

Judith Neilson Scholarship in Contemporary Art

Terms and Conditions

Match 2018

1. Background

- a. The Judith Neilson Scholarship in Contemporary Art has been established to support the study of contemporary Chinese art in its global contexts. The Scholarship provides a stipend allowance for a PhD to be undertaken in this research area within the Department of Art History at the University of Sydney.

2. Eligibility

- a. Applicants must have an unconditional offer of admission for a full-time PhD in the Department of Art History in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences at the University, and have completed an undergraduate program with first class honours, or master's degree in a related field of study.
- b. Applicants must demonstrate engagement with issues related to contemporary Chinese art, global art cultures, and transcultural studies and have academic experience in one or more of the following fields: art history and theory, Chinese studies, visual culture, and/or curatorial studies.
- c. Applicants must also possess demonstrable research skills and a high proficiency in writing in English.

3. Selection Criteria

- a. The successful applicant will be awarded the Scholarship on the basis of:
 - I. academic merit,
 - II. area of study and research proposal,
 - III. curriculum Vitae,
 - IV. personal statement which:
 - a. demonstrates engagement with issues related to contemporary Chinese art, global art cultures, and transcultural studies,
 - b. outlines any academic experience in one or more of the following fields: art history and theory, Chinese studies, visual culture, and/or curatorial studies, and
 - c. demonstrable research skills and a high proficiency in writing in English.
 - V. feedback from two referees. One must be an academic referee, the other may be professional.
- b. Preference will be given to applicants who through their cover letter also demonstrate the potential for engagement with the White Rabbit Collection and a proficiency in Chinese.
- c. Shortlisted applicants may be asked to provide a writing sample and/or sit for an interview.
- d. The successful applicant will be awarded the Scholarship on the nomination of the relevant research supervisor in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

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4. Value

- a. The Scholarship will provide an annual stipend allowance of \$30,000 per annum (fixed rate) for up to three years subject to satisfactory academic performance. An extension of six, or up to a maximum of twelve months is possible.
- b. The Scholarship is for commencement in relevant research period in which it is offered for and cannot be deferred or transferred to another area of research.
- c. Periods of study already undertaken towards the degree prior to the commencement of the Scholarship, will be deducted from the maximum duration of the Scholarship excluding the potential extension period.
- d. The Scholarship cannot be transferred to another area of research.
- e. The Scholarship will be offered subject to funding availability.
- f. No other amount is payable.

5. Eligibility for Progression

- a. Progression is subject to passing the annual progress review.

6. Leave Arrangements

- a. The Scholarship recipient receives up to 20 working days recreation leave each year of the Scholarship and this may be accrued. However, the student will forfeit any unused leave remaining when the Scholarship is terminated or complete. Recreation leave does not attract a leave loading and the supervisor's agreement must be obtained before leave is taken.
- b. The Scholarship recipient may take up to 10 working days sick leave each year of the Scholarship and this may be accrued over the tenure of the Scholarship. Students with family responsibilities, caring for sick children or relatives, or experiencing domestic violence, may convert up to five days of their annual sick leave entitlement to carers leave on presentation of medical certificate(s). Students taking sick leave must inform their supervisor as soon as practicable.

7. Research Overseas

- a. The Scholarship recipient may not normally conduct research overseas within the first six months of award.
- b. The Scholarship holder may conduct up to 12 months of their research outside Australia. Approval must be sought from the student's supervisor, Head of Department and HDRAC, and will only be granted if the research is essential for completion of the degree. All periods of overseas research are cumulative and will be counted towards a student's candidature. Students must remain enrolled full-time at the University and receive approval to count time away.

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8. Suspension

- a. The Scholarship recipient cannot suspend their award within their first six months of study, unless a legislative provision applies.
- b. The Scholarship recipient may apply for up to 12 months suspension for any reason during the tenure of their Scholarship. Periods of suspension are cumulative and failure to resume study after suspension will result in the award being terminated. Approval to suspend must be given by both HDRAC and the head of the department concerned. Periods of study towards the degree during suspension of the Scholarship will be deducted from the maximum tenure of the Scholarship.

9. Changes in Enrolment

- a. The Scholarship recipient must notify HDRAC and their supervisor promptly of any planned changes to their enrolment including but not limited to: attendance pattern, suspension, leave of absence, withdrawal, course transfer, and candidature upgrade or downgrade. If the award holder does not provide notice of the changes identified above, the University may require repayment of any overpaid stipend.

10. Termination

- a. Unless terminated earlier under this paragraph, the Scholarship will terminate:
 - I. on resignation or withdrawal of the student from their PhD,
 - II. upon submission of the thesis or at the end of the award,
 - III. if the student ceases to be a full-time student and prior approval has not been obtained to hold the Scholarship on a part-time basis,
 - IV. If the recipient receives an alternative primary scholarship, or
 - V. If the student ceases to meet the eligibility requirements specified for this Scholarship, (other than during a period in which the Scholarship has been suspended or during a period of approved leave).
- b. The Scholarship may also be terminated by the University before this time if, in the opinion of the University:
 - I. the course of study is not being carried out with competence and diligence or in accordance with the terms of this offer,
 - II. the student fails to maintain satisfactory progress, or
 - III. the student has committed misconduct or other inappropriate conduct.
- c. Stipend payments will be suspended throughout the duration of any enquiry/appeal process.
- d. Once the Scholarship has been terminated, it will not be reinstated.

11. Misconduct

- a. Where during the Scholarship a student engages in misconduct, or other inappropriate conduct (either during the Scholarship or in connection with the student's application and

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eligibility for the Scholarship), which in the opinion of the University warrants recovery of funds paid to the student, the University may require the student to repay stipend amounts and any other payments made to the student in connection with the Scholarship. Examples of such conduct include and without limitation; academic dishonesty, research misconduct within the meaning of the *Research Code of Conduct* (for example, plagiarism in proposing, carrying out or reporting the results of research, or failure to declare or manage a serious conflict of interests), breach of the *Code of Conduct for Students* and misrepresentation in the application materials or other documentation associated with the Scholarship.

- b. The University may require such repayment at any time during or after the Scholarship period. In addition, by accepting this Scholarship, the student consents to all aspects of any investigation into misconduct in connection with this Scholarship being disclosed by the University to the funding body and/or any relevant professional body.