



SCIENCES

Summer Research Program Guidelines

Trimester 3, 2026/27

THE PROGRAM

The Dean (Research) Griffith Sciences is offering funding to support Sciences students undertaking an 8–12-week (FTE) summer research project during Trimester 3, 2026/27. This initiative is designed to provide students with valuable research experience and foster interest in pursuing a research pathway. Successful applicants will receive \$2,000 to support their participation. Projects must be completed within the official dates of Trimester 3 running from 2 November 2026 to 5 February 2027. To receive the payment, all program conditions must be met, including endorsement of the final report by the appointed supervisor.

ELIGIBILITY

The Summer Research Program is open to both undergraduate and postgraduate students currently enrolled in the Sciences Group at Griffith University. To be considered for participation and to receive a bursary, students must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Be currently enrolled in a program within the Sciences Group at Griffith University
- Be either:
 - A second, third or fourth-year undergraduate student who has completed 160 credit points or more, or
 - A postgraduate master's student considering the dissertation pathway, with at least 40 credit points completed.
- Be able to maintain ongoing enrolment in a Sciences Group program for the entire duration of the Summer Research Program.
- Have a Grade Point Average (GPA) above 5.0 in their current program.
- Have support from a supervisor for the proposed project, with a realistic plan and timeline.
- Not have previously received a Sciences Summer Research Program bursary at Griffith University.
- Not be enrolled in more than 20 credit points in Trimester 3, 2026, or be enrolled in any course that includes a Research Project.

Students enrolled in or completing another HDR program are NOT eligible to apply.

FIND A PROJECT AND SUPERVISOR

Students are encouraged to contact potential Academic Supervisors within their School to develop a project proposal. The proposal should include a summary of the project, the student's role, expected outcomes, and a realistic timeline. Students must complete the official [Project Plan and Supervisor Approval Form](#) to upload when applying on-line.

Academic supervisors must:

- Be a staff member of the Sciences Group or affiliated with a Sciences Group Research Centre or Institute, and
- Hold a continuing appointment or a contracted position with an end date at least 12 months beyond the application submission deadline.

Students may develop their own research project in collaboration with a supervisor, or explore ideas by browsing the [Sciences Research Projects](#) for inspiration. If no suitable project is found, students are encouraged to visit the [Research Experts page](#) to discover other research areas and connect with relevant experts.

If you need help identifying a suitable supervisor, you're encouraged to contact your School's Deputy Head of School (Research) for guidance.

Deputy Head of School Research	School	Email
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ACCEPTING THE OFFER AND ASSESSMENT

Summer Research Projects are awarded competitively based on:

- Student and supervisor eligibility
- Academic merit
- Project availability
- Motivation for applying
- Alignment of skills with project needs
- Available funding

All applications will be reviewed by a selection panel chaired by the Dean (Research), Sciences. Applicants will be notified of the outcome via email from the Office of the Sciences Dean (Research).

If successful, students must formally accept or decline their offer by completing the [Acceptance form](#) within two weeks of receiving the outcome notification. Once an offer is accepted, the Office of the Sciences Dean (Research) will request the student's banking details.

COLLATING SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Students must provide the following documentation when submitting their on-line application:

- Current CV
- Current Griffith Transcript
- [Project Plan and Supervisor Approval Form](#) including:
 - A project name and description
 - A brief statement on your suitability for the proposed research project
 - Expected outcomes and deliverables for the student
- Project plan/schedule e.g. GANTT charts or own format

SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION

To be considered for the program, students must submit an [online application](#) by **5:00 PM on Friday, 11 September 2026**. To ensure a smooth application process, please have all required supporting documents prepared before beginning your application.

If you encounter any issues while submitting your application, please contact gsc-dean-research@griffith.edu.au for assistance.

TIMELINES

The project must begin and be completed within Trimester 3, which runs from 2 November 2026 to 5 February 2027.

DATE	MILESTONE
Friday, 7 August 2026	Scheme opens
Friday, 11 September 2026	Application deadline
Monday, 21 September 2026	Assessment
Friday, 25 September 2026	Successful applicants will be notified
Friday, 26 February 2027	Final report and evaluations due

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

To remain eligible for the scholarship, recipients must:

- Stay enrolled in their Sciences program at Griffith University
- Be available and committed to completing the research project over 8-12 weeks full-time (or part-time equivalent) within the official Trimester 3 dates
- Successfully complete the research project
- At the conclusion of the project, students must complete and submit the [Final Report form](#), which will be reviewed by their supervisor.
- The bursary is a one-off payment made directly to the student upon successful completion of the research experience. To receive the payment, all program requirements must be met.