Australian Postgraduate Awards (APA) and University of Sydney Postgraduate Awards (UPA)

Information for 2014 Semester two Applicants

(Australian Postgraduate Awards (APA) and University of Sydney Postgraduate Awards (UPA) will be available to Australian Citizens, Australian Permanent Residents and New Zealand Citizens proposing to commence in 2014 Semester two a full-time Research Masters or Research Doctorate degree at The University of Sydney. Students who have NOT previously applied in the 2014 Semester one APA/UPA round but have enrolled in a postgraduate research degree at this University are also eligible to apply.

Recipients of a 2014 Semester two APA/UPA must enrol in the Research Masters or Research Doctorate degree and commence their award by Friday, 29 August 2014. No deferment of the scholarship will be allowed.

Unsuccessful 2014 Semester one APA/UPA applicants who have commenced their postgraduate studies at this University will NOT be considered. They will need to apply for a 2015 Semester one APA/UPA instead (applications will open in late August 2014). Candidates who intend to commence their research degree in 2015 Semester one should also apply in the 2015 Semester one round.

1 Australian Postgraduate Awards (APA)
The APA scheme is managed by the Commonwealth Department of Education in conjunction with Australian universities. APA are awarded to students of exceptional research potential to undertake a higher degree by research at an Australian university and are provided to assist with general living costs.

1.1 Eligibility
To be eligible applicants must:
(a) be an Australian citizen, a New Zealand citizen or an Australian permanent resident (holder of an International Postgraduate Research Scholarship excepted) by the scholarship application closing date (6 June 2014 for 2014 Semester two);
(b) have completed a Bachelor Degree (or expect to complete at the end of 2014 Semester one) with First Class Honours or equivalent results (refer to Section 5.2 for details) or have completed a degree and with an outstanding record of professional and/or research achievements since graduation;
(c) be undertaking a Research Masters or Research Doctorate degree in 2014 Semester two;
(d) be enrolling as a full-time student. The University of Sydney may approve a part-time APA where an applicant is able to demonstrate significant caring responsibilities, a medical condition or a disability which limits the student’s capacity to undertake full-time study;
(e) not have completed a degree at the same, or higher, level as the proposed candidature;
(f) have not previously held an APA, APA (Industry) or an Australian Government-funded postgraduate research scholarship (excluding an International Postgraduate Research Scholarship), unless it was terminated within six months of the scholarship’s payments commencing; and
(g) not be receiving an equivalent award, scholarship or salary providing a benefit greater than 75% of the APA stipend rate, to undertake the proposed study. (Salary for work unrelated to the student’s research is not subject to this limit.)
1.2 Tenure and Conditions

(a) A full-time APA may be held for three years for Research Doctorate studies, or two years for Research Masters studies. A Research Doctorate candidate may apply for a maximum extension of up to six months subject to satisfactory progress, provided the grounds are related to study and are beyond the control of the student. No extensions are possible for Research Masters students.

(b) The maximum APA tenure will be reduced by any periods of study undertaken:
   - towards the degree prior to the commencement of the APA;
   - during suspension of the APA; and/or
   - during the tenure of a previous Australian Postgraduate Coursework Award.

(c) Awards will not normally be available to those who as a result of prior candidature and/or scholarship would be entitled to a maximum tenure of less than twelve months.

(d) A part-time award holder is expected to progress at half the rate of a full-time award holder.

(e) Each award is renewed annually on the Head of School's/Department's recommendation and is conditional on satisfactory progress.

(f) Students who wish to transfer to another institution may continue to receive their APA only if their new institution agrees to its continuation and is able to support the transferring student from its APA grant amounts. (See also Section 6 below.)

(g) Students may conduct up to 12 months (18 months for students of anthropology and other special cases) of their research outside Australia. The request must be approved by the Faculty concerned and the student must remain enrolled at The University of Sydney.

