

GWS Giants PhD Scholarship

Western Sydney University's Health and Physical Education (HPE) and Human Movement research team is seeking a highly motivated and dedicated doctoral candidate to undertake a project jointly funded by the Greater Western Sydney GIANTS Football Club, Western Sydney University and SKINS.

About the Project

This project will explore aspects of talent identification including performance tests, anthropometric assessment and visual perception and the decision making abilities of potential AFL players.

This doctoral candidature, under the supervision of Dr Kylie Steel and John Quinn will specifically research the visual perceptual abilities of potential Australian Rules Football players, and how this informs their game decision making process. In addition, the successful candidate will be embedded as a member of the GWS Giants Academy Program within the GWS Giants football department.

The successful applicant will be expected to fulfil [all requirements](#) of Higher Degree Research at Western Sydney University, and in conjunction, provide world-class sports science support as a member of the Giants' Academy Program. The project will be carried out at the GWS GIANTS Training Facility (Sydney Olympic Park), GWS Academy Centre at Blacktown, and the University's Penrith campus.

Criteria

This scholarship is open to domestic applicants only (Australian citizens, permanent residents or New Zealand citizens), with **female** applications especially encouraged to apply. Successful applicants must possess:

- Post-graduate qualifications, preferably at Masters level or equivalent qualifications and experience.
- Equivalent qualifications and evidence of research experience in sport, coaching or vision science.
- Demonstrated excellence in academic performance
- Work experience related to skills coaching in team sports and related fields (vision science).
- Willing to work in conjunction with the expectations of GWS Giants Academy Program staff and coaches.
- High motivation to undertake further study at advanced level.
- A passionate drive to excel in high performance sport.
- Excellent oral communication skills and good team-working experience.

What does the scholarship provide?

- A tax-free stipend of \$26,000 per annum for up to 3 years and a funded place in a doctoral degree.

What's the next step?

- Contact Dr Kylie Steel to discuss your eligibility, career goals and research interests:
k.steel@westernsydney.edu.au
- Contact the Graduate Research School for more information about the application process:
grs.scholarships@westernsydney.edu.au

How to apply

- Submit an application form, CV, names and contact information of two referees before the closing date.
- Applications can be downloaded from the Graduate Research School's [Current Scholarships](#) webpage

Applications Close 23 February 2016

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