

THE CLARE BURTON SCHOLARSHIP 2012

GUIDELINES

For post-graduate research into gender equity within one of the five universities of the Australian Technology Network (ATN):

- Curtin University (Perth)
- Queensland University of Technology (Brisbane)
- RMIT University (Melbourne)
- University of South Australia (Adelaide)
- University of Technology, Sydney (Sydney)

Introduction

The Clare Burton Scholarship provides funds to support post-graduate research into gender equity. The Scholarship was established by the five ATN universities (Curtin, QUT, RMIT, UniSA and UTS) and the Burton family to honour and continue the work of Dr Clare Burton, a pioneering Australian researcher, into aspects of gender equity. A scholarship of \$10,000 is available to a student enrolled, or intending to enrol, in an ATN university, in either a post-graduate coursework or research degree where the major piece of work is focussed on gender equity.

The scholarship had its inaugural round in 2002. Since that time seven scholarships have been taken up, four at UniSA and one each at Curtin, QUT and RMIT.

Type of research supported

The field of gender equity encompasses women and equality in all spheres of endeavour including (but not limited to) employment, education, health, communications, engineering and science.

Research proposals which are likely to make a significant contribution to the field, or contribute to the solution of an important practical problem will be supported.

Eligibility and funding

Applicants should be enrolled or intending to enrol in a post-graduate coursework or research degree in an ATN university, and be an Australian resident.

A stipend of \$10,000 is available for a period of 12-18 months. The scholarship is available to both full-time and part-time students.

Selection criteria

The primary criteria for considering applications are:

- the quality of the research proposal
- the capability of the researcher

Other considerations may include:

- the applicant's financial need;
- lack of previous access to research opportunities; and
- being from an under-represented group within higher education research.

The submitted application will be the major consideration for the selection committee but interviews with applicants may also be considered.

Support and advice

Scholarship candidates are encouraged to discuss their applications with their own academic supervisor. For further advice in the development of applications, please contact:

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As well as the basic facilities similar to those enjoyed by other enrolled higher degree students, the successful applicant will receive individual support/mentoring related to their current research and future career, from their host institution. National ATN networks, such as WEXDEV, may also provide support as appropriate.

Unsuccessful applicants will not receive detailed feedback on their research proposals.

Dissemination of research outcomes

It is expected that results of the study will be published in an appropriate forum. The scholarship holder may have the opportunity of summarising the outcomes as part of the annual Clare Burton public lecture series.

Deadlines

Please complete the Clare Burton Scholarship 2012 Application Form available at:
<http://www.atn.edu.au/wexdev/scholarship/>

The deadline for receipt of applications is **Friday 18 November 2011**

Five (5) copies of the application should be sent to:

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