SCHOLARSHIPS FOR POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH STUDENTS

This brochure contains information about major scholarships available for postgraduate research at The University of Sydney. Please note that funding commencing in Semester one is usually applied for in the preceding year.

Information on the major postgraduate research scholarship schemes in this document can be found at http://sydney.edu.au/scholarships/research/. To subscribe to our weekly email bulletin which features information about currently open scholarships and scholarships news, click on the Email bulletin link. Current funding opportunities from external granting bodies and one-off scholarships are advertised under the Current Research Scholarships menu item.

Most of the scholarships listed in this brochure are for domestic students. International students should also refer to the International Office website for information on scholarships available for international students.

Students seeking funding to enrol in a postgraduate degree at an overseas institution should refer to the brochure on Scholarships for Study Overseas, available from http://sydney.edu.au/scholarships/research/travelling_scholarships_main.shtml.

Please note that while all effort is made to ensure information provided is correct, the conditions, values, and closing dates may change without notice. You should always refer to the Scholarships Office website or external funding provider’s website for further information if you intend to apply for any of these opportunities.

This information brochure can be downloaded at: http://sydney.edu.au/scholarships/research/current_research_scholarships.shtml.

If you have any questions or comments about this brochure, please contact the Scholarships Office at research.training@sydney.edu.au.

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1. General Research Awards

**Australian Postgraduate Awards (APA)**

The Australian Postgraduate Awards (APA) are open to Australian citizens, New Zealand citizens or permanent residents of Australia. Awards are funded by the Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research (DIISR) and are tenable at an Australian tertiary institution for doctoral and masters research degrees. The benefits include a tax-exempt stipend valued at $22,860 per annum (2011 rate), relocation and thesis allowances. Competition for the APA is extremely high and applicants must have a first class Honours degree or equivalent. The scholarships will be awarded on the basis of academic excellence and outstanding research potential. The Semester one application form is available from the Scholarships Office website from late August and the Semester two form is available from mid May.

Applications close late October for Semester one of the following year, and mid June for Semester two of the current year.

**University of Sydney Postgraduate Awards (UPA)**

The University of Sydney Postgraduate Awards have conditions and allowances similar to the APA. However, the awards are funded by The University of Sydney and are not transferable to other institutions. Applicants for APA will be automatically considered for UPA.

Applications close late October for Semester one of the following year, and mid June for Semester two of the current year.

**Vice-Chancellor’s Research Scholarships**

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. Academic excellence (e.g. a University Medal) and outstanding research potential is used as the selection criteria. VCRS are offered as top-up scholarships to highly ranked PhD students who are awarded an Australian Postgraduate Award (APA) or a University of Sydney Postgraduate Award (UPA). VCRS are valued at 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 p.a. 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. Only commencing PhD applicants will be considered. A separate application for the VCRS is not required and highly ranked eligible applicants for the APA/UPA will be automatically considered. VCRS are awarded by the Vice-Chancellor on recommendation by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education) and the Academic Board’s Postgraduate Awards Sub-Committee.

**Val Street Scholarship**

Established in 2010 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 round of Australian Postgraduate Award (APA) and University of Sydney Postgraduate Award (UPA) who will commence full-time research doctorate studies. The recipient must have attained First Class Honours in the Arts, Sciences (currently Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources; Science or Veterinary Science) or Social Sciences (currently Arts and Social Sciences, Education and Social Work or Business) Faculties of the University of Sydney. A separate application for the Val Street Scholarship is not required and highly ranked eligible applicants for the APA/UPA will be automatically considered. The scholarship will be awarded by the Chancellor on recommendation by the Academic Board’s Postgraduate Awards Sub-Committee.

**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 at the University but do not hold any postgraduate research scholarships before they apply for a 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 highly ranked eligible applicants for the APA/UPA will be automatically considered.
considered. The Merit Awards are awarded by the 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, these scholarships are valued at $5,000 p.a. each for one year only, and are offered to highly ranked eligible APA/UPA applicants 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.

