

# Master of Integrated Water Management

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
- 'MIWM program' refers to the IWC Master of Integrated Water Management program (CRICOS 096488K)
- 'International students' are students who do not hold an Australian or New Zealand citizenship or Australian permanent resident visa
- All figures are quoted in Australian dollars (AUD)

# 2. Availability

IWC is offering the following Integrated Water Management scholarships for international candidates to study the MIWM program commencing in Trimester 1, 2021:

Up to **two international scholarships** including:

- **Type A - One full-tuition fee and full-living-costs scholarship** for future water leaders from priority countries in the Asia-Pacific, Latin America, Africa and the Middle East.
- **Type B – One full-tuition fee scholarship** for a future water leader from selected countries in North America, Europe and parts of Asia.

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

## A. 'TYPE A' SCHOLARSHIP

**Full tuition and full living costs scholarship for future water leaders in priority countries in Asia-Pacific, Latin America, Africa and the Middle East. (See Attachment 1: list of eligible countries for Type A scholarships).** Applicants from these countries do not currently need to be residing in

**their home country, but must have the intention of returning to their home country upon graduating from the MIWM program.**

There is one Type A scholarship available. This scholarship will cover the following costs (up to the total value of **\$97,814\*** **cost is subject to change and is relevant for 2020 program fees**):

- Full tuition fees for full-time study of the IWC Master of Integrated Water Management program commencing in Trimester 1, 2021 (up to \$57,750\* for 18 months of study). Tuition fees will be paid by IWC directly to the educational institution. ***\*Tuition fees are subject to change and are relevant for the 2020 intake.*** The scholarship will cover the cost of tuition fees for 2021.
- Living expenses stipend (valued at \$36,000 for 16 months, payable in equal monthly instalments – see additional conditions<sup>1</sup> below)
- Return air travel to Australia (pre-approved, economy class airfares up to the value of \$2,500 – see additional conditions<sup>2</sup> below)
- Cost of student visa for a single student (up to \$575). Student visa costs will be refunded to the Recipient's Australian bank account upon provision of receipt.
- Cost of the Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) for single student (valued at \$989 for 18 months). The OSHC will be paid by IWC directly to Griffith. Note that if the Recipient chooses to bring family to Australia the Recipient is responsible for paying the entire cost of family OSHC directly to Griffith. The IWC will then reimburse \$989 back to the Recipient.

## IMPORTANT - SPECIFIC CONDITIONS FOR 'TYPE A' SCHOLARSHIP:

### **1. Living expenses stipend**

The living expenses stipend is valued at up to \$36,000 for 16 months, payable in equal monthly instalments directly to the Recipient's Australian bank account. Monthly payments (\$2,250 each month) will start in March 2021 and end in June 2022. The stipend is based on estimated costs of living published on [Griffith website](#).

The stipend is intended to cover the costs of living for a single student living off-campus (without any dependents) whilst residing in Australia. It does not cover costs associated with bringing family members to Australia. It does not cover costs associated with overseas field work for the Recipient's final project. If Recipients want to undertake their final project overseas, their living expenses stipend may be

suspended. Recipients need to seek IWC's written approval by sending a request to [education@watercentre.org](mailto:education@watercentre.org) before undertaking overseas field work.

## 2. **Airfares refund**

This offer is valid for return economy class airfares to and from Brisbane via the most direct route and up to the maximum value of \$2,500 including all taxes. If Recipients can only book a one-way ticket to Brisbane, any outstanding balance can be used for a return ticket if this ticket is purchased at a later date (for example, if \$1,200 are used towards a one-way ticket to Brisbane, the Recipient will be able to book, the following year, another one-way ticket back to their home country for up to the value of \$1,300).

Prior to booking flights, scholarship Recipients must send a copy of their itinerary and estimated costs to the IWC Education Officer at [education@watercentre.org](mailto:education@watercentre.org) to seek approval. If approved, IWC will send an email notification to the Recipient who will then be able to proceed with their booking and pay for their flights. Original tickets and flight receipts are required upon arrival in to Brisbane. Refunds will be processed after the Trimester 1 (March) 2021 Griffith census date.

The refund will be transferred to the Recipient's nominated Australian bank account, in Australian dollars equivalent, based on the foreign exchange rate on the day of the transfer. It is the responsibility of Recipients to obtain written pre-approval from IWC before booking their flights. IWC reserves the right to reject refund requests for flights that do not meet the above conditions.

## B. 'TYPE B' SCHOLARSHIP

### **Full tuition scholarship for a future water leader from North America, Europe and parts of Asia.**

*(See Attachment 2: list of eligible countries for Type B Scholarships)* There will be one full tuition scholarship. Its value will be up to **\$58,989\*** and cover the following:

- Full tuition fees for full-time study of the IWC Master of Integrated Water Management program commencing in 2021 (valued at \$57,750 for 18 months of study). Tuition fees will be paid by IWC directly to Griffith. ***\*Tuition fees are subject to change and are relevant for the 2020 intake.***

- Return air travel to Australia (pre-approved, economy class airfares up to the value of \$2,500 – see additional conditions<sup>1</sup> below)
- Cost of the Overseas Student Health Cover for single student (valued at \$989 for 18 months). The OSHC will be paid by IWC directly to Griffith. The OSHC will be paid by IWC directly to Griffith. Note that if the Recipient chooses to bring family to Australia the Recipient is responsible for paying the entire cost of family OSHC directly to Griffith. The IWC will then reimburse \$989 back to the Recipient.