(h) After the first six months of award, students may be granted up to 12 months suspension of their award. A suspension, or accumulated periods of suspension of more than 12 months, will only be considered if there are exceptional circumstances beyond the student's control.

(i) Full-time award holders may engage in a limited amount of paid employment (current conditions allow up to 20 hours per week, evening, weekend and holiday work included) which must not interfere with the student's study and progress. If employed by the University, the appointment must not exceed half time or 50% of a full-time position. Part-time award holders may undertake part-time employment up to a maximum of 10 hours per week (half the 20-hour limit for full-time award holders).

1.3 Benefits

(a) Full-time award holders receive a stipend of $25,392 p.a. (2014 rate) which is currently exempt from taxation. Part-time award holders receive a taxable stipend of $12,696 p.a. (2014 rate). The stipend rate is indexed annually on 1 January.

(b) Students relocating their place of residence to take up the APA may be eligible for the relocation allowance in accordance with the University's APA relocation allowance policy. The value of the allowance is up to $515 for each eligible adult and $255 for each eligible child. The absolute maximum value of relocation expenses that a student may receive is $1,485 (2014 rates).

(c) Reimbursement of up to $420 for Masters candidates and up to $840 for Doctoral candidates (2014 rates) will be made for eligible claims for direct costs of producing a thesis in accordance with the University's thesis allowance policy. The allowance must be claimed within one year of submission of the thesis and no more than two years after termination of the APA.

(d) APA holders may take up to 10 working days sick leave and up to 20 working days recreation leave each year as part of the award. Recreation leave does not attract a leave loading. These leave entitlements will be forfeited on termination of the APA.

(e) APA holders may receive additional paid sick leave of up to a total of twelve weeks for medically substantiated periods of illness lasting longer than ten days. This period of leave is added to the tenure of the award.

(f) After APA holders have completed twelve months of their award, they are entitled to a maximum of twelve weeks paid maternity leave during the tenure of the award. Periods of paid maternity leave are in addition to the normal duration of the APA. Unpaid maternity leave may be accessed through the suspension provisions.

(g) APA holders will be granted a HECS-exempt place under the Research Training Scheme (see http://sydney.edu.au/future_students/domestic_postgraduate_research/costs_scholarships/costs.shtml) for the tenure of their award.
University of Sydney Postgraduate Awards (UPA)

University of Sydney Postgraduate Awards (UPA) are offered to applicants who are ranked for the Australian Postgraduate Awards and a separate application for UPA is not required. The eligibility criteria, tenure and conditions are similar to the APA (refer to Section 1 above). The UPA is tenable only at The University of Sydney and is not transferable to another institution. No relocation allowance is provided for award holders to take up the UPA.

Up to three UPA will be awarded to a suitable Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander candidate for 2014 Semester two. Interested applicants are required to state in a separate sheet attached to their application that they wish to be considered for this UPA and provide confirmation that they are of Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent. This confirmation can be in the form of a letter of identity from their local Aboriginal land council, Aboriginal legal service, Aboriginal medical service, or other official Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander organisation. If applicants cannot provide a letter from any of these organisations, they will need to provide a statutory declaration confirming their Aboriginality.

Other Postgraduate Research Scholarships

Some faculties and departments also offer postgraduate research scholarships and/or supplementary scholarships (refer to this and Section 4 below). APA/UPA applicants may also be considered for these awards where funding is available.

Scholarship opportunities are advertised on: [http://sydney.edu.au/scholarships/research](http://sydney.edu.au/scholarships/research) (Click on the Current Research Scholarships menu item to search the Research Scholarships Database, and to subscribe to the Weekly Research Scholarships Email Bulletin.)

Below are some examples of scholarships that are available. Please visit the Research Scholarships Database for more details, including application closing dates.

