

## Collaborative Research Network (CRN) Program

### Scholarship Application Form 2012

Office Use Only  
 Application No:

#### Applicant Details

| Title (eg. Mr, Ms, Miss) | Surname or Family Name | Given Name(s) |
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#### Country of Birth

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#### Address for Correspondence

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#### Home Address (If different to above)

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Home Phone Number (include country and area codes):

Work Phone Number (include country and area codes):

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Email Address

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VU Student ID Number (If previously or currently enrolled)

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#### Residency Details

Of which country are you a citizen?

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Are you a permanent resident of Australia?

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A certified copy of a document showing proof of citizenship and/or permanent residency status must be attached to your application. This may be a birth certificate, a passport (with copy of permanent residency visa page) or certificate of citizenship.

## English Language Competence

All applicants must satisfy at least one of the following English language requirements. Please indicate how you have satisfied the English language requirements by ticking selection(s) below.

- ☐ English is my first language.
- ☐ I have satisfactorily completed tertiary studies in Australia within the last two years (or in an equivalent English language context e.g.: USA, Canada, UK).
- ☐ I have successfully completed an approved ELICOS program with an exit level equivalent to the IELTS or TOEFL entry level for postgraduate research\*.
- ☐ Either
- A) I have a score of 6.5 or more on the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) with no band less than 6.0\* or.
- B) I have a score of 92 or more on the Testing English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL- internet) with no section score less than 22\*

**\*Please note:** Certified copies of documentary evidence (such as English test results or English language course transcripts) **must** be attached to your application. Only applications with evidence submitted by Monday 14 May 2012 will be assessed.

## Scholarship Eligibility Checklist

All questions must be answered by all applicants

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| 1 | Have you previously held, or do you currently hold any scholarship/award?<br>If YES, please provide details.<br><i>Name of Scholarship/Award:</i><br><hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin: 5px 0;"/><br><i>Dates of Scholarship/Award:</i><br>From ____/____/____ to ____/____/____   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 2 | Have you already completed a Masters by Research degree and propose to undertake another in 2012?  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 3 | Have you already completed a PhD or research Doctorate degree or equivalent?   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 4 | Have you already commenced the Masters or PhD degree for which you are seeking a scholarship? If YES, please provide details.<br><br><i>Degree in which currently enrolled:</i><br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Masters <input type="checkbox"/> Doctor of Philosophy <input type="checkbox"/> Other Doctorate<br><br><i>Dates of Enrolment:</i> From ____/____/____ to ____/____/____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 5 | In 2012, will you be in receipt of another award, scholarship or salary of \$17,000 per annum or higher to undertake the same degree?  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |

## Proposed Collaborative Research Area

In which collaborative research area do you wish to be considered for:

1. **Education in Low SES, Diverse and Under-represented Communities** ☐  
This research focuses on improving education outcomes for students from low SES, diverse and under-represented backgrounds.
2. **Water Management**  
This program focuses on water research, particularly in the areas of economics, social sciences, fundamental engineering and physical sciences.
  - A. **Assessing the economic value of alternative water supplies in an urban setting** ☐
  - B. **Social Science and water management** ☐
3. **Clinical Exercise Science and Active Living** ☐  
This research program focuses on exercise as a therapeutic adjunct, reasons for exercise limitations and the connection between exercise, sport and health.

Please provide more details about the CRN scholarship project/s that you wish to be considered for and your suitability for the project/s. **No more than 1 typed A4 size page will be considered.** The proposal should include the following:

- A. A statement of your reasons for being interested in the project.
- B. An explanation of how your academic background and professional and other relevant experience make you a suitable postgraduate researcher to work on the project.
- C. A statement of what skills you believe you would bring to the project and the skills that you would hope to acquire through your participation.
- D. An outline of your medium to long term career goals in research..

## Qualifications

Please provide details of all undergraduate and postgraduate qualifications.

Attach certified copies of all transcripts and other relevant documentation, including any prizes or distinctions gained in your academic career that are not listed in the official transcripts.

| Undergraduate Qualifications |             |                  |                |                |
|------------------------------|-------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Qualification                | Institution | Level of Honours | Year Commenced | Year Completed |
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| Postgraduate Qualifications |             |                                     |                |                |
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| Qualification               | Institution | Type of Course<br>(Please tick)     | Year Commenced | Year Completed |
|                             |             | Research <input type="checkbox"/>   |                |                |
|                             |             | Coursework <input type="checkbox"/> |                |                |
|                             |             | Research <input type="checkbox"/>   |                |                |
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*For any degree that was completed in a country other than Australia, you will need to provide a certified copy of the original academic transcript (including a key to result codes) with an English translation if necessary. Any supporting documents submitted in languages other than English, will require an official certified translation into English, in addition to the certified copy of the document.*

## Research Experience

Briefly describe your research experience. (If insufficient space, please attach a separate sheet)

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Please list any publications (including dates of publication) of research or work that you have done individually or with others.  
(If insufficient space, please attach a separate sheet)

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Please detail any employment experience that is relevant to this application.  
(If insufficient space, please attach a separate sheet)

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## Academic Referees

Please provide full details of two people whom you have asked to support your application. They should preferably be senior academics familiar with your most recent work.

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Note: Reports from referees must be provided on the attached Academic Referee Report Form. Referees should complete the form and return it directly to Victoria University by the closing date of Monday 14 May 2012 either by mail or email.

