

The Margaret and John Crutch PhD Scholarship guidelines

Purpose

The Margaret and John Crutch PhD Scholarship (Scholarship), established in 2024, is awarded to an incoming PhD Student at the Baker Heart and Diabetes Institute (Baker Institute) to support their PhD candidature in medical research. Supported by Ruth Crutch and Equity Trustees, this scholarship honours Miss Glenys Ruth Crutch's parents, Margaret and John Crutch, and the family's enduring interest in discovery science.

Term and value of funding

The Scholarship will support one full-time student to the value of \$50k per annum (includes associated on-costs) for the duration of their PhD — 3.5 years.

The Scholarship will support a stipend (including any associated on-costs), research expenses, professional development expenses (including travel), and other related costs that can be agreed upon with the Baker Institute's Research, Training, Education Committee (RTEC) and the recipient.

The Scholarship is administered by the RTEC and monthly stipend payment through the Baker Institute payroll.

Eligibility

- Applicants must be enrolled or in the process of enrolment at an approved tertiary institution.
- Applicants must be primarily based at the Baker Institute, and the primary supervisor an employee of the Baker Institute.
- Applicants who have applied for a scholarship with a university are eligible.
- Applicant must be an Australian permanent resident.

Selection committee

Scholarship applications will be reviewed and awarded by the RTEC. The successful applicant will be notified and the scholarship offered.

Selection criteria

The Scholarship will be awarded to the applicant who, under the selection process, has been assessed and highly ranked based on academic merit by RTEC.

- Any other matters the RTEC considers relevant.
- Preference will be given to researchers who identify as female.

How to apply

Complete the application form and email to study@baker.edu.au by 5pm 2 December 2024.

Conditions

- Applicant cannot be in receipt of another equivalent award/top-up/stipend in addition to this scholarship or under obligation to an existing sponsor
- Scholarships are not transferable, and it is to be relinquished if the recipient ceases study with the Institute
- Scholarship funds are not payable in advance and paid monthly
- Scholarship funds cannot be taken as cash
- Late applications will not be considered.

Scholarship recipients

- Provide evidence of enrollment and acceptance in an approved tertiary institution
- Scholarship funds will be administered through the Baker Institute
- Recipients will have the opportunity to use the scholarship funds provided to support any area of their study. i.e., equipment needs, professional development, existing course payments within the annual capped amount and RTEC approval
- Provide annual progress reports in line with 'milestone' progress reviews. and a final report on the research undertaken, upon completion scholarship funding. This includes expenditure details
- Provide a thank you to the donor when asked by the Community & Corporate Relations Department
- Meet with the donor when asked by the Community & Corporate Relations Department by attending events managed by the Baker Institute.

Timeframes

Notification to successful the applicant is anticipated by 18 December 2024.

Start date by 31 March 2025