3.1 Scholarships in the Faculty of Agriculture and Environment

Up to four research scholarships will be offered by the Faculty of Agriculture and Environment to graduates with a Research Masters or First Class Honours Bachelors degree (or in special circumstances Second Class Honours, Division 1) or equivalent qualifications. Application for the scholarships is automatic upon application for a APA/UPA through The University of Sydney Scholarships and Financial Support Service. Applicants who do not expect to satisfy the APA/UPA eligibility criteria should (a) complete the APA/UPA form and submit it directly to the Coordinator, Postgraduate Services, Faculty of Agriculture and Environment, C81, University of Sydney, NSW 2006, noting that they are NOT applying for an APA/UPA and (b) request the referees to submit their reports directly to the Faculty by 31 May 2014. The Faculty is also offering the Nancy Roma Paech Postgraduate Scholarship valued at $30,000 per annum. Further information on Faculty scholarships may be obtained from: [http://sydney.edu.au/agriculture/future_postgraduates/doctor_philosophy/fees_scholarships.shtml](http://sydney.edu.au/agriculture/future_postgraduates/doctor_philosophy/fees_scholarships.shtml) or by email: fiona.lawrence@sydney.edu.au.

3.3 Scholarships in the Faculty of Architecture, Design and Planning

The Faculty of Architecture, Design and Planning has several Research Scholarships available, subject to funding, for full-time Master or Doctor of Philosophy students to apply for. For the latest information about what is going to be available in upcoming semesters, please check the Faculty website below, or contact the Faculty directly. [http://sydney.edu.au/architecture/current_students/scholarships.shtml](http://sydney.edu.au/architecture/current_students/scholarships.shtml)

3.4 Scholarships in the Business School

The Business School is offering a number of scholarships for outstanding candidates to undertake full-time PhD studies within the School in 2014 Semester two. Each scholarship is valued at $30,000 p.a. The eligibility criteria, tenure and conditions are outlined on the School website: [http://sydney.edu.au/business/futuresstudents/postgraduate_research_studies/research_scholarships](http://sydney.edu.au/business/futuresstudents/postgraduate_research_studies/research_scholarships). Application for the School scholarship is automatic upon application for an APA/UPA through The University of Sydney Scholarships and Financial Support Service. Further information on the Business School Scholarships can be obtained from Program Manager, Business School, Ms Maryann van de Wetering, on (02) 9351 3086, email: maryann.vandewetering@sydney.edu.au.
3.5 Scholarships in the Faculty of Pharmacy

The Faculty of Pharmacy is offering postgraduate research scholarships at the APA rate for students commencing their studies in the Faculty in 2014 – WH and Elizabeth M Deane Pharmaceutical Fund PhD Scholarship, The Ross Brown Pharmacy Scholarship, The Pharmacy Alumni Postgraduate Scholarship and The Faculty of Pharmacy PhD Scholarship. Further information on these scholarships and the eligibility criteria is available from the Faculty website: http://sydney.edu.au/pharmacy/future_students/scholarships.shtml#pg. Application for the above scholarships is automatic upon application for an APA/UPA through The University of Sydney Scholarships and Financial Support Service.

3.6 Henry Bertie and Florence Mabel Gritton Research Scholarships (in Chemistry related to Industry and Agriculture)

Approximately six scholarships are funded each year by a bequest from the estates of Henry Bertie and his wife Florence Mabel Gritton. The object of the scholarships is to promote the knowledge and study of Chemistry in relation to Industry and Agriculture, including Chemistry connected with Electrical Engineering, Metallurgical Chemistry and Chemistry in its application to the Mining and the winning and treatment of minerals and natural products of the soil. The value, tenure and benefits of the scholarship are similar to that of the APA. A supplementary application is required by 18 July 2014 for scholarships available in 2015 Semester one. Further information and an application form are available from http://agile2.ucc.usyd.edu.au/ro/opportunities/scholarships (type Gritton in ‘Search by Keyword’), or from the Scholarships and Financial Support Service by email: scholarships.officer@sydney.edu.au or on (02) 8627 8112.

