

## **Melbourne Centre for Japanese Language Education Postgraduate Excellence Award**

### **2009 Conditions of Award**

- The Postgraduate Excellence Award is a 'top-up' award offered by the Melbourne Centre for Japanese Language Education. The award is offered to a Monash APA or equivalent scholarship recipient of outstanding academic merit to pursue full-time PhD or research masters candidature.
- The awardee must be eligible for admission as a candidate for the PhD or research masters degree for which they have applied in the Faculty of Arts at Monash University.
- The awardee must be undertaking research into the teaching and learning of the Japanese language and/or various aspects of Japanese society and culture.
- The scholarship will be awarded on the recommendation of the management committee of the Melbourne Centre for Japanese Language Education.
- The award should be taken up by 31 March of the year for which the offer is made.
- The award will be paid as a fortnightly stipend at the rate of \$AUD 8,000 (pro rata) per annum.
- The scholarship shall be tenable for the duration of the APA or equivalent award for a maximum of 3 years for PhD candidates or 2 years for research masters candidates subject to the candidate making progress to the satisfaction of his/her supervisor and School Graduate Coordinator. The duration of the award will be reduced by any periods of prior study undertaken towards the degree prior to the commencement of the award.
- Award payments will not be made when the recipient's principal scholarship (APA or equivalent) has been temporarily suspended or terminated.
- The awardee shall make regular reports on his/her work to his/her supervisor, and participate actively in the academic life of their academic school.
- A PhD candidate making satisfactory progress may apply to the Melbourne Centre for Japanese Language Education for a maximum scholarship extension of 6 months. An extension will normally only be approved where research has been delayed by circumstances beyond the candidate's control and where such delays could not have been reasonably anticipated at the commencement of candidature. The grounds for an extension must be related to study and not of a personal nature. Masters candidates are not entitled to an extension.
- An award holder is permitted, with the approval of his/her main supervisor, to undertake a strictly limited amount of paid employment throughout the year, being no more than 15 hours of work on average in any one week. Up to a maximum of 6 hours only on average of this employment may be undertaken during normal working hours (9am – 5pm, Monday to Friday). However, this may be extended to a maximum of 8 hours if the employment is limited to one weekday.
- An award holder is required to conform to Monash's regulations and statutes (refer to <http://www.monash.edu.au/pubs/calendar/>).
- Whilst every effort has been made to comply with Section 23 (z) of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1936 (as amended) so that the stipend is not taxable in the hands of the recipient, no further guarantee can be provided by the University. It is the responsibility of individual awardees to seek their own taxation advice.
- The MCJLE Scholarship for Japanese Language Education cannot be transferred to another institution or to a Monash academic unit/faculty that is not directly allied with the MCJLE.
- Subject to commercial sensitivities or intellectual property considerations, the outcomes of the research project are expected to be communicated to the research community and, where appropriate and possible, to the community at large.