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CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST STATEMENT

Title: White matter alterations in Anorexia Nervosa. A systematic review of
Diffusion Tensor Imaging studies

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Professor Touyz has received fees for serving as consultant to Shire Pharmaceuticals advisory board member.

Professor Hay receives Honoraria from PLOS Medicine.

In the past Professor Hay has received reimbursement of expenses for speaking at medical meetings and attending symposia from Astra-Zeneca, Solvay Pharmaceuticals, Bristol-Myers Squibb, and Pfizer Pharmaceuticals, and for educational training for family doctors from Bristol-Myers Squibb, Pfizer Pharmaceuticals and Lundbeck and has been funded by Jansen-Cilag to attend educational symposia (none in the past 10 years).

Professor Touyz and Professor Hay receive royalties from Hogrefe Publications, McGraw Hill Pubs and honoraria from Biomed Central.

Beatriz Martin Monzon receives research funding and support from the Western Sydney University in the form of an International Scholarship (attached).

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Date: 18.11.15

UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN SYDNEY

Tuition Fee Waiver Scholarship 2015



Conditions of Award

These conditions constitute the terms of the agreement between the University of Western Sydney and the recipient of the UWS Tuition Fee Waiver Scholarship (FWS).

Such awards are tenable at the University of Western Sydney for full-time study leading to a Research Masters or Research Doctorate degree and are only awarded to the highest ranked scholarship recipients.

This Award is the same as the UWS Postgraduate Research Award (International) agreement as separately offered, except with reference to the following clauses:

1. **INTERPRETATION** In these conditions, 'Award' means the UWS Tuition Fee Waiver Scholarship.
3. **TENURE OF THE AWARD**
 - 3.1 The duration of the Award is four teaching sessions for a Research Masters degree and six teaching sessions for a Research Doctorate degree. The Autumn teaching session commences 1st January and ends 30th June. The Spring teaching session commences 1st July and ends 31st December.
 - 3.2 The Institution may also approve an extension to the duration of the Award for a Research Doctorate Candidate of up to one academic session provided:
 - (i) the Candidate is making satisfactory progress.
 - (ii) the grounds for the extension relate to circumstances which have delayed the study, are beyond the control of the Candidate and not of a personal nature.
 - (iii) the circumstances have been documented by the Candidate and Supervisor throughout the candidature by way of reporting milestones including Confirmation of Candidature and Annual Progress Reports. The Candidate should utilise milestone reporting to document all circumstances which may impact on their ability to complete the degree within the timelines specified in Clause 3.1.
 - 3.3 Periods of study undertaken towards the degree prior to the commencement of the scholarship or during periods of suspension will be deducted from the maximum period of tenure.
9. **SCHOLARSHIP PROVISIONS**
 - 9.1 **Tuition Fees** The Award provides for tuition fees to be waived for the tenure of the Award.

There are no other allowances under the Award.

Fee Waiver Scholarship 2015

I have read and understood these conditions and agree to abide by them and fulfil my obligations as stated.

SIGNED BY THE AWARD HOLDER

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- 5.3 Periods of study undertaken towards the degree during suspension of the Award must be deducted from the maximum period of its tenure. Eg. if a full-time awardee suspends the Award for six months but enrolls part-time during that period, three months will be deducted from the tenure of the Award.
- 5.4 Before an Award can be restored after a period of suspension, the Candidate will be required to show that he/she is in a position to resume full-time study. Where the suspension was due to illness, a medical certificate certifying fitness must be produced. In all cases the Candidate must satisfy the supervisor that he/she is able to resume full-time study.
- 5.5 If the Award holder does not resume study at the conclusion of a period of suspension, or does not make arrangements to extend that period of suspension, the Award **will be terminated**.

6. TRANSFER OF AWARD

- 6.1 The Award is not transferable.