3.7 G.C. Henderson Research Scholarship (in history of the Polynesian, Melanesian and Micronesian communities)

This scholarship is funded by a bequest from Professor G.C. Henderson to promote and encourage research into the history of the Polynesian, Melanesian and Micronesian communities. The scholarship is open to full-time postgraduate research candidates intending to enrol in the Department of Anthropology or History at The University of Sydney. The tenure and benefits of the scholarship are similar to that of the UPA. A supplementary application is required by 18 July 2014. Further information and an application form are available from http://agile2.ucc.usyd.edu.au/ro/opportunities/scholarships (type Henderson in ‘Search by Keyword’), or from the Scholarships and Financial Support Service by email: scholarships.officer@sydney.edu.au or on (02) 8627 8112.

3.8 Richard Claude Mankin Scholarship (in water conservation)

This scholarship is funded by a bequest comprising the residual estate of Winifred Roby Mankin to promote and encourage research at The University of Sydney related to water conservation. It may be awarded as a postgraduate scholarship with the value and tenure similar to that of the APA or as a supplementary scholarship with the value to be determined by the selection committee. A supplementary application is required by 18 July 2014. Further information and an application form are available from http://agile2.ucc.usyd.edu.au/ro/opportunities/scholarships (type Mankin in ‘Search by Keyword’) or from the Scholarships and Financial Support Service by email: scholarships.officer@sydney.edu.au or on (02) 8627 8112.

4 Supplementary or top-up Scholarships

4.1 University-wide awards

Vice-Chancellor’s Research Scholarships

The Vice-Chancellor’s Research Scholarships (VCRS) are offered to attract students with an outstanding track record in academic achievements and research potential to pursue full-time PhD studies at The University of Sydney. In 2014 Semester two, a small number of VCRS will be available as top-up scholarships to highly ranked commencing PhD students who are awarded an APA or a UPA. The value of the VCRS will be up to $35,000 (tax-exempt) over a maximum period of up to 3.5 full-time years, payable at the rate of $5,000 p.a. for the first year and $12,000 per annum for the remaining 2.5 years. A relocation allowance of up to $5,000 may be provided for students who need to relocate to Sydney to take up the scholarship.

The VCRS will be awarded by the Vice-Chancellor on recommendation by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Registrar) and the Academic Board’s Postgraduate Awards Sub-Committee. Academic excellence (e.g. a University Medal) and outstanding research potential will be the selection criteria.
The VCRS can be held at any Faculty at the University but is not transferable to other universities. Eligibility criteria for the VCRS will be the same as for the APA (refer to Section 1.1 above) except that only commencing PhD applicants will be considered. A separate application for the VCRS is not required and eligible highly ranked applicants for the APA/UPA will be automatically considered.

University of Sydney Merit Awards
Similar to the VCRS, the Merit Awards are top-up scholarships offered to highly ranked APA/UPA applicants who wish to pursue full-time PhD studies at the University of Sydney. PhD students who have commenced their candidature but do not hold any postgraduate research scholarships before they apply for a 2014 Semester two APA/UPA will also be considered. The value of each Merit Award will be $5,000 p.a. for up to 3.5 years for a full-time PhD.

A separate application for the Merit Awards is not required and eligible highly ranked PhD applicants for the APA/UPA will be automatically considered. The Merit Awards will be awarded by the Academic Board’s Postgraduate Awards Sub-Committee on the basis of academic excellence and outstanding research potential.

Alumni Scholarships
Established from accumulated funds donated by the University’s alumni, six scholarships of $5,000 each for one year will be offered in 2014 Semester two to highly ranked APA/UPA applicants – two in each of the three ‘faculty clusters’: Health; Humanities and Social Sciences; Sciences and Technology. A separate application for the Alumni Scholarships is not required and the scholarships will be awarded on the basis of academic excellence and outstanding research potential.

