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**Selection criteria**

- The Scholarship will be awarded based on an applicant’s ranking in their APA or IPRS application, unless they have been provided with an alternative primary HDR scholarship which only provides partial funding.
- Only applicants who have achieved a minimum ranking, as set each APA/IPRS round by the Faculty Dean, Associate Dean (Research) and Sub Dean (Research Training) in consultation with the various Faculty Heads of School, will be considered for each Scholarship round.

**Ongoing eligibility**

- Subject to maintaining satisfactory academic progress as per their annual progress review and remaining enrolled full-time in their PhD.
- The Scholarship cannot be deferred.
- The Scholarship shall be tenable in the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies at the University of Sydney and shall not be transferable to another faculty or university.

**Payment schedule**

Fortnightly instalments. Fees will be paid per each relevant research period.

**Conditions of award**

Please refer to the terms and conditions of this Scholarship for a full list of the conditions that apply.
1. General
a. Funded by the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies at the University of Sydney, this Scholarship was established to encourage and support outstanding higher degree research (HDR) students within the Faculty.

2. Eligibility
a. The Scholarship is open to both local and international applicants.
b. Applicants must have an unconditional offer of admission for full-time enrolment in a PhD program within the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies at the University of Sydney and must subsequently enrol into their PhD.
c. Applicants must also apply for either an Australian Postgraduate Award (APA) or International Postgraduate Research Scholarship (IPRS) for the relevant research period of commencement to be considered for this Scholarship. This may be waived where a candidate has been provided with alternative primary HDR scholarship, which was offered through a competitive application process and is not an APA, IPRS, USydIS.

3. Awarding of the Scholarship
a. The Scholarship will be awarded based on an applicant's ranking in their APA or IPRS application, unless they have been provided with an alternative primary HDR scholarship which only provides partial funding.
b. Only applicants who have achieved a minimum ranking, as set each APA/IPRS round by the Faculty Dean, Associate Dean (Research) and Sub Dean (Research Training) in consultation with the various Faculty Heads of School, will be considered for each Scholarship round.
c. The selection committee will consist of the Associate Dean (Research) or their nominee, Sub Dean (Research Training), Head of School or their nominee and Research Training Director for each School's cohort. The ultimate decision rests with the Associate Dean (Research).
d. The Faculty and Schools maintain the discretion to prioritise the awarding of the Scholarship to students whose supervisors are early to mid-career researchers, in line with the Faculty's strategic research priorities and to ensure an equal distribution of these Scholarships across the Faculty's five schools after reviewing the distribution of other primary HDR Scholarships within the Faculty.

4. Tenure
a. The Scholarship is tenable for a period of up to 3 years subject to the recipient maintaining satisfactory academic progress as per their annual progress review and remaining enrolled full-time in their PhD.
b. The Scholarship may be extended for an additional 6 months at the discretion of the Associate Dean (Research).
c. The Scholarship cannot be deferred.
d. The Scholarship shall be tenable in the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies at the University of Sydney and shall not be transferable to another faculty or university.

5. Value
a. The value of the Scholarship shall be at the discretion of the Faculty when reviewing applications, but will include one or a mix of the following:
   I. Full or Partial Fee Scholarship.
   II. Stipend Scholarship paid at the current year APA rate. This would apply to for both domestic and international students.
   III. Top-up Scholarship, being an additional stipend amount paid on top of option II, for the purpose of attracting outstanding students or to provide them with additional support according to the Faculty's priorities. A Top-up Scholarship can only be for up to 70% of the primary Scholarship amount.
   IV. The Faculty may also supplement an alternative primary HDR scholarship a student is receiving, at its discretion, through any or a combination of the above three options.
b. Stipend and top-up based Scholarships will be paid on a fortnightly basis to the Scholarship recipient. Fees will be paid per each relevant research period.
c. Scholarships shall be awarded subject to the availability of funds.
d. Students will be responsible for paying for their own health cover (where relevant), student amenities fees, transport costs, application fees or any other costs.

6. Termination
a. The Scholarship will be terminated on any of the following grounds:
   I. The recipient withdraws from their PhD.
   II. the recipient transfers into a non-engineering or information technology PhD.
   III. the recipient commences part-time study without first seeking the approval of the Associate Dean (Research).
   IV. The recipient does not maintain satisfactory academic performance as per Term 4.a, and
   V. The recipient receives and accepts another primary Scholarship that is equivalent to, or similar to this Scholarship.
b. In the event that the recipient discontinues their course, any money paid to the student during that academic year may be requested to be repaid to the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies. This is subject to the Associate Dean (Research)’s discretion.
c. The recipient may be entitled to a leave of absence during the Scholarship program in the event of extenuating circumstances subject to the discretion of the Associate Dean (Research).