

# UNSW Higher Degree Research (HDR) Scholarship Guidelines

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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 )  
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. Tuition Fee Scholarships (TFSs)

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 or their family. Self-support, work sponsorship, or similar is not permitted for the stipend component. Stipends are paid through the UNSW. Stipends will be confirmed during the application assessment process.
- 2.3.2. In the case of TFSs with External Scholarship agreements, these scholarships are developed by UNSW level Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and must meet the conditions and policies of the MoU and of both organisations. One-off agreements are not permitted. Stipends may be paid directly to the recipient by the MOU partner.

### 2.4. Additional benefits

Scholarships may include additional benefits in the form of allowances for ancillary costs associated with the degree.

Recipients are expected to pay their costs upfront, and the allowances are reimbursed upon fulfilment of conditions. Allowances are meant to be contributions to these costs and might not cover the full cost. Details are available [online](#).

- 2.4.1. Overseas Student Health Cover
- 2.4.2. Relocation Allowance
- 2.4.3. Thesis Allowance
- 2.4.4. Visa processing fee waiver
- 2.4.5. Transport for NSW (TfNSW) Travel Concession (at the discretion of TfNSW)

Candidates are responsible for payment of the UNSW Student Services Amenities Fee (SSAF)





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assessment (may take 4 weeks), after which time a scholarship outcome will be provided.

#### Unconditional Offers

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.

#### Conditional offers

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 eligibility. If the predicted marks are at a high enough level, a conditional scholarship offer may be made. Conditional offers cannot be accepted.

Refer to 6.3.1 for requirements for confirmation of final marks.

6.7. A conditional offer does not guarantee a final offer.

#### Unsuccessful outcomes

6.8. Applicants will be notified if their application has been unsuccessful. Due to the volume of applications, GRS cannot provide further details on unsuccessful outcomes.

6.9. In some cases, applicants may be eligible to reapply for a scholarship. Reapplication will be permitted in the following cases:

6.9.1. After 161.4 ( ) 0.6 5 ( ) 0.6 (m) 1.6 on (t) 3.5h 0.0322001 Tc -0.001 Tw -14.288 -1.3172 (hoal) 1.4317 Td 9ms

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))

#### Decline

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

#### Deferral

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

- 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 \$35,000 per annum (pa) stipend will be calculated:
- $\$35,000 / 365 \text{ (or } 366 \text{ for leap year)} * 14 = \$1342.47$
- 8.10. Once the initial payment is set up, bank account details can be updated by the candidate directly through your