

Master of Catchment Science

Terms and Conditions



1. Definitions

- 'IWC' refers to the International WaterCentre Pty Ltd
- 'Recipient/s' refers to the recipient/s of an IWC IWM Scholarship
- 'MCS program' refers to the IWC Master of Catchment Science program delivered at Griffith University (Nathan Campus – Brisbane, Australia)
- Domestic students' are Australian citizens, New Zealand citizens and Australian permanent residents.

2. Availability

IWC is offering **up to two full scholarships** for domestic candidates to study the MCS program commencing in Trimester 1, 2021 (February).

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) or part-time/distance study (4 years) of the IWC Master of Catchment Science program commencing in Trimester 1, 2021 (February).

Each full scholarship recipient will also benefit from the following offer: IWC will refund their flights to attend mandatory 'intensives' in Brisbane (i.e. 'intensives' are short periods of on-campus classes and off-campus workshops and field trips at the beginning of each trimester). Please see detailed 'Flight refund conditions' below.

Recipients will be responsible for paying any other study expenses (e.g. accommodation in Brisbane to attend mandatory 'intensives' or to study full-time, etc.).

4. Flights refund conditions

This offer is valid for scholarship recipients to attend mandatory 'intensives' in Brisbane. IWC offers to refund return economy class airfares to Brisbane from the scholarship recipient's closest capital city in Australia or New Zealand, via the most direct route and up to the maximum value of A\$500 (including all taxes) per round trip.

Before booking their flights, scholarship recipients must send a copy of their itinerary and estimated costs to IWC Education Officer at education@watercentre.org seek approval. If approved, IWC will confirm via email and the recipient will then be able to proceed with their booking and pay for their flights.

Refunds will be transferred to the recipient's nominated Australian bank account. It is the responsibility of recipients to obtain written approval from IWC before booking their flights. IWC reserves the right to reject requests for flights refund that do not meet the above conditions.

5. Program of Study

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

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

6. Duration of funding

For domestic students: the MCS program must be completed within a maximum of four consecutive trimesters of full-time study (24 months) or eight consecutive trimesters of part-time/distance study (4 years).

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.

7. Minimum eligibility requirement

All scholarship candidates must meet the following requirements:

- A completed undergraduate degree in a related field of study from an internationally-recognised institution
- 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.

8. 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 catchment sector from participating in the MCS program.

9. Application and selection process

Domestic applications:

Online applications are open from **1 June** until **1 September 2020 (11:59pm AEST)**.

Application Process

- 1. Apply for a scholarship through IWC and apply for admission through Griffith University (by 1 September)** Scholarship candidates who meet the minimum eligibility requirements (see previous page) must **submit an online application form by 1 September 2020 (11:59pm AEST) through the IWC**. Shortly after the closing date, the Scholarship Selection Panel will select successful recipients based on the selection criteria outlined on the IWC website. The online application form is available on the IWC website.

Domestic applicants **must also submit an online application for admission** in the MCS to Griffith University at the same time, or soon after submitting their scholarship application form. Griffith University needs to have received all applications **by 1 September 2020**. You can apply for an admission into the program [here](#).

*Please note that only those applications that have received a full offer of admission into the MCS program will be considered in the final scholarship round.

All documentation requested by Griffith University to process admissions applications must be received by Griffith admissions no later than the 30th September.

- 2. Selection of successful scholarship recipients**

All applications for IWC Catchment Science Scholarships (Domestic) will be assessed after 1 September, once all applications have been received. The Scholarship Selection Panel will then select successful recipients based on the **selection criteria** aforementioned (see 'Selection Criteria' on page 2).

The Scholarship Selection Panel will consider the **Personal Statement** provided by candidates in their online application form and the letters of reference they have attached. The Panel may also conduct reference checks by contacting the referees nominated in the scholarships application form.

The Scholarships Selection Panel adheres to IWC's policy of non-discrimination for this process. Decisions of the Selection Panel are final and confidential.

Final decision

Successful recipients will be notified (via the email address provided on their scholarship application) on **13 October 2020**. The value of their scholarship will be outlined in their scholarship offer letter from IWC.

10. 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 commencing 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.

11. 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 written testimonials for promotional purposes.
- Present 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.

12. Fieldwork and final project

Scholarship recipients may choose to conduct fieldwork in Australia or overseas as part of their 'Final Project'. All costs are the responsibility of the recipients. Recipients are solely responsible for obtaining relevant visas for overseas field work and for ensuring all activities are in compliance with all visa requirements.

13. 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 rules and policies of Griffith University; 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's policies.