**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 or Merit Award 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) ($27,651 p.a. in 2011). Other benefits will be the same as those offered under the APA scheme. Only two awards are available at any one time. When available, it will be awarded to a highly ranked APA/UPA eligible applicant and a separate application for this scholarship is not required.

2. Specific Research Awards

Following are some of the main scholarships that are specific to certain Faculties or areas of study. It is not a comprehensive list as some scholarships are administered through Faculties/Departments. Please contact them for information regarding additional scholarship opportunities.

**Departmental Awards, Non-established (one-off) scholarships**

These are scholarships for postgraduate students funded from departmental sources or grants made to the department or its academic staff by granting bodies or sponsors for particular research projects. Academic staff will often apply for funding from granting bodies and may nominate a particular student as the scholarship recipient. The scholarship will be advertised if a student is not nominated on a successful funding application. Occasionally departments also offer supplementary and other scholarships. Requirements for such scholarships vary between departments. Check the Current Research Scholarships database on the Scholarships Office website for currently advertised scholarships.

**Faculty Specific Awards**

**Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources**

A very small number of Faculty Scholarships are offered each year to applicants who have been accepted into candidature. These scholarships are only available to cover most living costs and cannot be used to pay tuition fees. For more information, please see [http://sydney.edu.au/agriculture/current_students/postgraduates/scholarships_funding.shtml](http://sydney.edu.au/agriculture/current_students/postgraduates/scholarships_funding.shtml) or contact the Postgraduate Studies Coordinator, Chris O’Neill at c.oneill@sydney.edu.au.

**Faculty of Architecture, Design and Planning**

The Faculty of Architecture, Design and Planning offers several types of research scholarships and top-up scholarships. Further information may be obtained from the Faculty website at [http://www.arch.usyd.edu.au/programs_of_study/scholarships.shtml](http://www.arch.usyd.edu.au/programs_of_study/scholarships.shtml).

**Business School**

The Business School offers several scholarships including Business School First Round Research Scholarships for Outstanding Candidates, Business School Research Scholarships, and Business School International Research Scholarships. For further information and closing dates please visit [http://www.sydney.edu.au/business/futuresstudents/postgraduate_research_studies/research_scholarships](http://www.sydney.edu.au/business/futuresstudents/postgraduate_research_studies/research_scholarships), or contact Ms Maryann van de Wetering, Research Student Program Manager at maryann.vandewetering@sydney.edu.au.
Faculty of Health Sciences
For information on scholarship opportunities offered by the Faculty of Health Sciences, please visit http://sydney.edu.au/health_sciences/future_students/scholarships/index.shtml or contact the Executive Support Officer- Scholarships and Prizes at fhs.scholarships@sydney.edu.au.

Sydney Medical School
For information on scholarships offered through the Sydney Medical School, please visit http://sydney.edu.au/medicine/scholawards/postgrad/research.php or contact the Sydney Medical School Scholarships Officer, Ms Jane Root at jane.root@sydney.edu.au.

Faculty of Pharmacy
The Faculty of Pharmacy offers postgraduate research scholarships at the APA rate for students commencing full-time research studies in the Faculty – Faculty of Pharmacy PhD Scholarship, WH and Elizabeth M Deane Pharmaceutical Fund PhD Scholarship, Elizabeth Wunsch Postgraduate Research Scholarship, The Ross Brown Pharmacy Scholarship and The Pharmacy Alumni Postgraduate Scholarship. When application for these scholarships is called, it is automatic upon application for a APA/UPA through The University of Sydney Scholarships Office. Further information on each of these scholarships and the eligibility criteria is available from the Faculty website: http://sydney.edu.au/pharmacy/future_students/scholarships.shtml.

Scholarships in the School of Physics
A number of scholarships are available to full-time candidates undertaking research towards a PhD in the School of Physics. The eligibility criteria, value and tenure are similar to that of the APA. Further information is available from the School of Physics website at http://www.physics.usyd.edu.au/current/pg_scholarships.shtml or by contacting Physics Student Services at physics.studentservices@sydney.edu.au.