4.2 Faculty/School/Department specific awards
Some faculties or schools (see table below) offer supplementary or top-up scholarships to successful 2014 Semester two APA/UPA applicants. In most cases, the award recipients will be automatically considered for the additional funding.

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<td>Faculty of Agriculture and Environment</td>
<td>Some supplementary scholarships will be awarded on merit basis to successful APA/UPA applicants for the duration of their award. Masters candidates are not eligible.</td>
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<td>Faculty of Architecture, Design and Planning</td>
<td>Full time PhD students awarded an APA or UPA in the Faculty of Architecture, Design and Planning and who have no other top-up will be awarded a supplementary scholarship of $5,000 p.a.</td>
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<td>Business School</td>
<td>A top-up scholarship from the APA rate to $30,000 p.a. is available to all successful APA/UPA applicants for the duration of their awards.</td>
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<td>School of Electrical and Information Engineering</td>
<td>A supplementary scholarship of up to $6,000 p.a. is available to all successful APA/UPA applicants. The duration is one year but may be renewed on annual application by PhD students only.</td>
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5 Selection Process
Selection is based on academic merit and research potential. To achieve this, each Faculty shall prepare a ranked list, in order of final mark as described below, of all applicants that it wishes to support for the award of a scholarship. The Faculty lists will then be checked by one of the three ‘faculty cluster’ Ranking Committees: Health, Humanities and Social Sciences, and Sciences and Technology. The checked Faculty lists will be combined into a single list using the applicants’ final mark. The Academic Board’s Postgraduate Awards Sub-Committee will consider the combined ranking list and determine the number of offers to be made. Offer of an award will depend upon an applicant’s position on the list.

The applicant’s final mark consists of the UG WAM and/or Honours 1 (or Honours 1 equivalent) mark and Research Potential Indicator. The use of these components is based on whether the applicant has attained an Honours 1 degree, has completed his/her most recent studies (Honours 1 degree or equivalent – see 5.2 below) within the last five years by the time the scholarship is being awarded,
and the extent of any relevant research/professional experience. A greater weight is given to the Honours 1 (or H1E) mark.

**UG WAM:** The undergraduate weighted average mark (average mark, weighted according to the relative credit point value of the individual units of study) is obtained by averaging the marks the applicant obtained in all second and third year units of study in the relevant degree. Some faculties will also calculate the WAM according to the year-levels (2 for second year, 3 for third year) of the units of study.

The UG WAM of combined degrees will normally be calculated from all units except those in the first year and the honours subjects.

**H1 (or H1E) mark:** This is the mark achieved in the Honours (or equivalent) degree. The criteria for ranking Honours 1 equivalent qualifications are detailed in section 5.2 below.

**Research Potential Indicator (RPI) point:** RPI points are awarded for relevant research and/or professional achievements as detailed in section 5.3 below.

### 5.1 Calculating the UG WAM and Hons Mark

It is the responsibility of applicants to provide numerical marks of their academic results wherever possible. If the mark is not available or is unobtainable, the result will be entered at the respective mid-point for the equivalent Pass (i.e. 57) and Credit (i.e. 69.5) grades at the University of Sydney. A mark at the lowest one-third (i.e. 78.33) will be entered for the equivalent Distinction and the lowest mark (i.e. 85) for High Distinction grades. If the results are ungraded, applicants should provide information on the overall position in the class and/or thesis examiners reports if available.

It is important to provide the grading system showing the range of marks or the minimum mark required for each grade and different levels of Honours. Discounting of marks will be made to account for a pass mark of e.g. 60 used in some overseas institutions compared to 50 in Australian universities. Scaling of Honours 1 marks will be made if the institution does not use 80 as the cut-off requirement for Honours 1. This is also applicable to University of Sydney honours marks awarded before the standardisation of Honours 1 at 80.

