



# The Roads & Traffic Authority Scholarships in Engineering 2009



## Terms and Conditions

The Scholarship may be suspended or withdrawn should the Scholar fail to comply with any of the Terms & Conditions laid down below.

### 1. Terms and Conditions

- a) The name of the Scholarship shall be "The Roads & Traffic Authority Scholarships in Engineering".
- b) The Scholarship shall be open to all Australian citizens and permanent residents who qualify to enter one of the following three degree programs: **Civil Engineering and Electrical Engineering**.
- c) There shall be no bonding or other commitment from either party with regard to employment within the Roads & Traffic Authority (R.T.A.) after graduation. An offer **to enter the RTA Graduate Recruitment and Development program** will be upon satisfactory completion of both academic requirements and industrial experience and will be at the discretion of the R.T.A.
- d) The recipient of the Scholarship will hold no other scholarship other than one of the **Three** Roads & Traffic Authority Scholarships in Engineering throughout their degree, but may accept from time to time such one-off scholarships and prizes as may be awarded for academic merit.

### 2. Tenure

- a) The Scholarship shall be tenable in Civil Engineering, **and** Electrical Engineering and shall not be transferable to any other branches of Engineering. In 2009, the RTA will offer a total of **three** scholarships: **Two** in Civil Engineering; **One** in Electrical Engineering .
- b) The Scholarship shall be tenable for the normal full-time duration of the recipient's degree program, subject to the Scholarship recipient meeting all the obligations of the program, and subject to academic progress being deemed satisfactory by the University of Sydney. **The Scholarship recipient is expected to achieve a WAM of 65% each semester** .
- c) Scholarship recipients must undertake one of the following: a standard **Civil Engineering program, or an Electrical Engineering program**. Double degrees or combined degrees or the taking of additional subjects that extend the duration of the degree are not permitted, unless otherwise approved in writing by the Faculty and the Sponsor.
- d) The thesis topic chosen should, where possible, be related to the Roads & Traffic Industry and approved by mutual agreement between the University of Sydney, the scholar and R.T.A. The R.T.A., where possible, will provide support with facilities, engineering supervision and technical material.

### 3. Awarding of the Scholarship

The Scholarship shall be awarded on the basis of:

- a) Academic merit as indicated by the applicant's performance in the NSW HSC examination or equivalent. In the event that a Scholarship place must be replaced during the course, the replacement will be chosen on the basis of their academic performance at university and their performance at the NSW HSC examination or equivalent.
- b) Demonstrated interpersonal skills, leadership qualities, communication skills, creativity, innovation and self-motivation.
- c) Demonstrated achievements in non-academic ventures and involvement in school and community ventures.

### 4. Industrial Experience

A Scholar shall, at the conclusion of each academic year, undertake **ten** weeks industrial experience with the R.T.A, payment for which is included in the value of the scholarship.

#### Industrial Experience Schedule

- At the end of Year 1 - **10** weeks between December and February
- At the end of Year 2 - **10** weeks between December and February
- At the end of Year 3 - **10** weeks between December and February

## **5. Report of the Scholar**

At the conclusion of a Scholar's industrial placement each year, the Scholar shall prepare a report on their industrial experience and shall submit the report to the R.T.A. and the Engineering & IT Scholarships Office.

## **6. Value and Payments to the Scholar**

- a) The Scholarship shall be valued at \$12,500 p.a. for students enrolled in a four-year degree program, which includes payment for the annual work experience component.
- b) The scholarship will be paid to the scholar in two instalments each year. This will normally be the first \$6,250 in March and the second \$6,250 in July. These payments will be administered by the Engineering & IT Scholarships Office.
- c) In the event of a scholar receiving written permission from both the sponsor and the School to undertake a five-year combined degree, the scholarship will instead be valued at \$10,000 p.a., which includes payment for the annual work experience component.
- d) In the event of a scholar leaving the scholarship program for any reason, they will pay back any monies received from semester two in the year of resignation.