

BHP Billiton Scholarships in the 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 recognized university, to undertake an honours or postgraduate degree by research, or a masters by coursework, 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 have 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 5 Honours Scholarships, worth \$20,000 each per annum

Up to 4 Masters Scholarships, worth \$50,000 (pro rata per annum basis)

Up to 4 Postgraduate Research Scholarships, worth \$42,322 each per annum

* All scholarships denominated in Australian dollars

** The 4 Masters Scholarships are for Masters by coursework only

*** The 4 Postgraduate Research Scholarships can be awarded either to Masters by research, or to Doctoral ie 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, 2 Honours and 2 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/> and full detailed scholarship conditions and regulations at <http://spe.publishing.uwa.edu.au/>

F23607 BHP Billiton Honours Scholarships

<http://spe.publishing.uwa.edu.au/latest/scholarships/undergraduate/bhphonours>

F23608 BHP Billiton Masters Scholarships

<http://spe.publishing.uwa.edu.au/latest/scholarships/postgraduate/bhpmasters>

F23609 BHP Billiton Postgraduate Research Scholarships

<http://spe.publishing.uwa.edu.au/latest/scholarships/postgraduate/bhp2>

Am I eligible to apply for a scholarship?

If you have a very strong academic record, and superior English language skills, then the UWA Business School strongly encourages all students who meet the eligibility requirements to apply for a scholarship.

Can international students apply?

BHP Billiton Honours Scholarships

No, only domestic* students can apply.

BHP Billiton Masters Scholarships

(For Masters by coursework only)

Yes, international and domestic students can apply.

BHP Billiton Postgraduate Research Scholarships

(Masters by Research and Doctorates ie PhDs and DBAs)

No, international students are not eligible to apply for 2010, only 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 Scholarships

Pays \$50,000 over 2 years in fortnightly installments on a pro-rata basis ie if a Masters program takes 12 months to complete then the scholarship recipient is paid half ie \$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 installments 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 being awarded a scholarship

- a) Excellent academic achievement at both undergraduate level, and at postgraduate level a First Class or Upper Second Class Honours degree or the equivalent
- b) English language proficiency for international applicants (e.g. min 6.5 IELTS)
- c) For postgraduate, evidence of a research track record – e.g. publications would be highly desirable
- d) Referees for academic and professional track record (min of two)
- e) 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
- f) Quality of research project proposal for honours and postgraduate research scholarships, and relevance to BHP Billiton's wider commercial and community areas of interest.

What is the application process for the Honours Scholarships?

1. Written applications addressing the selection criteria must be accompanied by—

- (a) a covering letter outlining the applicant's reasons for applying for the scholarship;
- (b) an outline of the proposed honours dissertation topic;
- (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 must be submitted to Ms Lisa Gorey, Faculty Administration Officer of the UWA Business School by the advertised closing date, contact details below.

What is the application process for the Masters Scholarships?

1. Written applications addressing the selection criteria must be accompanied by—

- (a) a statement outlining the applicant's experience and/or interest in economic, business or management issues relevant to the resources sector.

Note: This can encompass, for example, research addressing the social, environmental and economic impact of mining and resources industries on the regional, national and international economies. It can explore both the direct operations of mining and resource management, and their indirect effects on the wider community.

(b) a curriculum vitae that includes at least the following information:

- (i) academic achievements such as prizes and scholarships;
- (ii) employment experience;
- (iii) the names of two referees;
- (iv) leadership positions held at university, in the community and in the workplace.

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. Applicants must undertake the scholarship eligibility test prescribed for the purpose by the UWA Business School at a time and place to be advised by the UWA Business School. **Note: there is no scholarship eligibility test for the Masters Scholarships for 2010 applications.**

4. Applications must be submitted to Ms Lisa Gorey, the Faculty Administrative Officer of the UWA Business School by the advertised closing date, contact details below.

What is the application process for the Postgraduate Research Scholarships?

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 ie 30th October 2009.

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>

If you wish to discuss securing a supervisor, please contact Professor Tim Mazzarol, Director of Doctorate Programs at the UWA Business School, contact details appear below.

Key dates: What are the application closing dates?

Honours Scholarships for 2010

- Open first week December 2009 (check exact date at UWA Business School website in November)
- Close 26 February 2010

Masters Scholarships for 2010

- Open first week December 2009 (check date at UWA Business School website in November)
- Close 26 February 2010

Domestic Postgraduate Research Scholarships for 2010 (Australian and University Postgraduate Awards)

- Open 20 July 2009
- Close 30 October 2009

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 and Masters by coursework 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 whilst 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.

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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