



POLICY FOR AB-CRC VACATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Overview

The primary objective for AB-CRC Vacation Scholarships is to encourage undergraduate students of high academic ability to pursue research areas involved in national biosecurity and emerging infectious diseases. This will be achieved by awarding scholarships to be used as a living allowance.

A. Description of the Award

AB-CRC Vacation Scholarships will provide financial support to students undertaking a short research project within an existing AB-CRC project.

B. Administration of Scholarship Funding

Scholarships will be tenable at each of the partners of the AB-CRC, who will administer the payment of the scholarship.

C. Eligibility

A recipient must be enrolled in an undergraduate degree in a discipline relevant to biosecurity and emerging infectious diseases at one of the partner institutions of the AB-CRC, and have successfully completed at least 2 years of their undergraduate degree.

D. Subsistence Living Allowance

The AB-CRC Vacation Scholarship will be \$1500 living allowance, awarded as a tax-free lump sum to the administering research organisation.

E. Duration of Scholarship

The research project, supported by the AB-CRC, must run for a minimum of 6 weeks and a maximum of 10 weeks over any university summer break.

F. Awarding of Scholarship

Scholarships will be awarded to students based on academic merit. Scholarships will be advertised through departments of partner universities involved in AB-CRC research projects, with applications due in November. Students will be required to consult with potential supervisors to develop project proposals, as the project proposal and supervisor endorsement will form part of the application. The Scholarship Subcommittee will finalise the awarding of AB-CRC Vacation Scholarships in November based on results of the undergraduate course of study and quality of the application.

G. Confidentiality Agreement

Scholarship recipients will be required to sign an AB-CRC Confidentiality Agreement.