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

are scholarships to assist with general living costs and are awarded to students of exceptional research potential to undertake a higher degree by research at this university. In 2013, 3,500 new APA places were made available by the Commonwealth Government and the allocation to The University of Sydney was 347. In addition, the University awarded 28 University of Sydney Postgraduate Awards (UPA) that are similar to the APA in terms of tenure and benefits. Eligible APA applicants will be automatically considered for these awards.

The number of APA and UPA available in 2014 is expected to be similar to that offered in 2013. The University awards these scholarships twice a year - applications for the 2014 Semester one round opens in late August 2013 and applications for the 2014 Semester two round will open in mid May 2014.

Information on other postgraduate research scholarships offered in conjunction with the APA/UPA process is listed in Section 3 below. Information on University-wide supplementary or top-up scholarships such as the Vice-Chancellor’s Research Scholarships; the University of Sydney Merit Awards; and the Alumni Scholarships, together with those offered by some faculties and departments is listed in Section 4 below. Eligible APA/UPA applicants may also be considered for these awards.

1 Australian Postgraduate Awards (APA)

The APA scheme is managed by the Commonwealth Department of Industry, Innovation, Climate Change, Science, Research and Tertiary Education (DIICCSRTE) in conjunction with Australian universities. The following information is based on the 2013 Commonwealth Scholarships Guidelines for the APA and may be subject to change after the 2014 guidelines are released.

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 application closing date (31 October 2013 for 2014 Semester one);

(b) have completed a Bachelor Degree (or expect to complete at the end of 2013 Semester two) with First Class Honours or equivalent results (refer to Section 5.2 for details) or have completed a degree with an outstanding record of professional and/or research achievements since graduation;

(c) be undertaking a Research Masters or Research Doctoral degree in 2014;

(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.)

Applications close 31 October 2013
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 (2013 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.
2 University of Sydney Postgraduate Awards (UPA)
The University of Sydney Postgraduate Awards are offered to applicants who are ranked for the Australian Postgraduate Awards. 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.

Three UPA will be awarded to suitable Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander candidates for 2014. 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.

3 Other Postgraduate Research Scholarships
Some faculties/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
(Click on the Current Research Scholarships menu item to search the Research Scholarships Database, and to subscribe to the Weekly Research Scholarships Email Bulletin.)

3.1 A.E. and F.A.Q. Stephens Scholarship
This scholarship is funded by the assets of the estates of both Francis Stephens and his wife Alice. It will be awarded to the highest ranked APA/UPA applicant who is not awarded a VCRS and a separate application for this award is not required. The scholarship is tenable in any faculty at The University of Sydney. The value of the scholarship shall be the same as the current Australian Postgraduate Award (Industry) ($29,844 p.a. in 2013). Other benefits will be the same as those offered under the APA scheme.

3.2 Scholarships in the Faculty of Agriculture and Environment
The Faculty of Agriculture and Environment is offering a number of research scholarships, including the Nancy Roma Paech Postgraduate Scholarship valued at $30,000 per annum, 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 Postgraduate Administrator, 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 October 2013. Further information on Faculty scholarships may be obtained from: http://sydney.edu.au/agriculture/future_postgraduates/doctor_philosophy/fees_scholarships.shtml or by email: fiona.lawrence@sydney.edu.au.

3.3 Scholarship in the Faculty of Architecture, Design and Planning
The Faculty of Architecture, Design and Planning is offering the following research scholarships in 2014 - Ethel M Chettle Postgraduate Research Scholarship in Architecture (in the discipline of Architecture and Allied Arts); David Noel Murray Postgraduate Scholarship (for University of Sydney Master of Architecture students progressing to a Master or Doctor of Philosophy); HJ Cowan Architectural Science Scholarship. A separate application is required and applications close 30 November 2013. Further information and an application form may be obtained from the Faculty website: 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 MPhil and PhD studies within the School in 2014. 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/futurestudents/postgraduate_research_studies/research_scholarships. Application for the Business School scholarship is automatic upon application for a APA/UPA through The University of Sydney Scholarships and Financial Support Service. Those who are not eligible to apply for a APA/UPA may download a separate application form from the website.
mentioned above and submit it directly to the School by 31 October 2013. Further information on the Business School Scholarships can be obtained from Ms Maryann van de Wetering, Research Student Program Manager, Business School, 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 – The Faculty of Pharmacy PhD Scholarship, WH and Elizabeth M Deane Pharmaceutical Fund PhD Scholarship, Elizabeth Wunsch Postgraduate Research Scholarship, The Ross Brown Postgraduate Scholarship, and The Pharmacy Alumni Postgraduate 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 a APA/UPA through The University of Sydney Scholarships and Financial Support Service.

3.6 Douglas and Lola Douglas Scholarship in Child/Adolescent Health
This scholarship is funded by the bequest of the late Lola Rachel Maude Douglas to support postgraduate research in child/adolescent health at The University of Sydney. The scholarship shall be open to Australian citizens, New Zealand citizens or Australian permanent residents who are eligible for admission to candidature for a higher degree by research and who enrolls as a full-time student accordingly. The tenure, value of award and benefits will be the same offered by the APA. A supplementary application is required by 20 January 2014. Further information is available from http://agile2.ucc.usyd.edu.au/ro/opportunities/scholarships (type Douglas 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 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 20 January 2014 for scholarships available in 2014 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.

3.8 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 20 January 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.

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 every year. In 2014, up to 8 VCRS may be offered 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.

Applications close 31 October 2013
The VCRS will be awarded by the Vice-Chancellor on recommendation by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education) 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 have not held any postgraduate research scholarships before they are awarded a 2014 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 and up to 34 may be offered in 2014.

