SCORING SYSTEM
FOR POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH APPLICATIONS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

UTS: HEALTH

This Scoring System comprises 3 components (refer to numbered end-notes for clarification on specific items): (1) Academic Merit; EITHER (2a) Undergraduate or Postgraduate Performance OR (2b) Relevant Research Experience; (3) Research Capacity.

Each component lists the points for all the items against which the Applicant’s performance is measured. Each Applicant is scored by adding the total points accrued for all components. Applicants are ranked in order of decreasing score (i.e. highest to lowest). Postgraduate Research Scholarships are awarded to the top scoring Applicants.

(1)  Academic Merit (highest award counted only)

For applicants for admission to doctoral programs:

- Bachelor’s degree, First Class Honours with University Medal (5 pts for Medal)                26 pts □
- Bachelor’s degree, First Class Honours without University Medal                        21 pts □
- Masters by Research degree (would have ≥ 66% research component)            20 pts □
- Bachelor’s degree, Second Class Honours, Division 1                                 18 pts □
- Masters by Coursework degree:
  - with substantial research thesis component (≥ 24cp equivalent)                     16 pts □
  - with significant research thesis component (≥ 18cp and < 24cp equivalent)         14 pts □
  - with small research thesis component (12cp or equivalent)                         12 pts □
  - with research subjects                                                           10 pts □

For applicants for admission to Master’s Degree by Research programs:

- Bachelor’s degree, Second Class Honours, Division 2                                10 pts □
- Bachelor’s degree, relevant degree                                                   5 pts □

NOTE: Applicants with academic paths leading to degrees different from those above must contact the Faculty to demonstrate equivalency of their qualifications.

EITHER

(2a) Undergraduate and Postgraduate Performance: based on Grade Point Average (GPA – 4 point scale) calculated on the entire Undergraduate or Postgraduate degree (excluding Honours) [located on transcripts; select most recent award].

- GPA > 3.5 (HD)                                                               8 pts □
- GPA = 3.0 – 3.5 (D)                                                        6 pts □
- GPA = 2.5 – 2.99 (C)                                                      3 pts □

OR

(2b) Relevant Research Experience: scores are cumulative (multiple items are applicable). Scores for each employment item are for full time employment; part time employment will accrue fractions of scores. Scores must not exceed the values in the right-hand column.

- Employed in a Research role (equivalent to 6 months full time)                  6 pts □
- Peer-reviewed publications (2 points per publication) maximum - 8 pts □

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(3) Research Capacity 1 point each (maximum of 6 points)

Evidence to undertake research may include:

- disseminating knowledge to a professional or academic community
- engagement in research projects
- service on committees or panels in relation to research activity
- experience with collaborative projects
- participation in formulating or assessing funded research proposals
- editorial contributions to scholarly journals and other professional publications
- invitations to address scholarly or professional meetings and conferences etc.
- authorship of a consultancy report or major review
- authored books or chapters
- national or international competitive prizes or award(s)
- presentation at a national or international conference
- employment in any relevant professional field

Total

Proposal and Research Strength Alliance 1pt

One (1) point will be awarded for the research topic, proposal and methodology that explicitly aligns with the Health Services and Practice research strength. For information on current research strengths and emerging fields, please refer to http://www.research.uts.edu.au/strengths/index.html

Currently enrolled students wishing to apply for a scholarship 1pt

One (1) point will be awarded for a currently enrolled research student who has successfully completed her/his doctoral/master assessment within the first year of candidature.

Total Score