7. TERMINATION

- 7.1 The Award will normally cease two weeks after submission of the thesis. The Institution **must** terminate the Award:
- (i) if, in the opinion of the Institution, the course of study is not being carried out with competence and diligence or in accordance with the offer of the Award, and no suitable alternative arrangements can be made for continuation of the postgraduate degree.
 - (ii) if an Institution determines that a Candidate is guilty of serious misconduct, including, but not limited to the provision of false or misleading information.
 - (iii) when the Candidate ceases to be enrolled full-time.
 - (iv) on completion of the course of study, unless the Candidate is completing a Research Masters degree and undertaking Research Doctorate studies under Clause 4.2.
 - (v) on the death, incapacity, resignation or withdrawal of the Candidate.
 - (vi) if the Award holder does not resume study at the conclusion of a period of suspension, or does not make arrangements to extend that period of suspension.
 - (vii) if the Award holder fails to maintain satisfactory academic progress.
 - (viii) if the Award holder accepts another equivalent award, scholarship or bursary to undertake their research higher degree providing a benefit greater than 75% of the base Award stipend rate and the Award holder does not suspend the Award for the period of the concurrent award.
 - (ix) if the Candidate ceases to meet the eligibility criteria specified in Clause 2 other than during a period in which the Award has been suspended.
 - (x) if the Candidate fails to maintain their enrolment in the course.
- 7.2 If an Award is terminated, it cannot be reactivated unless the termination occurred in error.
- 7.3 An Award holder is required to give at least 14 days notice of intention to voluntarily relinquish the Award.

8. PROVISION OF FALSE INFORMATION

If an Institution knows or has reason to believe that a Candidate in receipt of an Award has provided false or misleading information to the Institution in relation to the Award, the Institution must immediately re-assess the Candidates entitlement to the Award.

9. STIPEND AND ALLOWANCES

9.1 Stipend The Award shall carry a tax-free index-linked stipend of \$25,849 a year in 2015. The level of the stipend will not be reduced during the period of the Award.

9.2 Award holders are permitted to:

- (i) obtain funds for fieldwork, equipment or other expenses not covered by the Award.
- (ii) obtain funding for overseas travel costs from other Australian Government awards or any other source.
- (iii) receive minor awards, allowances or other earnings which are supplementary to the Award, or income derived from part-time work undertaken within the guidelines at Clause 11.

9.3 Relocation Allowance A Candidate who needs to relocate their residence in order to take up the Award is entitled to receive travel expenses and removal expenses upon presentation of receipts.

9.4 A claim for relocation allowance is not an eligible claim unless:

- (i) remaining at the former place of residence would have been a significant impediment to undertaking the course of study; and
- (ii) the Candidate has produced complete receipts for the claim; and
- (iii) it is a claim for the cost of air travel, travel by car or removal expenses to the new place of residence.

9.5 The University will pay relocation allowance for an eligible claim as follows:

- (a) the cost of:
 - (i) air travel expenses, up to a maximum amount equivalent to the comparable economy class or student airfare whichever is the lower amount; or
 - (ii) travel by car calculated using a per kilometre rate of allowance as determined by the Institution up to the comparable economy class or student airfare, whichever is the lower amount; and
- (b) removal expenses.

9.6 Expenses for the cost of accommodation or meals obtained during the course of travel may not be reimbursed through relocation allowance.

9.7 The maximum relocation allowance which may be received by a Candidate is \$515.00 for each eligible adult and \$255 for each eligible child. The maximum value of relocation expenses that a Candidate may receive is \$1,485.

9.8 Thesis Allowance Upon production of receipts a thesis allowance is payable of up to \$420 for Masters and up to \$840 for Doctorates for the cost of producing the minimum number of theses required by the Institution for examination purposes.

- (i) The allowance must be claimed within one year of submission or resubmission of the thesis and no more than two years after the termination of the Award. The allowance is a contribution to the costs of production of the thesis and does not include such costs as the purchase of computer equipment or editing of the thesis.
- (ii) In exceptional circumstances, candidates may apply for a waiver of the time limit on claiming the thesis allowance with any decision being at the discretion of the Institution. The Candidate must demonstrate that the circumstances which delayed the claim were beyond their control.

10. LEAVE ENTITLEMENTS

10.1 Recreation Leave Award holders will receive up to 20 working days (four weeks) paid recreation leave for each year of the Award and this may be accrued over the life of the

Award. Any unused leave remaining on termination or completion will be forfeited by the Candidate. The supervisor's agreement must be obtained before leave is taken.

- 10.2 Sick Leave** Award holders are entitled take up to 10 days paid sick leave per year of the Award and this may be accrued over the tenure of the Award.
- (i) Candidates are entitled to receive additional paid sick leave of up to a total of 12 weeks during the duration of the Award for periods of illness lasting longer than ten days for which a medical certificate has been provided. The duration of the Award will be extended by any periods of additional paid sick leave approved by the Institution.
 - (ii) Sick leave entitlements (including additional sick leave) may also be used to cover leave for candidates with family caring responsibilities.
- 10.3 Maternity Leave** A Candidate who has completed twelve months of their Award are entitled to a maximum of 12 weeks paid maternity leave during the duration of the Award. Paid leave may also be approved if the candidate has adopted a child. The duration of the Award will be extended by any periods of paid maternity leave approved by the Institution.
- 10.4 Parenting Leave** A Candidate, who is the partner of a woman giving birth and who has completed twelve months of their Award, may be entitled to a period of paid parenting leave at the time of the birth. The period of leave will be determined by the Institution. The duration of the Award will be extended by any periods of paid parenting leave approved by the Institution.
- 10.5** A Candidate requiring long-term sick leave should check the Immigration Ruling on Leave Entitlements.
- 10.6** During any extension period, Award holders are not eligible for maternity leave, parenting leave or additional paid sick leave.

