



Curtin University

Industry-Linked PhD Scholarship: Athlete Resilience

An opportunity exists for psychology or sport science graduates with an excellent academic record and interest in applied sport science to complete an industry-embedded PhD project on psychological resilience in high performance sport. The project represents a collaboration between Curtin University and the Western Australian Institute of Sport. There is potential for the student to utilise a diverse range of research methods including observations (e.g., lab, field), questionnaires, interviews, and physiological assessments (e.g., salivary cortisol) to address the overarching aim of optimising athlete psychological resilience.

Scholarship Requirements

To be eligible for this scholarship, applicants must:

- have completed a Bachelor degree with First Class Honours, or be regarded by Curtin University as having an equivalent level of attainment; or
- have completed a Master degree by Research; or
- have completed a Master degree with a research component > 25% and have achieved high academic performance; and
- be an Australian or New Zealand Citizen; and

The successful candidate also will need to:

- be enrolled as a full-time student; and
- be enrolled as a domestic student (i.e., reside in Perth, Australia for the duration of the award); and
- meet the [English language entry requirements](#) at Curtin University

Essential Criteria

To be successful with this scholarship, applicants will have:

1. Educational qualifications in psychology or a related discipline with a core psychology component (e.g., sport science); and
2. Training/experience in qualitative (e.g., 1-1 interviews) and/or quantitative (e.g., surveys) research methods; and
3. Evidence of high quality verbal (e.g., delivering instructions to participants) and written communication skills (e.g., Honours or Masters thesis), as well as excellent interpersonal skills (e.g., working with people from diverse backgrounds)



Desirable Criteria

The following criteria are considered advantageous but not essential to be successful with this scholarship:

1. Masters level qualification in psychology (e.g., sport and exercise, organisational)
2. Experience in a high performance sport setting or a related field (e.g., military)
3. Experience with the analysis (e.g., multilevel modelling) and interpretation (e.g., conference presentation) of complex data
4. Evidence of peer-reviewed publications within the behavioural sciences
5. Demonstrated capacity to work independently and as part of a multidisciplinary team to complete tasks within set timeframes

Value of the Scholarship

Curtin University will provide the successful candidate with a tax-free Research Training Program scholarship of AUD 27,596 per annum, which is indexed annually for the duration of the award. Furthermore, the Western Australian Institute of Sport will provide a top-up scholarship of \$5,000 per annum, pro rata. The duration of the scholarship shall be for 3 years, with a maximum possible extension of up to six months (assessed on a case-by-case basis by Curtin).

Further Information

The PhD student will be co-located in the School of Physiotherapy and Exercise Science at Curtin University, and WAIS High Performance Sport Service Centre. The supervision team includes Daniel Gucciardi, Carly Brade, Nikos Ntoumanis, Eleanor Quested, and Joanne Ayers (WAIS). It is expected that the successful candidate will have enrolled into and commenced the PhD program by the 4th quarter of 2019. Prospective applicants can obtain additional information about the project from Daniel Gucciardi (d.gucciardi@curtin.edu.au). Please include “Query re Curtin-WAIS scholarship” in the email subject heading.

How and When to Apply

Application packages should include (i) a curriculum vitae including the details of 2 professional referees (preferably from the past 2 years) and (ii) a statement addressing the essential and desirable selection criteria. Please submit your application by July 28th 2019 to Daniel Gucciardi (d.gucciardi@curtin.edu.au) with “Application for Curtin-WAIS scholarship” in the email subject heading.