



## Conditions Relating to the Award of

### Commercialisation Training Scheme (CTS) Awards

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### JAMES COOK UNIVERSITY

The objective of the CTS is to provide high quality research commercialisation training for the next generation of Australian researchers as a means of equipping them with the skills, knowledge and experience necessary to bring research-based ideas, inventions and innovations to market.

Commercialisation Training Scheme Awards are offered and funded in accordance with the Department of Education, Employment & Workplace Relations (DEEWR) Guidelines.

For example, a Graduate Certificate in Research Commercialisation has been approved at each of the five Australian Technology Network Universities. The one semester full-time equivalent course will be entirely online through the Australian Technology Network's e-Grad School (see <http://www.egradschool.edu.au/whategsaoffe/gradcert.jsp>)

#### 1. Eligibility Criteria

- 1.1 To be eligible for a CTS Award in 2008, an applicant must meet all of the following requirements:
  - a. be enrolled in a research higher degree program;
  - b. be enrolled as a domestic student;
  - c. have successfully completed the Confirmation of Candidature process;
  - d. not have previously completed CTS training or an equivalent program.
- 1.2 Students may be exempted from 1.1a above only, to allow them to finish CTS training during their thesis examination period on condition that no more than three months of full-time or equivalent part-time study is required to complete CTS training.

#### 2. Credit for Prior Studies

- 2.1 Students who, under any circumstances, are entitled to receive credit towards the CTS qualification from prior studies can only receive benefit under the CTS for the remaining period of study necessary to complete CTS training.

#### 3. Maximum Period of Tenure

- 3.1 Students who fail to complete CTS training within 24 months from the date of commencement (plus any periods of suspension approved by the University) are ineligible to receive further support under the CTS.
- 3.2 Students who transfer to another institution may continue to receive CTS training from the new university and associated assistance only if their new university agrees to its continuation and subject to the new university having sufficient CTS grant amounts of its own available.

#### 4. Conditions of Award

- 4.1 Research Higher Degree Students will be required to enrol concurrently in a DEEWR approved Graduate Certificate in Research Commercialisation unless they are completing the Certificate in one semester on a full-time basis during their candidature, or are undertaking a unit during the thesis examination period. It is expected that JCU students will enrol in approved programs offered by Australian Higher Education Providers external to JCU.

## 5. Value of the Award

- 5.1 The CTS Award will cover the tuition fee costs for the four units (subjects) required to complete a DEEWR approved Graduate Certificate in Research Commercialisation, plus if required a stipend at the APA(I) rate for up to the duration of the course (FTE), typically 14 weeks. The student may also be recompensed for approved actual economy travel and accommodation costs associated with the course (e.g. to attend block mode units at rates which do not exceed approved JCU per diems. The maximum value of the Award to any one student will not exceed \$20,810 or as specified by DEEWR from time to time.

## 6. Application Procedure

- 6.1 The Awards will be allocated via a competitive process open to all JCU students who meet the requirements outlined in 1.1 above. The number of the awards in any one year will reflect the funding received by JCU from DEEWR for the scheme and the estimated costs and planned timelines for Award expenditure of individual awardees.

## 7. Termination

- 7.1 The CTS Award will be terminated:

- when the student completes the course of CTS training, or at the end of the CTS Award tenure, whichever is earlier;
- before this time if, in the opinion of the University, the course of study is not being carried out with competence and diligence or in accordance with the offer of award,
- on the death, incapacity, resignation or withdrawal of the Award holder;

- 7.2 If the CTS Award is terminated, it cannot be reactivated unless the termination occurred in error.

## 8. Specific Award Holder Obligations

- 8.1 An Award holder shall diligently and to the best of his/her ability apply himself/herself to the successful completion of the CTS training.
- 8.2 An Award holder is required to conform to the regulations (including disciplinary provisions) of the University.
- 8.3 An Award holder must provide all reports required by the University including an annual research higher degree progress report submitted through the supervisor. If the University does not consider that progress is satisfactory the CTS Award will be terminated or the holder placed on probation.