### 5.2 Honours 1 Equivalence

Where applicants did not have an Honours 1 degree, they can be ranked as having an Honours 1 equivalent degree on the basis of an additional qualification under the following criteria:

(a) A completed Master of Philosophy (or equivalent) by thesis. In this case, the ‘Hons mark’ will be 83 unless a higher thesis mark has been recorded on the transcript.

(b) A completed Masters by coursework with a weighted average mark of at least 80 and a research component (requiring the completion of a dissertation, treatise, long essay or major report) of at least 12 credit points (where 48 credit points denotes a one-year full-time course). In this case, the weighted average mark in all units of study, including the dissertation, will be the ‘Hons mark’.

(c) A completed Masters by coursework with a weighted average mark of at least 80 and a research treatise of ≥ 25,000 words as a requirement of the course. In this case, the weighted average mark in all units of study, including the treatise, will be the ‘Hons mark’.

(d) A completed Masters by coursework with a weighted average mark of at least 80 and a research component verified by the Faculty Research Committee to be academically demanding and a relevant foundation in research training for the proposed PhD project.

(e) A completed Masters Preliminary or Graduate Diploma with a research component (as per b above) of at least 25% of the course, requirements and assessment equivalent to Fourth Year Honours at Honours 1 standard (a minimum mark of 80). In this case, the weighted average mark in all Masters Preliminary or Graduate Diploma units of study will be the ‘Hons mark’.

(f) Overseas qualifications that are considered as equivalent to an Australian Honours 1 degree. In this case, the weighted average mark (after discounting/scaling if applicable) in all units of study will be the ‘Hons mark’.

(g) Graduates who did not have an Honours 1 result but have attained membership or fellowship of prestigious learned professional organisations by advanced study, examination and professional practice may be eligible for H1E. The relevant Faculty will be required to demonstrate an appropriate level of academic rigor. In all such cases, the ‘Hons mark’ will be 80.
In assessing whether membership or fellowship of a learned body confers the H1E status, consideration will be taken of the level of additional skills and training required for membership, the length of training required, and the academic level and pass rate of the entrance examination.

5.3 Research Potential Indicator (RPI)

RPI points may be awarded on the basis of demonstrable research performance, relevant professional and direct research experience as per the following criteria.

(a) Criteria

i. Relevant academic qualifications in addition to Honours 1.
Examples are a completed Masters degree by research (with a research component of at least 2/3 of the course), a completed second Honours 1 degree (in a combined honours degree).

ii. Scholarly publications (must contain original work or substantial original analysis, be published or accepted for publication by a reputable publisher) in the relevant field of research within the last five years. Self-publishing, publications by vanity publisher or in publications which lack basic publishing standards will not be accepted.

iii. Academic journals must either be:
   - listed on Thomson Reuters’ Master Journal (ISI) list – http://ip-science.thomsonreuters.com/mjl/, or
   - listed on the Scopus database (http://www.scopus.com/home.url) and then verified as peer-reviewed on Ulrichsweb: http://ulrichsweb.serialssolutions.com/, i.e. ‘Refereed – Yes’.

iv. Conference publications must be in national and international conferences and not primarily arranged for research students. For conference abstracts, only a maximum of 5 will be considered.

Examples of scholarly publications are:
   - A published research article in a refereed international journal.
   - A published or refereed conference paper, a published or refereed presenting author abstract in a national or international conference, a published, peer-reviewed book/literature review or a published research report/case study in a refereed journal.
   - A patent that has been granted after an examination process by a government agency.

