australian Tax Office Website for further information: <http://www.ato.gov.au>
- f) Special arrangements for payment during tenure will be considered by the Cancer Council upon request.

8. Further Information

Queries about completion of the scholarship process should be addressed to:

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