

Combinatorial Mathematics Society of Australasia (CMSA)

Scholarships to assist Higher Degree by Research (HDR) students from Developing Countries (DC) studying mathematics in Australia or New Zealand, supervised/potentially supervised by CMSA members.

Introduction: The aim is to assist students from DC to prepare for HDR mathematics study in Australia or New Zealand (for example, for English language studies), or to assist their HDR mathematics studies in Australia or New Zealand. The area of study should be demonstrably related to Combinatorics, and with at least one supervisor who is a member of the CMSA. The aim of this programme is to strengthen mathematics in DC by building and maintaining research links between Australia or New Zealand and DC.

Eligibility:

The applicant may already be an HDR student in Australia or New Zealand,
or,

The applicant may have provisional acceptance as an HDR student in Australia or New Zealand, where the condition to be met is that the applicant pass an English language test. We refer to such applicants as *provisional HDR students*.

The applicant must also:

- be a citizen of a DC,
- have an undergraduate degree suitable to prepare them to study postgraduate combinatorics in Australia or New Zealand,
- satisfy all requirements of the Australian or New Zealand Department of Immigration and Citizenship,
- have the written support of their current/potential CMSA supervisor,
- have the written support of an academic from their own country (provisional HDR students only).

Amount: Applicants can request any amount of support between AUD \$200 and AUD \$2000. An individual may apply for support from the fund more than once, but the total amount that will be granted to any individual is at most AUD \$2,000 (whether from one application or multiple applications).

Allowed costs:

- *Current HDR students:* the CMSA will consider any reasonable requests for funding that supports and assists the applicant's mathematical studies.
- *Provisional HDR students:* the only funding request that the CMSA will consider is support needed for study to pass the English language test.

Disallowed costs: Costs for conference attendance (travel, registration, accommodation etc) are NOT covered by the CMSA Scholarships and will not be funded. (The CMSA offers travel support for students to attend the ACCMCC conferences. Details will be made available on the website of the next ACCMCC conference a few months before the conference takes place.)

Selection: The CMSA council should decide from time to time whether or not money and scholarships are available. The council may decide, at its discretion that no scholarships are available at any given time (for example, because of budgetary considerations). Initial selection of applicants to be considered should be by a panel, appointed by the CMSA Council, including

a DC representative if available, and at least three CMSA Council members or nominees. The panel will select from these applicants based upon the benefit to the student, DC and Australia or New Zealand, and make recommendations to the CMSA council for a final decision. There is no fixed date for submission of applications.

How to apply: Potential applicants should first submit a brief expression of interest via email to the CMSA President, and wait for feedback before proceeding with any application. There is no application form. After receiving feedback on their expression of interest, applicants should write a letter of one or two pages in which they

- show that they meet the above eligibility criteria,
- state the amount of requested support, giving a summary of the costs to be covered,
- provide a brief statement of benefits expected to be obtained from the scholarship.

Applicants should arrange for their current/potential CMSA supervisor to write in support of their application. If the applicant is a provisional HDR student then a letter of support is also required from an academic from their own country.

Applications must be submitted to the President of the CMSA.

NOTES

The CMSA uses the list of Developing countries given on the Australian Government “Australian Development Scholarships” page

<http://www.usaid.gov/australia-awards/Pages/eligiblecountries.aspx>

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