



2023-2024 Hector MacLean Summer Scholarship **Guide to Applicants**

- Duration:** 4-8 weeks, full-time or part-time, dependent on the supervisor's approval. This period can comprise a placement in either Block 1 (13 November to 8 December 2023) or Block 2 (29 January to 23 February 2024), not including the Christmas closure period (24 December 2023 to 3 January 2024, inclusive). Positions can run across both Block 1 and 2, with exact dates to be negotiated between the student and supervisor.
- Location:** Ophthalmology, Department of Surgery, University of Melbourne
- Royal Victorian Eye & Ear Hospital, East Melbourne
- Scholarship value:** \$200 per week, pro-rata, tax-free; up to a maximum of \$1,600
It is expected that up to 3 scholarships will be offered.

About Ophthalmology, Department of Surgery, University of Melbourne

Ophthalmology is part of the Department of Surgery at the University of Melbourne. The Centre for Eye Research Australia (CERA) is co-located with the Department of Surgery. Ophthalmology research at CERA has a strong reputation for its clinical and translational focus. We rank 4th in the world for academic output in Ophthalmology, according to the 2017 Centre for World University Rankings by subject and conduct eye research into the causes, diagnosis, treatment of eye diseases, vision loss and blindness.

We have developed our comprehensive research program by focusing on three integrating themes concentrating on translational research:

- Ageing eye diseases
- Vision regeneration
- Products and pathways to patients

Position Summary

We are seeking outstanding students enrolled at the University of Melbourne in an undergraduate degree in biomedicine, science, medicine or other relevant courses to participate in our summer vacation scholarship program.

How to Apply

Application Forms can be requested at cera-education@unimelb.edu.au. Please email your complete application and supporting documentation to cera-education@unimelb.edu.au by **5.00 p.m. on Thursday 5 October 2023**. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

Only students enrolled in the University of Melbourne science, biomedicine, medicine, or other relevant degrees are eligible to apply. Please note students enrolled at other universities cannot be considered.

Documents to be submitted:

1. Completed 2023-2024 Hector MacLean Summer Scholarship Application Form
2. Brief CV of no more than three pages including an outline of any previous research experience
3. A copy of your most recent academic transcript (this can be your unofficial transcript downloaded from the university website or a scanned copy of your official transcript).

What happens once you have submitted your application?

1. Applications will be reviewed and students will be selected for interview.
2. Students selected for an interview will be advised by phone and/or email in the week beginning **Monday 16 October 2023**. For this reason, it is **IMPORTANT** that your contact information is up to date, and accurate and that you access your email.
3. It is anticipated that interviews will be held at the Royal Victorian Eye & Ear Hospital, East Melbourne from **18 October 2023**.
4. We match students to projects after feedback from prospective scholars and supervisors.
5. The timing of the project placement is then determined in consultation with the Hector McLean scholar and supervisor.

Successful applicants will be required to write a short report after their scholarship.