

The Grape and Wine Research and Development Corporation (GWRDC) provides support for a PhD Scholarship program, to help increase the number of postgraduate students in the fields of wine and viticultural and wine business research in Australia. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic excellence, the quality of an applicant's *Curriculum Vitae*, the topic of the proposed PhD program and the likelihood of the student's ongoing involvement in the wine industry.

The following points are provided to assist in the preparation of applications:

- The program offers full and supplementary scholarships, the number and value of which are at the discretion of the GWRDC. Students are encouraged to apply for APA (or other) scholarships through their host university. The amounts shown below provided by the GWRDC are exclusive of GST.
 - **Full scholarships**
A student stipend of \$25,000 and up to \$10,000 operating support (per annum), for the 3 years of the PhD study.
 - **Supplementary scholarships**
Supplementary funding to bring the student stipend amount up to the industry standard which is determined by the GWRDC to be \$25,000 per annum. Supplementary operating funds are also offered.
- For consistency across all GWRDC PhD scholarship awards, support for conference attendance and travel is **not** provided within a GWRDC PhD scholarship. Separate applications for this purpose can be submitted for consideration under the GWRDC's Travel program and will be assessed on case by case basis.
- While it is necessary to have a PhD supervisor in place before the project is contracted, this can be negotiated after applications have been submitted. It is essential for there to be evidence of the University supporting the proposed project/student for PhD studies at the time of submitting the application.
- PhD project applications without a nominated student will be considered, however these applications are likely to be ranked significantly lower than others, since the weighting of the GWRDC assessment process is towards the calibre of the student and their likely future contribution to the industry.
- Overseas applicants are eligible for GWRDC scholarship awards but they must be enrolled at an Australian University. Please note that tuition fees incurred by such applicants will not be supported by the GWRDC.

- **Applicants must submit the following documents to the GWRDC, on or before the closing date:**
 - three (3) original signed hard copies of their Application Form (please note electronic signatures will not be accepted); and
 - one (1) certified copy of their Academic Transcript (and 2 additional photocopies); and
 - three (3) copies of their *Curriculum Vitae*; and
 - the names and contact details of two (2) referees; and
 - an electronic copy of the completed application emailed to applications@gwrdc.com.au

The closing date for PhD scholarship applications is **29 October 2010**. It is anticipated that applicants will be notified of the result of their application by mid to late December 2010.

For any questions regarding GWRDC PhD scholarships or the application process, please contact the **GWRDC** on (08) 8273 0500.