**It is your responsibility to ensure that your referees submit their reports by the closing date.  
Your application will not proceed if referee reports are not received.**

## Declaration

*I declare that the information submitted is complete, correct and true in every particular.*

*I authorise the University to obtain from educational institutions and relevant authorities at any time details of my enrolment, academic record, examination results and bond status, including details of enrolment variation, attendance and addresses during the year in connection with my scholarship/award application.*

*I understand that the University reserves the right to vary or reverse any decision made on the basis of incorrect or incomplete information. I am aware that there are severe penalties for providing false or misleading information.*

*I agree to abide by the scholarship/award conditions, as amended from time to time.*

| Applicant's Signature | Date     |
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## Application Checklist

**Please ensure that you provide ALL of the following documentation.  
Incomplete applications will NOT be considered.**

- ☐ Original application with attachments as listed below (Do not include originals of attachments, provide certified copies)
- ☐ All Academic Transcripts and Records ☐ certified \* copy, plus ☐ English translation (if required)  
If awaiting results eg. Honours/master's thesis, please forward to the Scholarships Coordinator as soon as they become available.
- ☐ Birth Certificate, Citizenship Certificate or Passport ☐ certified \* copy
- ☐ Copy of permanent residency visa (if applicable) ☐ certified \* copy
- ☐ Evidence of English language proficiency (if English is not first language) ☐ certified \* copy
- ☐ Research Proposal
- ☐ Further details of research or work experience / publications (If required)

In addition, if I am unsuccessful in obtaining a scholarship, I still wish to be considered for a Full Fee International Place (international applicants) or a Research Training Scheme place (domestic applicants): ☐ Yes ☐ No

**SEND YOUR APPLICATION AND ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION TO:**

**EMAIL:** [Andrew.gaff@vu.edu.au](mailto:Andrew.gaff@vu.edu.au)

**MAIL:** Office of the PVC Research, Research & Training  
Victoria University, PO Box 14428  
Melbourne, Victoria, 8001, AUSTRALIA

**COURIER/INTERNATIONAL EXPRESS MAIL/IN PERSON:**  
Building C, Level 3, Room C330  
Victoria University  
Ballarat Road, Footscray VIC 3011  
AUSTRALIA

Applications close on **Monday 14 May 2012**  
Late or incomplete applications will NOT be considered.

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**CONFIDENTIAL REFEREE REPORT**

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**For the Applicant** (This section to be completed by the applicant. Please type or print using black ink)

- Please complete your details below and pass a copy of each of the form to each of the two (2) people whom you wish to act as your academic referee. Each person should be a senior academic conversant with your most recent studies.

Applicant's Name

Applicant's Address

**For the Referee** (This section to be completed by the referee. Please use black ink)

- Referee comments are considered when assessing scholarship applications. The University is particularly interested in your opinion of the qualifications, experience, academic and research ability of the applicant. These should be judged with reference to the applicant's peer group. Reports must be returned by **Monday 14 May 2012**. Please note that applications cannot be considered unless referee reports are returned by this date. Do not return this form to the applicant – return to the address given at the end of this form.

Referee's Name:

Address:

Position:  
(including capacity  
in which you are aware of  
the applicant's academic potential)

Telephone:

Email:

Please give your appraisal of the candidate by ticking the appropriate box, using the following key as a guide. Please rate the applicant in comparison with others you have known who have successfully undertaken postgraduate study. Please use the space available to comment on your ranking decision.

◆ Outstanding = Top 5%      ◆ Very Good = 6% - 10%      ◆ Good = 11% - 20%      ◆ Average = 21% - 40%      ◆ Poor

**1. How do you rate the applicant's postgraduate research potential?**

☐ Outstanding     
 ☐ Very Good     
 ☐ Good     
 ☐ Average     
 ☐ Poor

**2. If the applicant has completed a thesis based on research, how do you rate the thesis?**

☐ Outstanding     
 ☐ Very Good     
 ☐ Good     
 ☐ Average     
 ☐ Poor

3. How do you rate the applicant's ability to communicate in English?

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|------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| ◆ Written Skills | <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> Very Good | <input type="checkbox"/> Good | <input type="checkbox"/> Reasonable | <input type="checkbox"/> Poor |
| ◆ Oral Skills    | <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> Very Good | <input type="checkbox"/> Good | <input type="checkbox"/> Reasonable | <input type="checkbox"/> Poor |

4. Based on the comments you have given below, what degree of support do you give the applicant?

☐ Unreserved      ☐ Strong      ☐ Fairly Strong      ☐ Moderate      ☐ Nil

Please provide comments relating to the level of support you are giving the applicant. Please comment on the applicant's: initiative, creative ability, perseverance, critical ability, ability to meet deadlines, ability to complete a research degree and capacity for independent research. Attach extra sheets if required.

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| Referee's Signature | Date |
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Completed forms should not be seen by the applicant and will be treated in the

STRICTEST CONFIDENCE

Referees should return the completed forms before on **Monday 14 May 2012** to:

Office of the PVC Research, Research &amp; Training

Victoria University, PO Box 14428, Melbourne, Victoria, 8001, AUSTRALIA.

Facsimile number: +61 3 9919 4796 Email: [Andrew.Gaff@vu.edu.au](mailto:Andrew.Gaff@vu.edu.au)

PLEASE NOTE THAT APPLICATIONS CANNOT PROCEED IF REFEREE REPORTS ARE NOT RECEIVED BY THE CLOSING DATE.