A separate application for the Merit Awards is not required and eligible highly ranked 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, 21 scholarships of $5,000 each for one year are expected to be offered in 2014 to highly ranked APA/UPA applicants – seven 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

Val Street Scholarship
Established in 2011 from the estate of the late Valerie Ruth Street, one Val Street Scholarship of the same value and duration of the VCRS will be awarded annually for a period of around ten years. The scholarship will be awarded as a top-up award to the highest ranked female applicant in the Semester one APA/UPA round who will commence full-time research doctorate studies. The recipient must have attained First Class Honours in the Arts, Sciences (currently Agriculture and Environment; Science or Veterinary Science) or Social Sciences (currently Arts and Social Sciences; Education and Social Work or Business) Faculties of the University of Sydney.

The scholarship will be awarded by the Chancellor on recommendation by the Academic Board’s Postgraduate Awards Sub-Committee. If there are students of equivalent academic merit as determined by the Postgraduate Awards Sub-Committee, in making a final recommendation to the Chancellor the Sub-Committee should take into consideration two other factors – whether the situation of the applicant is such that they may not be able to take up a PhD offer without further financial assistance and the extent of their involvement in the extra-curricular life of the University during their undergraduate enrolment.

A separate application for the Val Street Scholarship is not required and eligible highly ranked applicants for the APA/UPA will be automatically considered.

Other Top-ups
Some faculties, schools or departments (see table below) offer supplementary or top-up scholarships to successful APA/UPA applicants. In most cases, the award recipients will be automatically considered for the additional funding.
**Faculty / School / Department** | **Details of the Supplementary Scholarships**
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Faculty of Agriculture and Environment | 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. For details please email: fiona.lawrence@sydney.edu.au.

Business School | 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.

School of Aerospace, Mechanical and Mechatronic Engineering | Two scholarships of $5,000 p.a. are available to full-time APA/UPA (or equivalent award) holders: one in Mechanical and Mechatronics Engineering and the other in Aeronautical Engineering. Both are offered for one year but renewable up to a maximum of three years.

School of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering | Up to $10,000 p.a. (subject to availability of full funding from the student’s supervisor and approval from the Head of School) may be available to successful APA/UPA applicants for the duration of their award.

School of Electrical and Information Engineering | 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.

Department of English | Two scholarships of $5,000 p.a. for the duration of the APA/UPA are available to successful APA/UPA applicants holding a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Sydney with first class honours in English or Australian Literature.

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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. Scaling of marks will be made to account for a pass mark other than 50 in some overseas institutions. Scaling of Honours 1 marks will be made if the institution or faculty at University of Sydney does not use 80 as the cut-off requirement for Honours 1.

5.2 Honours 1 Equivalence

Where applicants do 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.

(h) 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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<td><strong>URL to book</strong></td>
<td>Provide the direct URL to the book and contents page(s) if the output is a book chapter. If no link is available, attach a photocopy of the front cover of the book and the contents page(s) if the output is a book chapter.</td>
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iv. Significant output in the art or music areas

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<th>Output type</th>
<th>State whether it is an exhibition, visual work, performance, musical composition, national and international festival.</th>
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<td>Title of output</td>
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<td>Contributor(s)</td>
<td>State your contribution to the output – sole or part of a group.</td>
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<td>Date and place of exhibition or performance</td>
<td>The date must be after 1 November 2008.</td>
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<td>URL to output and/or review</td>
<td>Provide the direct URL to the published catalogue and/or reviews of the output. If no link is available, attach a hard copy of such evidence.</td>
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v. Other significant research output (not listed above)

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<th>State the type of output – e.g. a patent that has been granted, participation in moots at an international level.</th>
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<td>Details</td>
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iv. Relevant professional or direct research experience (total duration of a minimum of two full-time, or part-time equivalent, years)

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<td>The experience needs to be at a responsible level or direct research, and not experience gained in a training situation (such as internship).</td>
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<td>Attach a letter from employer (which must be dated, signed and on the organisation’s letterhead) verifying details on employment status and total duration that you have provided, together with a short description of the duties performed.</td>
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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 one must apply in this round of APA applications at The University of Sydney. 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 one as soon as possible and by 31 October 2013 (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 2014 Semester two, do not complete this application form. Applications for the 2014 Semester two APA/UPA will open in mid May 2014.

Information on how to apply for admission into a research degree is available from: http://sydney.edu.au/future-students/domestic/postgraduate/research/apply/.

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 Thursday, 31 October 2013. 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 November 2013 to March 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 31 October 2013 (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 the faculty has to determine that your candidature will be accepted before ranking your APA/UPA 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 and those who completed their studies at this University during 2012 and 2013 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 31 October 2013. 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.

Applications may be lodged in person at:
Scholarships and Financial Support Service
Level 5, Jane Foss Russell Building, G02
City Road
The University of Sydney
between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday.

Mailed applications should be addressed to:
APA/UPA Applications
Scholarships and Financial Support Service,
Level 5, Jane Foss Russell Building, G02
The University of Sydney  NSW  2006

All applications must reach the Scholarships and Financial Support Service by Thursday, 31 October 2013.
Late, faxed and e-mailed applications will NOT be accepted.

8 Email Acknowledgment
An acknowledgment email will be sent in the third week of November 2013 to all applicants after their applications have been sent to the faculties for ranking.

9 Notification of Results
Notification of the outcome of applications will be made by letter and is expected to be mailed to applicants in two stages:

Stage 1 (around 28 November 2013) – offers to primarily highly ranked applicants who have just or recently completed their honours or final undergraduate year of studies.

Stage 2 (around 13 December 2013) – all remaining applicants.

The Scholarships and Financial Support Service would greatly appreciate your patience and cooperation during the notification period by not contacting us for information about the outcome of your application until after 13 December 2013.