

# Master of Catchment Science

Terms and Conditions



## 1. Definitions

- 'IWC' refers to the International WaterCentre Pty Ltd
- 'Griffith' refers to Griffith University
- 'Recipient/s' refers to the recipient/s of an IWC Masters Scholarship
- 'MCS program' refers to the IWC Master of Catchment Science program (CRICOS 099375F) delivered at Griffith University (Nathan Campus – Brisbane, Australia)
- 'International students' are students who do not hold an Australian or New Zealand citizenship or Australian permanent residency visa
- All figures are quoted in Australian dollars (A)

## 2. Availability

IWC is offering the following Catchment Science scholarships for international candidates to study the MCS program commencing in Trimester 1, 2021 (February).

- Up to **two international scholarships** that will provide:
  - **Full-tuition fee scholarship** for a future catchment science leader from any country around the world.

*Please note: the final number and value of scholarships awarded will remain at the discretion of IWC and will depend on the quality of applications received.*

## 3. Value

Each scholarship will cover the full tuition fees (currently A\$56,000) for full-time (24 months) of the IWC Master of Catchment Science program commencing in Trimester 1, 2021 (February).

Recipients will be responsible for costs associated with a student visa, Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC), travel to Australia, accommodation and living expenses.

## 4. Program of Study

IWC Scholarships are available for full-time study of the full Master of Catchment Science (MCS) program delivered at Griffith University (CRICOS 099375F).

Scholarships are not available for the IWC Graduate Certificate in Catchment Processes or the Graduate Certificate in Catchment Hydrology or any other program. Scholarships are only available for commencing students and not for current students enrolled in the MCS.

## 5. Duration of funding

The MCS program must be completed within a maximum of four consecutive trimesters of full-time study (24 months). Recipients are required to complete the program within the duration specified in the Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE). The next intake will commence in Trimester 1 (February) 2021 and finish in Trimester 2 (October) 2022.

All scholarships are awarded on the basis that Recipients maintain an enrolled status in their course of study. Requests for extensions to the period of study or temporary suspension of the scholarship may be granted under exceptional circumstances and must be made in writing to IWC for review on a case-by-case basis.

## 6. Minimum eligibility requirement

All scholarship candidates must meet the following requirements:

- 1) A completed undergraduate degree in a related field of study from an internationally-recognised institution
- 2) Two years of professional experience (paid work or volunteering experience relevant to the program and following the completion of an undergraduate degree). Although not essential for entry in the MCS program, candidates with at least two years of relevant professional experience have a higher chance of securing a scholarship – see selection criteria and process below.
- 3) International candidates must also demonstrate English language proficiency (ELP) (see [Griffith's requirements including minimum scores for English Language Proficiency tests](#)). Applicants must meet the ELP requirements for admission to be considered in the scholarship selection.
- 4) Scholarships do not include funding to undertake English language courses through the [Griffith English Language Institute \(GELI\)](#). Scholarship applicants will not be considered in the selection round if they choose to undertake courses through GELI.
- 5) Scholarship applicants must receive a full offer of admission into the MIWM program from Griffith University to be considered in the scholarship selection. Information on how to apply for admission is found on the Griffith website. A full offer includes meeting ELP and providing all required documentation to Griffith International.

## 7. Selection Criteria

Typically, successful scholarship recipients possess an excellent academic record and several years of relevant professional experience.

The Scholarship Selection Panel will use the following selection criteria (below) to rank competitive applications and decide on successful recipients:

- **Leadership qualities** including collaboration and team work, flexibility, initiative, communication skills, integrity and vision through professional, educational, community and other achievements.
- **Professional and volunteering record:** relevant employment and volunteering experience, achievements, membership of professional bodies and professional references.
- **Academic record:** an excellent academic record and a likelihood of success in further study.
- **Commitment** to designing and driving the implementation of catchment and waterway restoration and protection measures using the best available science and engineering.
- **Potential outcomes:** the likelihood of positive impacts on the individual and the water sector from participating in the MCS program.

## 8. Application and selection process

**2021 Application Dates (international round):**

International candidates: online applications are open from **18 May 2020, 5:00pm Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST) until 1 August 2020 (5:00pm AEST)**.

### **Step 1: Applying for admission through Griffith University (by 1 August)**

Applicants who apply for the scholarship must first apply for admission into Griffith University and meet the admission requirements.

For instructions on how to apply for admission refer to the Griffith University website. Applicants are required to pay the non-refundable A\$50 admissions application fee. The application fee will not be waived and is the responsibility of the applicant to pay.

Note that applicants from select countries are required to apply through an international education agent. For a list of countries and agents, refer to the Griffith University website. Education agent fees will not be waived and are the responsibility of the applicant to pay.

Scholarship applicants who have not applied for admission into Griffith will not be considered in the selection round.

If you have applied to Griffith University previously and have a current offer on file, please upload your letter of offer of admission on the online IWC scholarship application form.

### **Step 2: Online scholarship application (by 1 August)**

Once applicants have submitted an admission application to Griffith, or already have a current offer of admission on file, scholarship candidates who meet the minimum eligibility requirements (see above) must submit an online scholarship application form by 1 August 2020.

\*Note that applicants do not need to wait for an outcome from Griffith regarding their admissions application before applying for the scholarship. Applicants must submit both the admissions and scholarship application at the same time.

A link to an online scholarship application form will be available on the IWC website during the scholarship application period: completing the online application form, the following documents are required to be uploaded:

- current resume/CV
- two reference letters from a professional or academic referee (\*reference letters can be from the same referees who are listed on the applicants' scholarship application form \*referees also have the option to email the reference letters directly to [education@watercentre.org](mailto:education@watercentre.org) . Reference letters must be current from within the past two years.)