Do not include the following as they will not be assessed under RPI:
   - Publications that are not research (e.g. newspaper or magazine articles).
   - Publications or outputs that are more than five years old.
   - Publications that have been submitted or under consideration.
   - Publications that have been considered but require revision before acceptance.
   - The same (or substantially the same) work being published/presented again in a book, journal or conference.

v. Significant output in the art or music areas in the relevant field of research within the last five years.
Examples are:
   - An exhibition (with published catalogue) with multiple venues of international standard, or a series of performances of international standard, for which reviews in significant outlets are available.
   - An exhibition in a Public Gallery or Museum (with published catalogue) but excluding regional galleries, or in a Private Gallery of standing in which the artist is asked to exhibit by invitation (subject to documentary evidence).
   - Visual work(s) held in significant National and/or International Collections or commissioned by Government Bodies and/or the Corporate Sector.
   - A significant published musical composition or a significant commercially published CD of a musical performance.
   - Visual documentation of performance, installation and electronic creative works in significant National and/or International Collections.
   - Participation (as presenting author or equivalent) in significant National or International Festivals or professional conventions.
vi. Relevant professional experience at a responsible level or direct research experience since graduation and not in a training situation of at least two full-time (or part-time equivalent) years.

vii. Other
- Participation in moots such as the Jessop International Law moot at an international level.

(b) Details and evidence required

It is the responsibility of the applicants to provide details and evidence of outputs or experience which meet the criteria in the form of an Appendix to their application. Please refer to the instructions below and examples in the separate RPI Appendix Guide document.

i. Refereed article or publication in refereed journal (refer to 5.3(a)iii above)

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ii. Conference presentation or published paper (refer to 5.3(a)iv above)

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### v. Other significant research output (not listed above)

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### vi. Relevant professional or direct research experience (total duration of a minimum of two full-time, or part-time equivalent, years)

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**IMPORTANT:** Ensure the employer’s letter include all information stated in the table above. Otherwise, the professional experience may not be included as part of the assessment.
6 APA Transfer Applicants

Current APA holders from another university who have at least 12 months remaining on their maximum scholarship tenure and wish to transfer their candidature to The University of Sydney in 2014 Semester two must apply in this round of APA/UPA applications. Their applications will be ranked with all other applications received in this round in accordance with the selection process described above.

7 Application Form

The APA/UPA application form is NOT an application for research Masters or Doctoral candidature. Scholarship applicants must apply separately for admission to candidature for 2014 Semester two as soon as possible and by 6 June 2014 (please note that if a Faculty has set an earlier closing date, applicants of that faculty must lodge their application for admission by the earlier date) as their APA/UPA application will not be ranked unless their enrolment into the proposed research program will be accepted by the Faculty.

If you intend to commence your postgraduate research degree in 2015 Semester one, do not complete this application form. Applications for the 2015 Semester one APA/UPA will open in late August 2014.

Information on how to apply for admission into a research degree is available from:

The APA/UPA application form and Academic Referee’s Report can be printed directly from:

The APA/UPA application form is an interactive PDF. Please type your answers and then print the form for signature. The original plus two identical copies (a total of 3 sets) of the application form and supporting documentation (including the RPI Appendix if applicable), according to the instructions on the application form, must reach the Scholarships and Financial Support Service by Friday, 6 June 2014. Applications cannot be submitted by fax or electronically.

The University of Sydney accepts scanned documents submitted online in support of applications for admission to courses of study and photocopy of documents for APA/UPA applications. All supporting documents must be true and complete records. You should be prepared to provide original documents or original certified copies of supporting documents upon request at any time. Detailed checking of supporting documents is an inherent element of our admissions and scholarship ranking processes and may involve contacting the original issuing authority or relevant tertiary admissions centre, or other organisation (whether education or otherwise), or individual, whether in Australia or overseas, to verify documents. A failure to provide documents on request, or the discovery of either fraudulent documents or a misrepresentation of true circumstances in association with your application, may lead to the rejection of your application for admission/scholarship, the withdrawal of your offer, or the cancellation of your enrolment.

Documents submitted in a language other than English must be accompanied by a complete English translation. The University accepts translations to English made by an accredited translator with a government body, the Registrar of the issuing institution.

Questions 1-4: Applicants must provide their contact details from June to August 2014 and notify the Scholarships and Financial Support Service in writing of any changes.