11. EMPLOYMENT

The Award is allocated in order to reduce the burden of paid work for international Candidates and allow them to devote more time to their studies. A Candidate with a student visa may undertake work unrelated to their course requirements consistent with the conditions of the student visa.

- (i) The Candidate must obtain the approval of the Institution prior to undertaking such work.
- (ii) The Institution must be satisfied that the work will not interfere with the Candidate's study programme.
- (iii) An Institution may approve work subject to conditions determined by the Institution.
- (iv) Work commitments cannot be accepted as grounds for an extension of the duration of the Award.

12. RESEARCH OVERSEAS

- 12.1** The Institution may approve candidates conducting up to 12 months (18 months for special cases) of their research outside Australia and to continue to hold the Award whilst overseas. Approval will only be granted if the research is essential for completion of the degree.
- 12.2** The Institution will only approve overseas research if there is adequate supervision, the Candidate remains enrolled and the work can be credited to the candidate's course. The Candidate must return to Australia to complete the research program immediately following the completion of the overseas study.
- 12.3** Applications for overseas research must be supported by the supervisor and approved by the Higher Degree Research Director in the School or Institute. Applications should be made at least three months before the proposed date of departure and Award holders must not leave Australia before approval is given. Unauthorised absence from Australia may result in the termination of an Award. It should also be noted that, if

approval is given for a specific period of absence abroad and for any reason the dates are altered, or if an Award holder returns from a period abroad and intends to proceed to a subsequent period abroad, fresh approval must be sought.

13. RESEARCH AT OTHER ORGANISATIONS

The Institution may approve a Candidate conducting substantial amounts of the research at organisations outside the higher education system. In such cases the Institution is still responsible for the Candidate and must ensure adequate support, supervision, training and research freedom for the Candidate.

14. SPECIFIC HOST INSTITUTION OBLIGATIONS

14.1 Supervision Oversight of postgraduate research degrees will be in accordance with a code of supervision and other policies, rules and procedures approved by the University's Research Studies Committee.

14.2 Administration

- (i) The Institution will be fair and equitable in the use of its discretionary powers.
- (ii) This contract recognises that Candidates have a right to appeal against decisions and to have access to appropriate appeal mechanisms for resolution of any disputes that might arise during their candidature. Such matters are to be handled in accordance with policies and procedures approved by the University's Research Studies Committee.
- (iii) The Institution will pay the Candidate all entitlements under the Award.

15. SPECIFIC CANDIDATE OBLIGATIONS

15.1 An Award holder must advise the Institution within fourteen days in writing if he/she:

- (i) leaves Australia for reasons other than approved overseas study, approved suspension or approved recreation leave.
- (ii) discontinues full-time study.
- (iii) is absent from full-time study for a period of fourteen days or longer without prior approval.
- (iv) is granted another scholarship from the Australian Government or its statutory authorities, or other industry support in the form of a scholarship of equal value.

15.2 Candidates must:

- (i) diligently and to the best of their ability apply themselves to the successful completion of the degree.
- (ii) abide by the UWS Research Code of Practice, the Australian Code for Responsible Conduct of Research, rulings of the Work Health & Safety Committee and, where relevant, the Australian Code of Practice for the Care and Use of Animals for Scientific Purposes, the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Research Involving Humans, guidelines established by the Australian Government's Office of Gene Technology regulator, and the Animal Care and Ethics Committee, Biosafety and Radiation Safety Committee and Human Research Ethics Committee of the Institution.
- (iii) be aware of the requirement to comply with the NSW Privacy & Personal Information Protections Act, 1998, the NSW Privacy Protection Principles and the Health Records and Information Privacy Act 2002.
- (iv) submit regular progress reports as required by the Institution. The Institution will terminate the Awards of Candidates who fail to maintain satisfactory progress.
- (v) an Award holder is required to conform to the regulations (including disciplinary provisions) of the Institution.

15.3 Since awards are made for full-time research, Award holders may not engage in any academic course of study leading to a qualification that is not an essential part of their research program.

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