### Step 3: Shortlisting of applications (early August)

The Scholarship Selection Panel will conduct a preliminary assessment of each application received. Each application must meet the minimum eligibility requirements and will be assessed according to the selection criteria aforementioned (see 'Selection Criteria' section).

In early August, applications will be divided into two groups:

- 'Group 1' - shortlisted applications which will proceed to the next stage; and
- 'Group 2' - non-eligible and/or non-competitive applications (unsuccessful)

At this stage, the Scholarship Selection Panel will consider the Personal Statement provided by candidates. The Personal Statement is one of the questions on the scholarship application form available on the IWC website. Please note that applicants are not required to send a separate personal statement. The Personal Statement is a very important part of a Scholarship application, and the IWC strongly advises applicants to invest significant effort to craft a focussed, thoughtful, reflective Statement.

Applicants who fall under the 'Group 2' will be contacted shortly after their application is submitted (and by 20 August) at the latest) to advise they have been unsuccessful.

At this stage, only shortlisted applicants ('Group 1') will move in to the next stage of the selection round. Applicants must have submitted an admissions application to Griffith by the 1 August. Applicants must meet all of the admissions requirements and have received a full offer of admission from Griffith University by the 16<sup>th</sup> of September 2020. The admissions requirements include transcripts, current proof of English Language Proficiency and other documents required by Griffith International Admissions.

***Note that Griffith will only process applications for scholarship applicants that are received by the 1st August. Any applications received after the 1st August will NOT be considered in the 2021 selection round. ONLY COMPLETE APPLICATIONS CONTAINING ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED.***

***Past this date, applicants may not receive a full offer of admission from Griffith on time to be considered for a Scholarship.***

#### **Note on Griffith non-refundable application fee:**

Griffith will charge a A\$50 application fee for all online applicants for admission in the MCS. The application fee will not be waived, and applicants are required to pay the application fee. Successful Recipients must be able to finance their travel and living costs in Brisbane.

### STEP 4. SELECTION OF SUCCESSFUL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

By 16<sup>th</sup> September, the Scholarships Selection Panel will liaise with Griffith to ensure that all shortlisted applicants have received a full offer of admission into the MCS. A full offer is granted when the applicant meets all entry requirements and has submitted all relevant documentation to Griffith. At this stage, only candidates who have received a full offer of admission into the MCS program at Griffith will be considered for the scholarships. Applicants who have not received a full offer of admission from Griffith by the **16<sup>th</sup> of September** will **not** be considered in the final selection round.

A full offer of admission means the applicant has met **all** of the entry requirements for admission.

Applicants who have received an offer with missing conditions will not be considered in the selection round.

Applicants who have not met the [English language proficiency requirements](#) by the 16<sup>th</sup> of September will not be considered in the final selection round.

The tuition fee deposit required by Griffith is not to be considered a condition for scholarship selection. The Scholarship Selection Panel will then select successful recipients using the selection criteria described before. The Panel may conduct reference checks by contacting the referees nominated in the scholarship application form. Selected candidates may be also contacted for a phone interview. The Selection Panel adheres to IWC's policy of non-discrimination for this process. Decisions of the Scholarships Selection Panel are final and confidential.

## FINAL DECISION

Successful recipients will be notified (via the email address provided on the scholarship application) by 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020. The value and conditions of their scholarship will be outlined in their scholarship offer letter from IWC. Please add in the [education@watercentre.org](mailto:education@watercentre.org) email address to your email contacts to ensure safe delivery of the scholarship email notification.

## 9. Scholarship restrictions

Scholarships are available in the year of offer only and are only available for commencing students who choose to study the MCS program starting in Trimester 1, 2021 (February).

Scholarship Recipients must maintain a minimum cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 5.5 or above throughout the MCS program to continue to receive scholarship funding. If a Recipient's cumulative GPA falls below 5.5 at any time during the program, IWC reserves the right to forfeit the scholarship.

## 10. Activities during scholarship period

Scholarship Recipients may be expected to participate in extra-curricular activities beyond the MCS Program regular coursework requirements, which may include but are not limited to:

- collaborating with IWC's marketing department to provide photos, videos, interviews and/or written testimonials for promotional purposes.
- providing up to three hours per week or intermittently for research activities, as required by the IWC Education Director
- presenting research at selected conferences during the program, as designated by IWC.

Failure to participate in the aforementioned activities - when required by IWC- may result in the forfeiture of the scholarship.

## 11. Fieldwork and final project

Scholarship Recipients may choose to conduct fieldwork in Australia or overseas as part of the 'Final Project' module. All costs related to travel and fieldwork during the final project are the responsibility of the Recipients. Recipients are solely responsible for obtaining relevant visas for overseas field work and for ensuring all activities are compliant with visa requirements.

## 12. Withdrawal or termination

A scholarship will terminate if:

- the Recipient withdraws from the Program; or
- the Recipient does not conform to the present terms and conditions of the Scholarship; or
- the Recipient does not conform to Griffith University rules and policies; or
- the Recipient does not complete each trimester with satisfactory progress (please refer to minimum GPA condition in the 'Scholarships restrictions' section above).
- the Recipient does not resume the Program at the conclusion of a period of approved leave of absence or does not make arrangements for the approval of an extension to the period of leave of absence.

The scholarships are tenable at Griffith University and subject to satisfactory progress according to Griffith policies.