



# **Real Research Opportunities for Undergraduates**

**an introduction to biomedical  
research**

## Aims

- To introduce undergraduate students to medical research in a real-life research environment
- To attract students to our extensive research facilities off central campus

## Strategy

- Provide a genuine learning experience in state-of-the-art research laboratories
- Target early undergraduate bioscience students before they have made career choices
- Build relationships between potential PhD students and supervisors

## The Program

- 60 scholarships per year
- 8 week summer project
- Tax free stipend \$225 per week
- Faculty pays 2/3<sup>rds</sup>; host pays 1/3<sup>rd</sup>
- Oral presentation to peers
- Written report

## **For the student**

- Personal supervision of an active researcher in the lab working alongside other researchers

## Deans Prize

- Showcase excellence of student's work to Faculty and other students
- Cash prizes for the best presentation

## Outcomes

Students who have held Summer Scholarships between 2004/2005 and 2005/2006

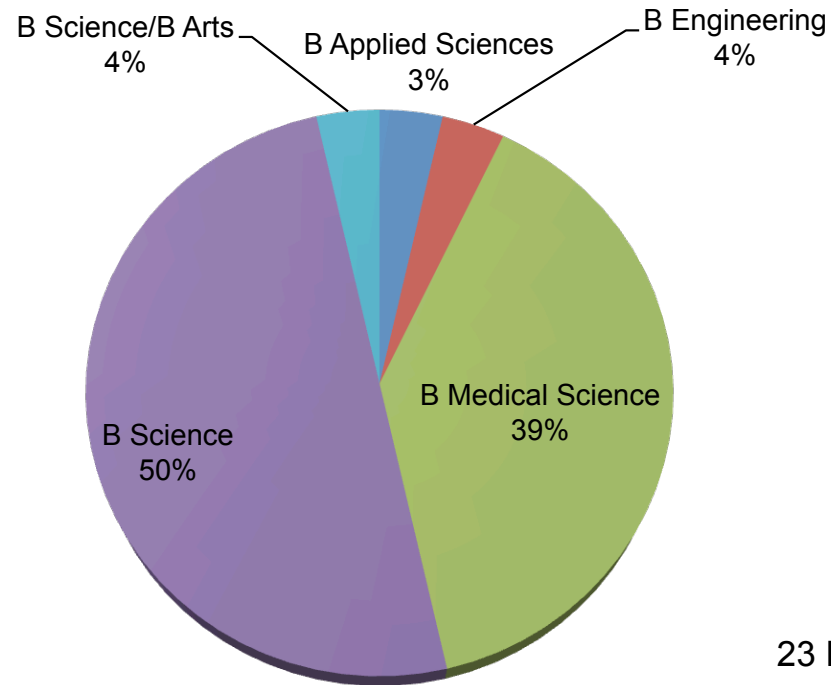
- Total 90
- Subsequently enrolled in higher degree: 28 [31%] (23 PhD; 5 Masters)

## What Uni did they come from?

|                                 |           |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| <b>University of Sydney</b>     | <b>26</b> |
| University of New South Wales   | 1         |
| University of Technology Sydney | 1         |

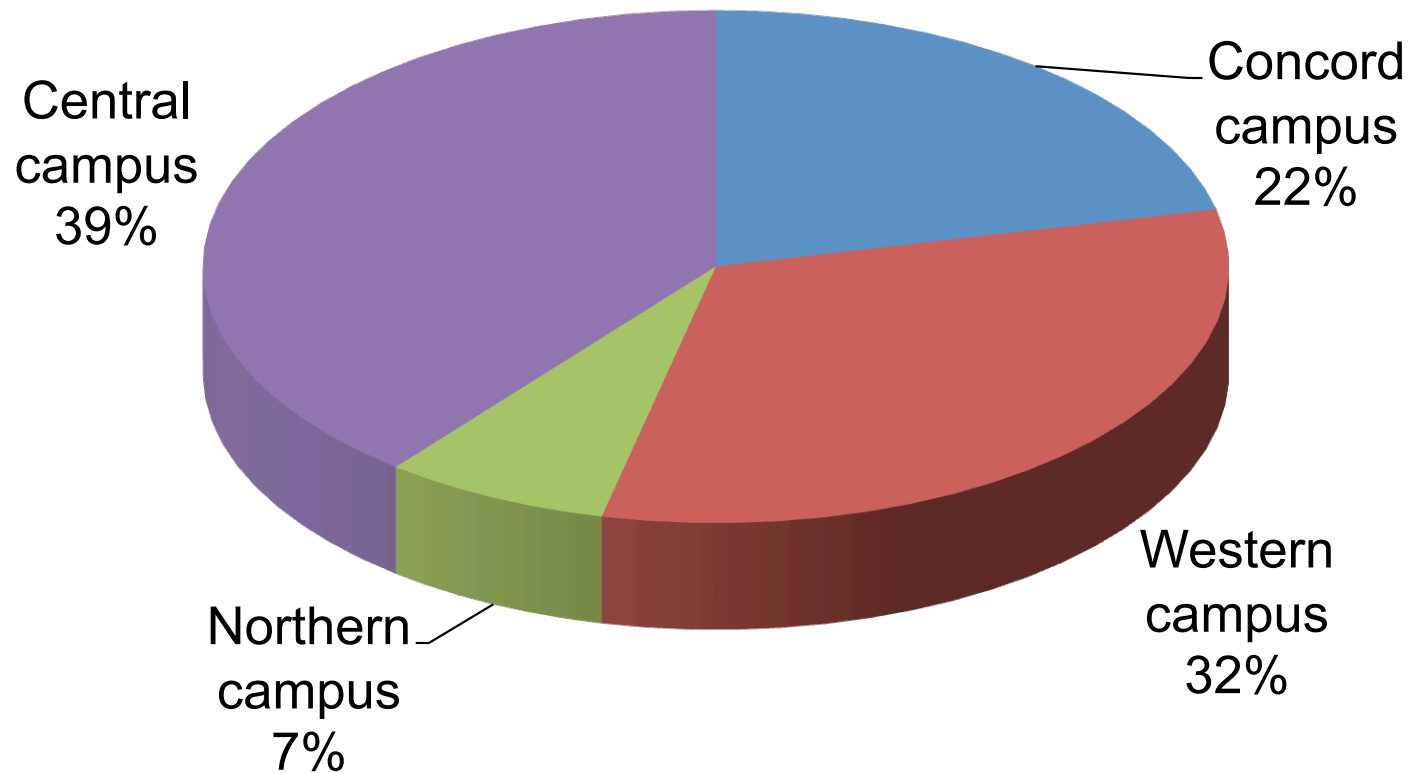


# What degree did they start with?



23 PhD students, 5 Masters

## Where did they do their SRS?



## Challenges

- How to measure outcomes
- Getting enough of the right projects
- Students who enrol in the Graduate Medical Program
- Others trying to get on the band wagon

## Awards

- 2007 Citation for outstanding contributions to student learning. Carrick Australian Award for University Teaching.
- 2005 University of Sydney Vice-Chancellors Award for Support of the Student Experience

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