

# 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, and RTP Allowances.
- Including awards to Indigenous applicants

## University of Adelaide Research Scholarship

- University of Adelaide Research Scholarships include Stipend, RTP Fees Offset (domestic students) or Tuition Fee Waiver for the duration of the scholarship (international students), and RTP equivalent Allowances.

**Please note:** For the purposes of this document, periods of support and leave benefits are indicated as full-time equivalent. Entitlements for half-time enrolled students are on a pro-rata basis.

These Conditions of Award apply to recipients of the above-named scholarships only. However, all students should refer to their Letter of Offer for any specific benefits, entitlements, allowances or obligations which may apply.

## 1. ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for scholarship consideration:

- (i) Applicants must be eligible to enrol in a full-time Higher Degree by Research (HDR) program at the University of Adelaide (Students who are interested in awards for half-time study should see **Section 3 Study Load**).
- (ii) International applicants must maintain 'international student' status for the duration of their enrolment at the University. Should applicants subsequently be granted a different visa sub-class, or be granted permanent residency, they must advise the Adelaide Graduate Research School to obtain information on any applicable transition arrangements.
- (iii) Qualifications in progress will not be considered when determining scholarship eligibility unless the qualification has been satisfactorily completed (and acceptable evidence provided) by the scholarship closing date.
  - a. Domestic and onshore international applicants completing a Coursework qualification in the semester of application at an Australian university (University of Adelaide only for international students) will be eligible for consideration.
  - b. Domestic and onshore international applicants completing a Higher Degree by Research qualification in the semester of application at an Australian university (University of Adelaide only for international students) will only be eligible for consideration if they have submitted their thesis for

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 unless a student converts from full-time to half-time candidature.

## 2.2 **Research Training Program (RTP) Fees Offset / University of Adelaide Tuition Fee Waiver**

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- 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.
- c. The allowance will be paid as one lump sum,

(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 :

## 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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(iv) Endeavour and Fulbright Scholars must apply for study away

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## 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](mailto:research.scholarships@adelaide.edu.au)

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**Further Information on Higher Degrees by Research:**

Adelaide Graduate Research School

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