Questions 5 & 6: Read and complete these questions carefully. Applicants whose responses to these questions indicate that they are not eligible to apply should not lodge an application. Eligible applicants must provide copies of relevant documentation as indicated.

Question 7: Applicants who have previously or are currently enrolled at The University of Sydney must provide their student identification number.

Question 8: To be completed by applicants who are currently enrolled in a tertiary institution. The tenure of an award will be reduced if a candidate is currently or has been previously enrolled in the postgraduate research degree for which the scholarship is sought.
Question 9: Applicants must provide details of completed tertiary qualifications and enclose copies of official transcripts if the qualifications are not from The University of Sydney.

Note: The transcripts must provide an explanation of grading (usually found on the reverse side). It is important to provide actual marks rather than grades where these are available (see ‘Calculating the UG WAM and Hons Mark’ in section 5.1 above). For transcripts in languages other than English, translations to English made by an accredited translator must be included. Current Honours year students, other than candidates from The University of Sydney, should provide copies of their results as soon as these become available. Please note that original documents included with your application will not be returned.

Applicants with overseas qualifications are strongly advised to provide information on their degree/s and how they compare with an Australian Honours 1 degree. Where possible/available, applicants should request their institution/referees to provide information on what percentage of students in a class/year receives a certain overall grade/level of honours and the position of the applicant in the class/year.

Question 10: Applicants must apply separately for admission as a Research Masters or Research Doctoral candidate. You need to do so as soon as possible and by 6 June 2014 (please note that if a Faculty has set an earlier closing date, applicants of that faculty must lodge their application for admission by the earlier date) since it has to determine that your candidature will be accepted before ranking your scholarship application.

Question 11 (if applicable): It is the applicant’s responsibility to check the criteria and follow the instructions given in section 5.3 Research Potential Indicator (RPI) above and provide the required information and proof/evidence in the form of an Appendix. You should also refer to the format and examples in the separate RPI Appendix Guide document.

Question 12: Applicants who have previously held an APA, APA (Industry) or an Australian Government-funded postgraduate research scholarship are not eligible to apply unless it was terminated within six months of the scholarship’s payments commencing. Students who are currently on a research scholarship for the proposed study will need to relinquish their current scholarship if they are successful in getting an APA/UPA.

Question 13: Details of Academic Referees and their reports are not required from current University of Sydney students or those who completed their studies at this University between 2012 Semester two and 2014 Semester one. For applicants who need to obtain Academic Referee’s Reports, the referees nominated should be academics who are able to provide an assessment of the applicant’s most recent studies and research potential. Applicants are responsible for ensuring that the nominated referees send the confidential reports by mail, fax or as a PDF file directly to the Scholarships and Financial Support Service by 6 June 2014. Due to the large number of applications received, this Office is not able to follow up on outstanding Referee’s Report on behalf of applicants.

Question 14: Applicants must read the contents of the form and answer all questions truthfully. If there is any section that the applicant is unsure about, clarification should be sought from the Scholarships and Financial Support Service. There are severe penalties for providing false or misleading information, including exclusion of the application. Finally, print pages 1 to 6 of the Application Form, sign and date on the hard copy.

Checklist: These two pages are for your record only and do not include them with your signed application. Please note that applications which are incomplete and/or without supporting documentation in accordance with these instructions will jeopardise the applicants’ chance of being considered for an award and may be grounds for exclusion.

Submission of applications:

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All applications must reach the Scholarships and Financial Support Service by: Friday, 6 June 2014.

Late, faxed and e-mailed applications will NOT be accepted.

10 Email Acknowledgment
An acknowledgment email will be sent around 16 June 2014 to all applicants after their applications have been sent to the faculties for ranking.

11 Notification of Results
Notification of the outcome of applications will be made by email by 14 July 2014.

The Scholarships and Financial Support Service would greatly appreciate your patience and cooperation by not contacting us for information about the outcome of your application until after 18 July 2014.