Type 'B' scholarships do not include student visa, accommodation or living expenses and the Recipients will be responsible for paying all remaining study and living expenses. Refer to the [Griffith University](#) website for the cost of studying in Australia.

## IMPORTANT - SPECIFIC CONDITIONS FOR 'TYPE B' SCHOLARSHIP:

### **<sup>1</sup>. Airfares refund**

This offer is valid for return economy class airfares to and from Brisbane via the most direct route and up to the maximum value of \$2,500 including all taxes. If Recipients can only book a one-way ticket to Brisbane, any outstanding balance can be used for a return ticket if this ticket is purchased at a later date (for example, if \$1,200 are used towards a one-way ticket to Brisbane, the Recipient will be able to book, the following year, another one-way ticket back to their home country for up to the value of \$1,300).

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## 4. Program of study

IWC Integrated Water Management Scholarships are available for high calibre candidates to study the Master of Integrated Water Management (MIWM) full-time program delivered by IWC at Griffith University (CRICOS 096488K).

These scholarships are not available for the IWC Graduate Diploma/Certificate or any other program. Scholarships are only available for new (commencing) students and not for current students enrolled in the MIWM program.

## 5. Duration of funding

The MIWM program must be completed within a maximum of three consecutive trimesters of full-time study (18 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 1 (July) 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 requirements

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) At least 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 MIWM program, candidates with more than two years of relevant professional experience have a higher chance of securing a scholarship – see Selection Criteria and Application 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.

## 7. Selection criteria

The Scholarship Selection Panel will assess all applications received that meet the minimum eligibility requirements (above). The Panel will then use the following **selection criteria** to rank competitive applications and to decide on the successful recipients:

- 1) **Leadership qualities** including collaboration and team work, flexibility, initiative, communication skills, integrity and vision through professional, educational, community and other achievements.
- 2) **Professional and volunteering record:** relevant employment and volunteering experience, achievements, membership of professional bodies and professional references.
- 3) **Academic record:** an excellent academic record and a likelihood of success in further study at Master's level.
- 4) **Commitment** to promoting and driving the implementation of collaborative, whole-of-water-cycle, integrated and interdisciplinary approaches to water management.
- 5) **Potential outcomes:** the likelihood of positive impacts on the individual and the water sector from participating in the MIWM program.

## 8. Application and selection process

### 2021 Application Dates (International round)

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

The application process for international candidates is as follows:

#### STEP 1. APPLYING FOR ADMISSION THROUGH GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY (BY 1 AUGUST)

Applicants who apply for the scholarship must first apply for admission in to 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 \$50 admissions application fee. The application fee will not be waived and is 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.

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' on page 3).

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 16 September 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 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 the IWC Masters Scholarships.***

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

Griffith will charge a \$50 application fee for all online admission applications in the MIWM. 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 initial living costs to Brisbane as the scholarship will only reimburse Recipients after they have arrived into Australia.

## STEP 4. SELECTION OF SUCCESSFUL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

By 16 September, the Scholarships Selection Panel will liaise with Griffith to ensure that all shortlisted applicants have received a **full offer of admission** into the MIWM. 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 MIWM program at Griffith will be considered for the scholarships. Applicants who have not received a full offer of admission from Griffith by the 16th 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 a conditional offer will not be considered in the selection round.

Applicants who have not met the [English language proficiency requirements](#) by the 10th 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 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 MIWM program starting in **Trimester 1, 2021**.

Scholarship Recipients must maintain a minimum cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 5.5 or above throughout the MIWM 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.

Important - the successful Recipients of a 'Type A Scholarship' (i.e. Full tuition and full living costs scholarship) may be asked to comply with additional conditions. If this is the case, these conditions will be outlined in their letter of offer. These may relate to restrictions regarding topics/themes for Problem-Based Learning projects and/or final project, attendance to specific conferences or any other restrictions that may be imposed by external scholarship sponsors.

## 10. Activities during scholarship period

Scholarship Recipients may be expected to participate in extra-curricular activities beyond the MIWM 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.

Recipients who undertake the WASH and Development stream are required to attend an intensive in Thailand in Trimester 3 (November) 2021 for the 7940ESC (Community, livelihoods, development and water) course. All costs associated with this intensive are the responsibility of the Recipient and are not included in the scholarship.

Recipients who undertake the Water, Land and People stream are required to attend an intensive in Perth, Western Australian in Trimester 3 (December) 2021 for the 7960ESC (Water, agricultural landscapes and food security) course. All costs associated with this intensive are the responsibility of the Recipient and are not included in the scholarship.

## 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's policies.