Scholarships in the Sydney Conservatorium of Music
The Conservatorium offers a range of scholarship opportunities. The Conservatorium costs and scholarships page can be found at http://sydney.edu.au/music/future_students/costs_scholarships/scholarships.shtml and further information can be obtained from the Conservatorium Scholarship Officer at con.scholarships@sydney.edu.au.

Scholarships in the Faculty of Veterinary Science
A number of scholarships are available to full-time candidates for a PhD or Research Masters degree at the Faculty of Veterinary Science. The eligibility criteria, value and tenure are similar to that of the APA. Application for this scholarship is automatic upon application for a APA/UPA through The University of Sydney Scholarships Office. Further information is available from the Faculty of Veterinary Science by email vetsci@vetsci.usyd.edu.au or on (02) 9351 2441.

Discipline Specific Awards

Australian Institute of Nuclear Science and Engineering (AINSE)
The Institute offers these awards for postgraduate students whose research projects are associated with nuclear science, or its applications, and require access to the unique national facilities at the Lucas Heights Science & Technology Centre. Research Supplements are the principal form of award and are offered to scholars who are (or will be) in receipt of an Australian Postgraduate Award (APA) or equivalent scholarship. Supplement Stipend: $7,500 pa. The award also provides $5,500 pa for costs involved in using the facilities and services at Lucas Heights. Further information is available from AINSE. Tel: (02) 9717 3436, email: ainse@ansto.gov.au, web: http://www.ainse.edu.au. Applications usually close April.

Henry Bertie and Florence Mabel Gritton Research Scholarships - Chemistry
The Gritton Scholarships are awarded to candidates enrolling in a higher degree by research and are intended 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 Mining and the winning treatment of minerals and natural products of the soil. They are open to graduates of universities who are members of the Association of Commonwealth Universities, graduates of any country who are citizens of a Commonwealth country or Australian permanent residents and will not cover any tuition fees payable by international students. The
scholarship is valued at the same rate as the Australian Postgraduate Award. Further information is available from the Scholarships Office. Tel: (02) 8627 8112, Email: research.training@sydney.edu.au
Applications usually close mid January (for first semester) or mid July (for second semester).

G.C. Henderson Research Scholarship – History of Polynesian, Melanesian and Micronesian Communities
The Henderson scholarship is awarded to candidates enrolled in a higher degree by research in the Departments of Anthropology or History or Archaeology or Classics and Ancient History. The object of the scholarship is to promote and encourage research into the history of Polynesian, Melanesian and Micronesian Communities. The scholarship is valued at the same rate as The University of Sydney Postgraduate Award. Further information is available from the Scholarships Office. Tel: (02) 8627 8112, Email: research.training@sydney.edu.au. Only one award is available at any one time. Applications usually close mid January (for first semester) or mid July (for second semester).

DBH Scholarship
This scholarship was established by a series of donations from Dr Robin J. Helby. It was Dr Helby's express wish that one scholarship be offered in three different fields in rotation: geology and geophysics; social effects of alcoholism; and German nationals studying in any field. The scholarship is valued at the same rate as The University of Sydney Postgraduate Award. Further information is available from the Scholarships Office. Tel: (02) 8627 8112, Email: research.training@sydney.edu.au. Only one award is available at any one time. When available, applications usually close mid January (for first semester) or mid July (for second semester).

Richard Claude Mankin Scholarship – Water Conservation
The Mankin scholarship is awarded to candidates enrolling in a higher degree by research and is intended to promote and encourage research related to water conservation. The scholarship may be awarded in two categories: postgraduate scholarship – valued at the same rate as the Australian Postgraduate Award or a supplementary scholarship – valued to be determined by the selection committee. Further information is available from the Scholarships Office. Tel: (02) 8627 8112, Email: research.training@sydney.edu.au. When available, applications usually close mid January.

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. Further information is available from the Scholarships Office. Tel: (02) 8627 8112, Email: research.training@sydney.edu.au. Only one award is available at any one time. When available, applications usually close mid January.

