



UNSW Higher Degree Research (HDR) Scholarship Guide

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- 2.2.1. Australian Government Research Training Program (RTP) international scholarship
Includes RTP Stipend, RTP Fees Offset and RTP Allowance. Funded by the Australian Government.
- 2.2.2. University International Postgraduate Award (UIPA)
Consists of tuition fees, a stipend and allowances funded by UNSW
- 2.2.3. Tuition Fee Scholarship (TFS)
Consists of tuition fees funded by UNSW, and a stipend funded by the Faculty, School or Supervisor.
- 2.2.4. Tuition Fee Scholarship with External Scholarship agreement (TFS for [External agreement name])
Consists of tuition fees funded by UNSW, and a stipend funded by an [approved External organisation](#) (e.g. China Scholarship Council PhD scholarship).

2.3. ~~TFS~~

TFSs are for the purpose of pairing research funding sources from Faculties, Schools or Supervisors with tuition coverage to allow the recruitment of International candidates. There are 'regular' TFSs and TFSs which accompany External Scholarship Agreements.

- 2.3.1. In the case of regular TFSs, a stipend must be available from either the Faculty, School or Supervisor for TFS consideration. Stipend funds must come from genuine research sources, independent of the recipient

Applications for part-time living allowance stipends must be made in writing to the Admissions and Scholarships Team at the GRS by providing a statement of reasons meeting the eligibility criteria, a supporting statement from the proposed supervisor, and relevant supporting documentation. Part-time scholarships will only be approved if the applicant can demonstrate the following eligibility criteria:

- 3.5.2.1. Significant family caring responsibilities which prevent the recipient from undertaking a full-time study load
- 3.5.2.2. A disability or ongoing medical condition which prevents the recipient from undertaking a full-time study load.

Evidence required may include certificates of birth, hospitalisation, or carer responsibilities provided by a range of health professionals such as registered physiotherapists, doctors, maternal and child health care nurses and occupational therapists.

Part-time scholarships are prorated (ie paid at 50% of the full-time rate over double the full

4.4.2. income (such as another scholarship) to support their enrolment if that income is greater than 75% of the primary scholarship rate (income not related to the HDR program is not taken into account).

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Scholarships are allocated in accordance with the objectives of the RTP and the research excellence, research capacity, and equity and diversity goals of UNSW. By applying for a UNSW HDR scholarship, applicants will be considered for all of the relevant UNSW HDR scholarships based on eligibility. UNSW HDR Scholarships are awarded in accordance with the Scholarships Procedure.

5.1. The Scholarship selection process and allocation is determined by the Central Scholarship Ranking Committee on advice from Schools and Faculties at UNSW, with final approval by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research & Enterprise).

5.2. 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(including Honours Class) so the final transcript can be accessed internally. Final confirmed results will be assessed by the School/Faculty to determine a final assessment (may take 4 weeks), after which time a scholarship outcome will be provided.



6.4. Scholarship offers may be available for multiple terms (conditional upon admission deferral approval), details are outlined in the scholarship offer letter.

6.5. Domestic RTP Fee Offset Only: The admission offer also indicates success of the RTP Fee Offset.



6.6. Applicants who are currently completing a degree may be assessed based on a prediction of their final marks if their prior experience does not meet elig 889b Tw 0.ilks

7.3. International recipients: a Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE) will be issued within the fortnight following scholarship acceptance. Once received, recipients should immediately apply for the student visa (including purchasing the required Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC))

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Recipients not proceeding with their UNSW offer should decline the offer via [Accept Online](#), and in writing to their supervisor.

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Some scholarships may be deferred to a later term. If this is the case, this will be outlined in the offer letter.

7.4. Recipients can request to defer their offer to a later term if required. Prior to requesting, recipients should check:

7.4.1. they meet the UNSW English requirements for the new term and, if required, submit updated satisfactory English proof to the Admissions & Scholarships Team, GRS; and

7.4.2. whether the scholarship is still valid for the relevant term, as outlined in the Scholarship offer.

7.5. For Scholarships which are not able to be deferred, recipients will be placed in the next available scholarship round for competitive reassessment. The outcome will be available after the relevant round release date as advertised on the [Application Deadlines](#) page.

- 8.6. Recipients may be entitled to additional allowances which will be paid after submission of the Commencement Form and relevant documentation as outlined in the Terms and Conditions (excluding the Thesis Allowance and visa processing costs). These will be paid as a lump sum on the date of the first stipend payment.
- 8.7. Any top ups outlined in the scholarship offer letter will be paid in line with the UNSW HDR scholarship stipend. Any additional awards/top ups not outlined in your scholarship offer letter must be [initiated](#) by your Scholarship Proposer.
- 8.8. Payment details will be confirmed in writing once the payment has been processed. Further Information related to scholarship payments can be found [online](#).
- 8.9. Scholarships are pro rated, and calculated on a day count basis. Payments for a given period can be calculated based on the following formula:
- Scholarship amount / amount duration * days of payment
- For example, a fortnight's payment for a \$30,000 per annum (pa) stipend will be calculated:
- \$30,000 / 365 (or 366 for leap year) * 14 = \$1150.68
- 8.10. Once the initial payment is set up, bank account details can be updated by the candidate directly through your [myUNSW](#) profile.



- 8.11. You can view your payment history and the details of your scholarship through your [MyUNSW](#) profile. The Scholarship Payment Information Sheet provides detailed information about how to calculate your fortnightly payment. If you would like to download your payslips, login to MyUNSW and go to:
- ¾ Manage my profile
 - ¾ Payroll information
 - ¾ View payslip
- Then select the dates you are interested in and download your payslip.
- 8.12. Your first payslip have an artificial annual figure. This is because the first payment will usually not be an exact fortnight of pay (and may include back pay).
- 8.13. Subsequent pay advice will reflect an annual rate calculated on a 364 day year, due to UNSW's payroll system, and will not appear to reflect the true per annum rate of your scholarship. It will show a figure that is 364 out of 365ths of your true per annum rate. You will however receive 365 (or 366 for a leap year) days' worth of that 364 day pay rate, and hence after 365/366 days, you will have received the full 365/366 day scholarship amount you are entitled to.
- (eg) For a \$22,860 per annum scholarship (ie for 365 days), your pay advice may show that you are receiving \$22,797.37 pa (364/365 x \$22,860).

Calculation to check your true scholarship entitlement:

Pay advice annual rate / 364 * 365 (or 366 for a leap year)

(eg) For \$22,797.37 annual rate: \$22,797.37/364 days*365 days = \$22,860 per annum.