BHP Billiton Scholarships
UWA Business School

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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What is the purpose of the scholarships?

The purpose of the scholarships is to enable graduates of the UWA Business School, or another recognised university, to undertake an honours or postgraduate degree by research, or a masters by coursework (currently under review), in a research field of relevance to BHP Billiton and the wider minerals and resources sectors, including in the fields of economics, finance, marketing, human resources, business or management.

Who is the scholarship donor, BHP Billiton?

BHP Billiton is a leading global resources company, see http://www.bhpbilliton.com.au/bb/home.jsp and http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BHP_Billiton

BHP Billiton has significant mineral and petroleum operations in Western Australia and are a generous Corporate Partner of the University of Western Australia Business School, see http://www.business.uwa.edu.au/school/campaign/partnerships

What scholarships are available?

Up to 4 Honours Scholarships, worth $20,000 each per annum
Up to 4 Postgraduate Research Scholarships, worth $42,322 each per annum
Up to 4 Masters by Coursework Scholarships, worth $50,000 (pro rata per annum basis)

Note: Masters by Coursework Scholarships are currently under review for 2012

* All scholarships denominated in Australian dollars
** The 4 Postgraduate Research Scholarships can be awarded either to Masters by Research, or Doctoral i.e. PhD or DBA candidates
*** “Up to” means the maximum number of scholarships which can be held concurrently at that category in any one year
****To date, 6 Honours and 3 PhD Scholarships have been awarded
**Where do I find the scholarship conditions and eligibility requirements?**

There are two sources of information on scholarships on the UWA website: general information at the UWA Scholarships Office at [http://www.scholarships.uwa.edu.au](http://www.scholarships.uwa.edu.au) and full detailed scholarship conditions and regulations at [http://spe.publishing.uwa.edu.au](http://spe.publishing.uwa.edu.au)

F23607 BHP Billiton Honours Scholarships

F23608 BHP Billiton Masters by Coursework Scholarships (not available 2012)

F23609 BHP Billiton Postgraduate Research Scholarships (Masters by Research, PhD, DBA)

**Am I eligible to apply for a scholarship?**

The UWA Business School strongly encourages all students who meet the eligibility requirements to apply for a scholarship.

If you are applying for a Postgraduate Research Scholarship, you must have identified a supervisor and broad research topic before you apply for the scholarship. You can either contact your prospective supervisor directly, or for general enquiries contact Ms Robyn Oliver, Team Manager UWA Business School Research Office, Phone: (+618)6488 2937 or email [robyn.oliver@uwa.edu.au](mailto:robyn.oliver@uwa.edu.au)

**Can international students apply?**

BHP Billiton Honours Scholarships
No, only domestic* students can apply.

BHP Billiton Masters by Coursework Scholarships (currently under review for 2012)
Yes, international and domestic students can apply.

BHP Billiton Postgraduate Research Scholarships (Masters by Research and Doctorates i.e. PhDs and DBAs)
Yes, international and domestic students can apply.

* Domestic means Australian or New Zealand citizen, or an Australian permanent resident.

**How much do these scholarships pay?**

**BHP Billiton Honours Scholarships**
Pays $20,000 per annum by cheque in two equal lump sum payments after the UWA census dates of 31st March and 31st August.

**BHP Billiton Masters by Coursework Scholarships (currently under review for 2012)**
Pays $50,000 over 2 years in fortnightly instalments on a pro-rata basis i.e. if a Masters program takes 12 months to complete then the scholarship recipient is paid half i.e. $25,000.
**BHP Billiton Postgraduate Research Scholarship**

Pays a stipend of $42,322 per annum over 3 years (maximum extension to 3.5 years). Payments are made in fortnightly instalments and are tax exempt. An additional sum of up to $5,000 is available to enable the scholarship recipient to undertake a period of overseas travel during the candidature for the purposes of research or conference attendance.

**What are the key success factors in winning a BHP Billiton Honours Scholarship in the UWA Business School?**

- Quality of dissertation proposal for honours scholarships, and demonstrated relevance to BHP Billiton’s wider commercial and community areas of interest, or to the broader business of resources, including but not limited to:
  - mining operations and management
  - oil & gas operations and management
  - minerals or energy commodity marketing and trading
  - resource sector environmental management
  - resource sector human resource management
  - resource sector and community investment
  - resource sector and indigenous enterprise

- Past Recipients Research Topics include:
  - Should the state own mineral resources? (Economics)
  - Exploring the current level of project management capabilities in Western Australia, focusing on large infrastructure projects and the resource sector (M&O)
  - Foreign investment criteria and the effects of Chinese investment in Australia’s mines (Economics)
  - Economic analysis of the Trade Practices Act, competition policy, infrastructure access, and access pricing
  - The Valuation of Non Renewable Resources: The Case of Gold in Australia (Accounting & Finance)
  - Forecasting base metal prices using Bayesian econometric techniques (Economics)

