



**UNSW**  
SYDNEY

# **UNSW Higher Degree Research (HDR) Scholarship**

3.1. Stipend (living allowance)

3.1.1. Stipends are to provide a living allowance to the HDR candidate and are indexed annually taking effect from 1 January of the relevant year.

3.1.2. The minimum stipend rate for all scholarships will be that which is advertised on the [UNSW website](#). This is known as the UNSW HDR Scholarship rate. Where TFS stipends are higher than the standard UNSW HDR Scholarship rate, these will be indexed only if and once the TFS stipend rate becomes comparable.

documents for their own records.

International recipients do not need to provide additional documentation. Costs are paid on receipt of the Commencement of Study Form (attached to the scholarship offer letter).

3.3.3. Thesis Allowance – Once the recipient has submitted their thesis for examination, they complete a Thesis Allowance Claim form and submit to the GRS on [HDRExaminations@unsw.edu.au](mailto:HDRExaminations@unsw.edu.au) within one month of thesis submission.

3.3.4. Visa Processing fees – International only.

Visa Charges for Australian Government Research Training Program

Scholarship (RTP) holders are waived by the [Department of Home Affairs \(DHA\)](#) at the time of visa processing. Recipients need to declare to DHA that they hold a Government funded award. Visa Medical checks are not covered.

Where the visa processing fees have already been charged prior to RTP offer, special cases for payment may be considered by the GRS. Scanned copies of tax receipts (not invoices) with the amount of the visa processing charge, and reasons for the processing fees being charged, must accompany the Commencement of Study Form.

Recipients should retain copies of all receipts for their own records.

3.3.5. Transport for NSW (TfNSW) Travel Concession – Australian Government Research Training Program stipend holders residing in NSW are eligible to apply for the Opal Travel Concession via <https://www.student.unsw.edu.au/opal>.

- 5.1.1. Recipients cannot take leave in their first term. To do so would be a deferral of the commencement of the program. The deadline to request deferral is census date of the start term. Any scholarship payments made to the recipient prior to deferral must be paid back to UNSW at the time of the deferral request.
- 5.1.2. Leave allowances are outlined in the [UNSW](#)

6.1.3. If the recipient does not make arrangements to restart the scholarship, the scholarship will be terminated

6.2. Internships

6.2.1. Formal internship programs managed by the UNSW and provide an opportunity for a candidate to gain industry experience as part of their research program.

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## Admission to Higher Degree Research Programs Procedure