Mary Frances Stephens Scholarship- Health Sciences
The Mary Frances Stephens Scholarship is awarded to candidates enrolled in a higher degree by research in the discipline of Occupational Therapy with a preference for projects with an interdisciplinary involvement. The scholarship is open to students who have successfully completed the full-time equivalent of at least one year of higher degree research in the discipline of Occupational Therapy at the Faculty of Health Sciences. Selection is based on academic merit and the applicant’s performance through their first year of candidature. The scholarship provides a stipend of $12,000 per annum for 3 years less any period of enrolment towards the degree at the time the offer is made. Only one award is available at any one time. Further information is available through the Faculty of Health Sciences. Contact: Julie Cameron. Tel: (02) 9351 9395. Email: julie.cameron@sydney.edu.au. Web: http://sydney.edu.au/health_sciences/future_students/scholarships/maryfrances.shtml. Check with the Faculty on availability and closing date.

Deirdre Russell Memorial Scholarship- Health Sciences
Established in 2011 using funds from the Estate of the late John Deirdre Russell, the Deirdre Russell Memorial Scholarship is open to postgraduate research students in the discipline of Speech Pathology, Faculty of Health Sciences. The scholarship is open to students who have successfully completed at least one full-time (or equivalent part-time) year of a higher degree by research, preferably a doctoral degree in the discipline of Speech Pathology at the Faculty of Health Sciences. The scholarship provides a stipend of $13,000 per annum for 3 years less any period of enrolment towards the degree at the time the offer is made. Only one scholarship is available at any one time.
Further information is available through the Faculty of Health Sciences. Contact: Julie Cameron. Tel: (02) 9351 9395. Email: julie.cameron@sydney.edu.au. Web: http://sydney.edu.au/health_sciences/future_students/scholarships/DRMS.shtml Check with the Faculty on availability and closing date.

**Lionel Murphy Australian Postgraduate Scholarships – Law or Science**
A number of postgraduate scholarships are awarded annually by the Trustees of the Lionel Murphy Foundation. The Australian scholarships are tenable at an Australian tertiary institution for one year only and are currently valued at up to $40,000 each per annum. Further information is available from the Lionel Murphy Foundation.
Tel: (02) 9223 5115 or web site. http://lionelmurphy.anu.edu.au Applications usually close 1 September.

**CSIRO Flagship Postgraduate Scholarships**
CSIRO offers full and top-up Flagship Postgraduate Scholarships to high quality students who are enrolled in a PhD at an Australian university, and who will be working on a project which is directly related to a flagship. They are mainly awarded as top-up scholarships valued at $7,000 pa. Further information is available from the CSIRO website: http://www.csiro.au/org/Flagship-Postgrad-Scholarships.html Closing date varies.

**National ICT Australia (NICTA) Scholarship – Information and Information Technologies**
NICTA provides a range of scholarships that are independently organised at each NICTA Research Laboratory in conjunction with its partner universities. Prospective students are encouraged to apply for Australian Postgraduate Award (APA) stipend scholarships or International Postgraduate Research Scholarships (IPRS) through NICTA’s partner universities. Further information is available from the NICTA website: http://nicta.com.au/education/scholarships Closing date varies.

**Primary Industry Research and Development Corporation Scholarships**
Many Research and Development Corporations offer scholarships to postgraduate students working on projects that will further knowledge about an aspect of the field of interest of the particular corporation. Most of the corporations now make applications forms available on their web sites. Some of the main funding bodies are:

- **Australian Pork Ltd (APL)**

- **Cotton Research and Development Corporation (CRDC)**

- **Dairy Australia (DA)**

- **Grains Research and Development Corporation (GRDC)**

- **Rural Industries and Development Corporation (RIRDC)**

**Cooperative Research Centre Scholarships**
Many Cooperative Research Centres (CRC) offer scholarships to postgraduate students from the participating or supporting universities. Examples are –

- **Capital Markets CRC**
  Web: http://www.cmcrc.com/index.php/home or visit the CRC scholarships page at http://www.cmcrc.com/index.php/scholarships/phd-scholarships
3. Medical Scholarships


**National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) Scholarships**

The NHMRC provide a variety of scholarships for medical, dental, biomedical and public health masters or PhD degree students. Funding is also available for Indigenous health research. The scholarships are valued at between $22,860 and $34,036 per annum (2011 rates) depending on the field of study and qualifications, and are tenable for up to three years for PhD candidates. Intending applicants should check the Scholarships Office website in early/mid May for instructions. Draft applications must be submitted to the Scholarships Office three weeks prior to the NHMRC’s advertised closing date.