**What are the key success factors in winning a BHP Billiton Postgraduate Research Scholarship in the UWA Business School?**

- Excellent academic achievement at both undergraduate level, and at postgraduate level - a First Class or Upper Second Class Honours degree or the equivalent

- English language proficiency for international applicants (e.g. minimum 7.0 IELTS)

- For postgraduate, evidence of a research track record – e.g. publications would be highly desirable

- Referees for academic and professional track record (minimum of two)

- For postgraduate, quality of supervision – the scholarships ranking system gives additional points for a more senior, research active supervisor so selection of supervisors is important

Note: you must have identified your supervisor before you apply for the Postgraduate Research Scholarship
• Quality of research project proposal for postgraduate research scholarships, and demonstrated relevance to BHP Billiton’s wider commercial and community areas of interest, or to the broader business of resources, including but not limited to:

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- oil & gas operations and management
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- resource sector environmental management
- resource sector human resource management
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• Past Recipients Research Topics include:

- New investment projects undertaken by the Australian mining industry. Researching the drivers of, and the impediments to, mining investment projects (Economics)
- Self-regulatory behaviour in safety critical work environments, particularly in mining and aviation (M&O)
- Global commodity price indices composition and function (Economics)
- Network knowledge transfer and best practice governance in indigenous corporations (M&O)

What is the application process for the Honours Scholarship?

1. Written applications are required in both electronic and hard copy format, and should be submitted in the following format:

(a) a covering letter outlining the applicant’s reasons for applying for the scholarship;

(b) an outline of the proposed honours dissertation topic – half an A4 page maximum;

(c) a curriculum vitae that includes:

   (i) academic achievements; and

   (ii) the following as appropriate—

   • leadership positions held at school, university, in the workplace or in the community;
   • participation in community, voluntary or other work;
   • community service; and
   • sporting activities and achievements.

2. For applicants who have undertaken study at a tertiary institution other than the University of Western Australia, a copy of the applicant’s academic record from that institution.

3. Applications (electronic and soft copy) must be submitted by Friday 24th February 2012 to:

   Ms Lisa Gorey
   Faculty Administrative Officer
   University of Western Australia Business School
   Phone: 08 6488 2884
   Fax: 08 6488 1086
   Email: lisa.gorey@uwa.edu.au

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What is the application process for the Masters by Coursework Scholarships? (currently under review)

What is the application process for the Postgraduate Research Scholarship?

Domestic applicants (Australian and New Zealand citizens or Australian permanent residents) must complete and submit the online application for the Australian and University Postgraduate Awards in the main round of applications as advertised on the UWA Scholarships Office web site by the advertised closing date i.e. Friday 31st October 2010.

Please note: Before applying, candidates must have secured a supervisor from the faculty at the UWA Business School – please follow the steps required to apply at http://msc.uwa.edu.au/postgrad/home/prospective/applying

You may contact your target supervisor directly if you know who you would like to approach, or for a general discussion about securing a supervisor, please contact Ms Robyn Oliver, Team Manager Research Office, UWA Business School, phone (+61 8) 6488 2937, email: robyn.oliver@uwa.edu.au

Key dates: What are the application closing dates?

Honours Scholarships for 2012
- Open first week December 2011 (check exact date at UWA Business School website in November 2011)
- Close Friday 24 February 2012

Masters by Coursework Scholarships for 2012 (NOT available 2012)

Postgraduate Research Scholarships for 2011/2012 (Australian and University Postgraduate Awards)
- Open 2 August 2011
- Close Friday 31 October 2011

Can I apply online?

Only for the Postgraduate Research Scholarships, please see: http://msc.uwa.edu.au/postgrad/home/prospective/applying

Applications for the Honours scholarships should be submitted by the due date in both electronic and hard copy to Ms Lisa Gorey, Faculty Administrative Officer at the UWA Business School, contact details below.

Can I defer my scholarship?

Generally you may not defer a scholarship.
Can I hold more than one scholarship?

Normally the BHP Billiton Scholarships may not be held concurrently with any other external or University scholarship. Approval for concurrent scholarships may be granted in exceptional circumstances, on the basis of a written application to the University of Western Australia Scholarships Committee.

Can I work while I hold the scholarship?

For the Postgraduate Research Scholarship, no more than eight hours employment a week is permitted and no more than 240 hours of employment per year.

Would I work for BHP Billiton if I received a scholarship?

There is no guaranteed offer of employment from BHP Billiton if you receive a scholarship. You will, however, have regular opportunities to meet executives from various BHP Billiton divisions if you are awarded a scholarship, and you will have ready access to all of BHP Billiton’s various vacation, graduate and recruitment programs.

Do I pay tax on my scholarship?

A full-time scholarship is currently exempt from taxation under Section 51-10 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997. It is advisable to check the tax treatment of scholarships for your individual circumstances at the Australian Taxation Office website www.ato.gov.au

Need more information or have any questions?

For questions and applications, or to secure a supervisor before applying for a Postgraduate Research Scholarship, please contact:

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