**Vacation Scholarships Program**

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**What?**
- Summer research program for undergraduate students

**Summer 2019/2020**
- 3 weeks between early January and mid-February
- Poster session mid-February

**When?**
- Poster session mid-February

**Who?**
- Students
  - Interested in research
  - Already trained on basic maths and stats (usually third-year students)
- Supervisors
  - [https://ms.unimelb.edu.au/people/academic-staff](https://ms.unimelb.edu.au/people/academic-staff)

**Why?**
- Students
  - Experiencing doing research with a supervisor
  - Experiencing mathematics in a different way
  - Experiencing the school in a different way
  - Getting paid for that.
  - Warm-up for the masters
- Supervisors
  - Research training
  - Implementing a small research idea
  - Finding good students for the graduate programs
  - Interacting with young bright minds

**Which?**
- The ones chosen by the supervisors

**Why would I do it?**
- To experience a research environment, with a supervisor.
- To try mathematics in a different way, and experience the school in a different way.
- To get paid for that.
- To have a warm-up for the masters.

**Supervisors**
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**Application and selection process**
- Should be simple and transparent

**References**
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