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Global Change Scholars Program

Information Session for 2024–25 intake

Acknowledgement of **Country**

The University of Queensland (UQ) acknowledges the Traditional Owners and their custodianship of the lands on which we meet.

We pay our respects to their Ancestors and their descendants, who continue cultural and spiritual connections to Country.

We recognise their valuable contributions to Australian and global society.



Agenda

- Welcome and introductions
- Program overview
- Insights from 2023–24 scholars
- Questions



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Deputy Dean, UQ Graduate School

Program Overview

- Aims to develop expertise in transdisciplinary research for real-world impact.
- Focus on teamwork, creative problem solving, and communication.
- Experience of research co-design.

Structure

- Retreat, workshops and team-based placement.
- Workshops on Thursday afternoons: St Lucia, 2 hours.
- Average 7 workshops per research quarter plus project work.
- Placement is self-managed from October.
- Showcase event in July.

Retreat and workshops

Range of skills development and project support, such as:

- Perspectives on research impact
- Research co-design
- Creative research methods, eg: design thinking, Lego, storytelling
- Science communication
- Visual thinking
- Research sprint
- Pitching
- Team dynamics
- Project updates and feedback

Team placement

- Team-based placement that addresses a challenge identified by an industry partner.
- 60-day commitment from each scholar, including workshops.
- Outputs: project brief, final report, presentation.
- Published as a research report in eSpace
- Upon successful completion of the Global Scholars Program, you may be eligible for a scholarship extension of up to six months (contact us to check).

2023-24 partners



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Eligibility

- Open to all PhD candidates.
- Must be in the first 12 months of candidature at the time of applying.
- Part time welcome but must participate in Global Change Scholars Program as scheduled.
- Not compatible with 4-year PhD programs run by institutes.
- Not recommended for those planning to undertake a Graduate School placement or internship.

Benefits

- Six-month tuition extension.
- Six-month stipend extension for those already receiving an approved stipend scholarship.

Plus

- Understand how research can respond to global challenges.
- Develop creative, transdisciplinary and co-design research skills.
- Collaborate on a real-world project with an industry partner.
- Gain access to professional development workshops and seminars.
- Enhance research leadership and communication skills.



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2023 Global Change Scholar

Navid Teimouri, Faculty of Medicine



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2023 Global Change Scholar

Kusumitha Shrinivasan, School of Agriculture and Food Sustainability

Key Dates – 2024

12 May	Applications close
Mid June	Interviews
Late June	Notifications
25 July	2023-24 Showcase
29 August	New program commences



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Questions

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