

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

Postgraduate Research Scholarships –
for students commencing from 1 January 2024

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Australian Government Research Training Program (RTP) Scholarship

- The Australian Government Research Training Program (RTP) Scholarship includes RTP Stipend, RTP Fees Offset for the duration of the academic program,

examination by the scholarship closing date. Note: examination results must be provided within 3 months of the scholarship closing date.

- (iv) International applicants must provide evidence of meeting the minimum English language proficiency requirements for direct entry by the scholarship closing date for their application to be considered.
- (v) Applicants must not currently be in receipt of a RTP Scholarship, an overseas sponsored scholarship, or any other equivalent award or scholarship from the Commonwealth Government designed to offset HDR fees.
- (vi) Applicants for a Research Training Program Stipend must not be in receipt of an equivalent award, scholarship or salary to undertake the proposed degree (equivalent being defined as greater than 75% of the base stipend).
- (vii) Applicants must be able to commence their research in the periods listed in Section 4 Commencement .

ADDITIONAL CRITERIA

(i) Previous Applicants

Applicants who have previously applied and were unsuccessful may re-apply for admission and a scholarship in any subsequent round.

(ii) Applicants who hold a PhD

Preference will be given to applicants who do not hold an equivalent research degree at, or higher than, the level for which they are applying.

(iii) Currently enrolled candidates

- (iii) Half-time awards are not considered to be exempt from taxation. Note: award amounts may fall below the tax-free threshold; however, depending on the individual situation of the recipient may be subject to taxation. Students are advised to seek independent financial advice to ensure any taxation liability is able to be met should total income go beyond the tax-free threshold.
- (iv) The level of the stipend does not depend on the student's personal circumstances. The stipend will not be reduced during the period of tenure un do cita1 (h)-16.4 (c)-9 noter

- a. The value of the allowance is calculated according to the amount of scholarship tenure remaining upon thesis submission, and is capped at up to two months (40 working days FTE) stipend equivalent.
- b. If a stipend overpayment was incurred at the time of thesis submission, the amount will be deducted from the allowance.

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(iv) Provides false or misleading information or documentation.

5. PERIOD OF SUPPORT

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6. LEAVE ENTITLEMENTS (entitlements are adjusted accordingly for half- time students)

Leave of absence will not be permitted during the final 14 days of the scholarship.

Domestic students must apply to the Adelaide Graduate Research School for leave of absence (excluding Recreation Leave) at least 15 working days in advance.

International students are required to lodge an application for all leave of absence (including Recreation Leave) at least 15 working days in advance.

When taking any periods of sick leave (paid or unpaid) or parental leave, official medical certificates stating specified dates must be provided.

Application for leave forms can be downloaded from <https://www.adelaide.edu.au/graduate-research/current-students/forms#managing-your-candidature>

6.1 Recreation Leave

Students are entitled to 20 working days of paid recreation leave per year. Further information on annual recreation leave can be found in the Research Student Handbook:

6.5 Jury Service Leave (domestic students only)

The University of Adelaide recognises that students may occasionally be required to attend jury service. Jury service is usually for a period of four weeks and prospective Jurors are required to attend Court on each day to see if their services will be required.

- (i) Students participating in jury service are required to continue working towards their Higher Degree by Research on any days when service as a juror is not required (excepting the time required to present for jury service each day).
- (ii) Scholarship students will continue to receive their regular scholarship payments throughout the period of jury service, however any juror fees received, other than the travel and incidental allowance must be reimbursed to the University.
- (iii) After the period of jury service is complete, scholarship students are required to submit a leave of absence form claiming leave for the number of days on which they were required to participate in a trial.
- (iv) Candidature and scholarship expiry dates will be adjusted by the total number of days of jury service undertaken plus 5 days; the 5 days being an allowance for the daily appearance for duty. The total period being up to a maximum of four weeks.

6.6 Return from Leave of Absence

Students granted leave of absence are required, on the prescribed form, to inform the Adelaide Graduate Research School of resumption of candidature within fourteen days of the approved date of return. Failure to do so may result in termination of scholarship and/or candidature.

7. EMPLOYMENT (Paid or voluntary work)

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8. SUPPLEMENTARY or TOP UP SCHOLARSHIPS

- 8.1 Scholarships or top-up funding from other sources may be accepted by scholarship holders as supplements to their main award.
- 8.2 Supplementary or top up scholarships can only be paid if a student is currently in receipt of a Major Scholarship at the University of Adelaide, unless the funding source is external to the University, and the scholarship documentation specifies that it is awarded as a supplementary scholarship.
- 8.3 For RTP Stipend recipients, the total value of the additional awards must not exceed 75% of the value of the main award.
- 8.4 Applicants cannot hold a UARS in conjunction with another major scholarship that provides a stipend equal to or above the UARS stipend rate.
- 8.5 Students must forward a copy of any external scholarship agreements to the Adelaide Graduate Research School (for review and legal clearance) prior to acceptance of any other scholarship.
- 8.6 Student may also obtain operating funds for fieldwork, equipment, travel or other expenses not covered by the major award. There is no limit on the value of these funds.
- 8.7 The Adelaide Graduate Research School must be informed of any proposed supplementation of a major award from University of Adelaide sources via the scholarship establishment form, to be completed and approved by the Principal Supervisor and Head of School.

9. EXTERNALLY FUNDED AWARDS

- 9.1 All scholarships administered by the University are subject to the acceptance and approval of the Graduate Scholarship Committee.
- 9.2 Except where specified otherwise, the minimum stipend value of an RTP scholarship will apply. Benefits and allowances may vary at the discretion of the funding body and individuals should check the conditions with the Adelaide Graduate Research School.
- 9.3 The University accepts no responsibility if funding ceases or if an external scholarieubj b (i)3.2 (3d)-1 Td ()3 (s)-
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- 13.5 The internship must be a minimum of 60 full-time days in duration/ minimum of three calendar months and can be undertaken on a full-time or part-time basis. Mode of attendance can vary, i.e. full-time block, set days per week, part-time, face-to-face or virtual.
- 13.6 Research and Development activities must be related to the student's area of research.
- 13.7 A Letter of Intent detailing Research & Development activities must be signed by the Research End-User, the supervisor and the student by 18 months of candidature.
- 13.8 If a student receives additional funding support to undertake an internship, the payment must not exceed

18. ENQUIRIES AND INFORMATION

A summary of information about available scholarships is published on the scholarships website at: <https://scholarships.adelaide.edu.au/>

Enquiries about these Conditions of Award may be addressed to the Scholarships Team at:

Telephone: (08) 8313 5882

Email: research.scholarships@adelaide.edu.au

Further Information on Higher Degrees by Research:

Adelaide Graduate Research School

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