Internal closing date early July.

**Other Health Related Scholarships**

Following are some of the many health related funding bodies. In addition, major teaching hospitals and some area health services also offer scholarships. When applying for externally funded scholarships, please check the Scholarships Office website at [http://sydney.edu.au/scholarships/research/medical_scholarships.shtml](http://sydney.edu.au/scholarships/research/medical_scholarships.shtml) as there may be an internal University of Sydney application procedure and internal closing date.

**Asthma NSW**
Tel: (02) 9906 3233
Web: [www.asthmansw.org.au/](http://www.asthmansw.org.au/)
Email: ask@asthmansw.org.au

**Australian Rotary Health Research Fund**
Tel: (02) 8837 1900
Email: admin@australianrotaryhealth.org.au

**Cardiac Society of Australia and New Zealand**
Tel: (02) 9256 5452
Web: [http://www.csanz.edu.au/](http://www.csanz.edu.au/)
Email: info@csanz.edu.au

**Gastroenterological Society of Australia (GESA)**
Tel: 1300 766 176
Email: gesa@gesa.org.au

**Heart Foundation of Australia**
Tel: (03) 9329 8511
Web: [http://www.heartfoundation.org.au/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.heartfoundation.org.au/Pages/default.aspx)
Email: research@heartfoundation.com.au
4. Other Funding

**University of Sydney Postgraduate Research Support Scheme (PRSS)**

The PRSS is administered by individual Schools or Departments (in some cases Faculties) and provides direct support for currently enrolled postgraduate research students. Examples of expenses which can be applied for are those related to overseas conference attendance, field work, and access to specialist resources. For details and eligibility criteria, please refer to the information document.


Closing date varies. Check with your School/Department/Faculty.

**University of Sydney Grants in Aid (GIA)**

Grants-in-Aid (GIA) are generally designed to assist with short-term research overseas and provide supplementary living allowances, travel grants or some other kinds of financial support as deemed appropriate by the committee. Unless otherwise stated in the conditions of award for specific scholarships offered under the grants-in-aid programme, applicants must be currently enrolled in a higher degree at The University of Sydney. Applicants must also be citizens or permanent residents of Australia. Application forms are available from the Scholarships Office website in early April each year.


Applications usually close end of April.

**Other External Funding**

- **Australian Federation of Graduate Women (AFGW)**
  AFGW offer a range of grants and scholarships for study in Australia and overseas.
  Closing dates and amounts awarded vary.
• **Gowrie Postgraduate Research Scholarships**
  Gowrie Scholarships are awarded to descendants of members of the armed forces who saw active service for the Commonwealth of Australia during World War II. The value of the scholarship is $4,000 per annum and is tenable for two years in an Australian or overseas institution. The Scholarship application process is managed by the ANU. Refer to [http://www.anu.edu.au/sas/scholarships/research/scholarships_domestic_students/gowrie.php](http://www.anu.edu.au/sas/scholarships/research/scholarships_domestic_students/gowrie.php) for further information.
  Applications usually close end of October.

**Useful Links**

**Joint Academic Scholarship Online Network (JASON)**
JASON is a postgraduate scholarship engine which lists a range of scholarship opportunities in Australia. Website: [http://www.jason.edu.au/](http://www.jason.edu.au/)

**University of Sydney Financial Assistance Office**

**Research Training Scheme**
Under the Commonwealth Government’s Research Training Scheme (RTS) guidelines, RTS places will be granted for a maximum of four years’ full-time equivalent study for students undertaking an eligible Doctorate degree by research and for a maximum of two years’ full-time equivalent study for Masters degree by research. The RTS places provide students with an ‘entitlement’ to a HECS exemption. Further information is available from [http://sydney.edu.au/future_students/costs_scholarships.shtml](http://sydney.edu.au/future_students/costs_scholarships.shtml).