

POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

FOR COAL INDUSTRY EMPLOYEES

The coal industry wishes to encourage suitably qualified people to upgrade their skills, to ensure adequate technical expertise in the future.

Up to three ACARP scholarships may be awarded annually to individuals who are working in the coal industry or a closely related industry such as power generation, and wish to undertake further studies and gain a PhD.

PREREQUISITES

- The postgraduate scholarship is to be obtained by research, not course work.
- The program is to be undertaken full time.
- The candidate must have a minimum of three years experience in the broader mining industry or associated industries since graduating and a demonstrated level of excellence in the workplace. Preference will be given to candidates currently employed by the coal industry contributors to ACARP.
- A high level of academic achievement is seen as an advantage rather than a prerequisite provided the candidate is accepted by a university.
- The candidate may have commenced a part time postgraduate course and wish to move to full time study.
- The research topic is aligned with coal industry research priorities.
- The appointed supervisor is acceptable to the ACARP Research Committee.

AWARD

- Funded at \$100,000 per year, tax free for a PhD (3 years), to a maximum of \$300,000.
- An additional contribution may be made to the university to cover supervision costs.

DEVELOPMENT AND SELECTION PROCESS

It will be the responsibility of the candidate to introduce themselves to the university of their choice and negotiate both a project topic and a supervisor.

The Research Committee will oversee the application, review, selection and supervision of scholarships.

Applications should be submitted to anne@acarp.com.au, no later than **the date advised on the acarp web site** - <https://www.acarp.com.au/funding.aspx#PostGraduateScholarship>.

Final decisions will be made by the ACARP Board in December.

ACARP has 250 projects current at any one time receiving over \$20 million per annum. The candidate may find work within an existing project or alternate work not funded by ACARP. This scholarship is not being established specifically to help initiate new research projects but to help existing industry members develop greater skills and knowledge.

Information on the existing suite of ACARP projects can be found at:
<http://www.acarp.com.au/Media/ACARPCurrentProjectsReport.pdf>

Information on ACARP's most recently Research Priorities can be found at:
<http://www.acarp.com.au/Media/ACARPResearchPrioritiesNewsletter.pdf>

- Step 1:** It is the candidate's responsibility to select a research topic which is aligned with ACARP's Research Priorities on which to work and find a suitably qualified supervisor.
- Step 2:** The candidate prepares the submission. The submission must include a full CV and evidence of both strong interest and track record in a specific technical area. The submission will clearly identify the proposed project objectives, show the role of the candidate and detail the work program. Any associated ACARP or other research projects should be noted. Other than the cover page, ACARP does not offer standard documentation to be completed for the submission. It is important that the candidate be able to demonstrate the ability to document their proposal.
- Step 3:** Once the work program has been confirmed and the university has committed a supervisor, the candidate should complete the proforma cover sheet (see attached) and forward the submission to the ACARP Research Committee, c/- anne@acarp.com.au, by before the due date.
- Step 4:** The Research Committee may call upon the candidate to discuss aspects of the submission and attend an interview with a representative group from that Committee. The discussion will provide an opportunity to examine the merit of both the candidate and the proposed research work.
- Step 5:** The Research Committee recommends award of scholarship to the ACARP Board in December.
- Step 6:** Following board approval advice is provided to the Candidate and the University.
- Step 7:** The Research Committee will appoint an Industry Monitor to review the scholarship's progress and provide additional technical support for the Candidate for the duration of the PhD.
- Step 8:** Agreements between ACARP, the Student and the University are completed.
- Step 9:** The scholarship commences.

ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT

AGREEMENTS

ACARP – University

Upon the awarding of a scholarship, ACARP will provide a letter to the university authorising the scholarship value and naming the recipient. It is envisaged that an exchange of letters will suffice rather than a formal agreement.

University – Candidate

The university will use their own post-graduate student agreement to address such issues as IP, right to publish, satisfactory progress, terms of payment etc.

REVIEWS

- Reviews will be in line with University PhD requirements, with the appointed ACARP Industry Monitors invited to attend.
- Presentations may be made to ACARP.

PAYMENTS

- The scholarship funding is to be directed in its entirety to the student.
- Payments are to be made by the University to the student fortnightly in areas.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

ACARP Research Committee

- Candidate selection/recommendation to ACARP Board.
- Ultimate authority for termination of the scholarship.

Industry Monitor – (Industry appointment)

- Undertake scholarship review.
- Provide technical mentoring role.

Academic Supervisor – (University appointment)

- Assist in the development of Thesis to satisfy academic requirements.
- Monitor progress and examine the resulting work and publication.

ACARP through its agent Australian Research Administration (ARA)

- Negotiate terms with the university – exchange of letters.
- Pay the university.
- Receive regular progress reports.
- Coordinate submissions and any presentations to the Research Committee.

Student

- Keep ACARP and the Industry Monitor informed of any changes in direction or progress on their PhD and Thesis.
- Advise ACARP of review timetable.

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PHD TITLE

YOUR DETAILS:

Name

Organisation

Address

Email

Phone

**TERTIARY
QUALIFICATIONS:**

**INDUSTRY
EXPERIENCE:**

UNIVERSITY DETAILS:

University

Project

Supervisor

Address

Email

Phone

**ASSOCIATED ACARP
PROJECT: (if any)**
