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## I. Peter Farrell SpinalCure PhD Scholarship – Advertisement

*SpinalCure has been Australia's pioneer and leader in the funding and promotion of cure-related spinal cord injury (SCI) research for 30 years. Over the past five years, SpinalCure has raised over \$30 million to help accelerate life-changing research in this area.*

**SpinalCure Australia** has a significant PhD Scholarship opportunity available, the **I. Peter Farrell SpinalCure PhD Scholarship**, aimed at an Honours, MSc or equivalent student to help them kickstart a career in SCI research and progress a PhD project which takes steps towards the goal of finding a cure for SCI.

### **The Opportunity**

SpinalCure is seeking an enthusiastic and ambitious PhD candidate wishing to follow a career in cure-related SCI research.

The objectives of the **I. Peter Farrell PhD Scholarship** are to support an exceptional candidate to:

- Progress a PhD project that undertakes innovative research which takes steps towards the goal of a cure for SCI
- Develop their skills and advance their careers in the field of SCI research.

Eligible applicants will have a PhD project that has a special focus on novel ways to restore and/or protect communication between brain and body after a SCI, or to enhance our understanding of the spinal cord, thereby advancing the field of cure-related research. **Basic science and pre-clinical projects are particularly encouraged.**

The Scholarship is a temporary appointment for three to four years.

### **About I. Peter Farrell**

The Scholarship is offered in honour of the late I. Peter Farrell.

Peter was a successful computer scientist and led a very active life until a car accident in his 60s rendered him a tetraplegic. Not to be deterred by this turn of events, Peter returned to work and lived life to the full, accommodating his disability. He lived the balance of his life determined that people such as him should not only derive the maximum quality of life but continue to contribute to society—a worthy goal for all of us.

### **Qualifications & Eligibility Criteria**

Candidates should have completed, or be in their final year of, an Honours, MSc or

equivalent degree. The Scholarship is available to domestic and international students (subject to appropriate visa requirements).

### **What You'll Receive**

The total funding of the Scholarship is \$35,000 per annum over the course of three to four years. This also includes a one-off relocation grant for domestic and international students to the value of \$2000 and \$3000 respectively.

As the Scholarship recipient, you will also have the opportunity to work with and learn from a team of leading researchers to undertake your own innovative research in the SCI field.

The successful applicant must provide evidence of acceptance into Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) studies at an Australian university before the award can be made.

The candidate chosen would also be expected to regularly update Spinal Cure Australia on their progress.

### **Key Dates**

- **July 19, 2024:** Applications open
- **August 12, 2024:** Applications close
- **September, 2024:** Scholarship recipient announced

### **How to Apply**

To apply, please email a cover letter with your expression of interest, proposed project and advisory team, along with a resume, academic transcript and the names and contact details of two referees to [research@spinalcure.org.au](mailto:research@spinalcure.org.au)

**Applications Close August 12, 2024**