HDR+ STUDENT GRANTS
2018 Guidelines

In 2018, approximately $24K is available to support student-led initiatives intended to enhance the academic experience and outcomes of Higher Degree by Research (HDR) programs.

The funding can be used to support a range of creative and innovative academic activities which enrich the HDR experience and contribute to the development of HDR communities at the University. In addition to the benefit of the activities themselves, the scheme processes are designed to support the development of skills in project management, proposal writing, project evaluation etc. This year the scheme is aimed at “HDR Engagement – making HDR students and their research relevant to a world outside academia”

Creativity, collaboration, independence and personal initiative are all important outcomes of a PhD. Students are invited to apply these skills in conceiving suitable activities for funding under this scheme. Examples of possible initiatives include:

- Disciplinary or interdisciplinary seminars with guest speakers;
- Student run conferences;
- Weekend thesis writing ‘Boot camp’;
- Understanding the publishing landscape (ERA, quality metrics, digital identities);
- Seminars on how research can be re-made for different audiences (scholarly, professions, public, media);
- Postdoc mentoring schemes for PhDs;
- Developing a teaching and research portfolio for an academic job.

Applications for HDR+ Student Grants will be assessed according to 2018 Guidelines outlined in this document

**Value**

Each grant is valued up to $1,200.

For successful applications, the money will be transferred from the Office of the DVC (Education) to the nominated faculty account’s responsibility code (RC) and project code (PC) as provided by you on the application form and the faculty/department will manage the reimbursement claims relating to your activity.

**Timeline**

- Applications open on 1st September 2017 and close on 30th September 2017
- The outcome will be announced by Friday 13th October 2017
- Funding to commence 1st January 2018
- Activities must be completed in six months, by 31st July 2018
- All activities will have an evaluation and reporting requirement against a standard framework and submitted by 31st July

**Selection criteria**

Each application will be assessed according to the following selection criteria:

1. The activity will enhance the academic outcomes for a significant number of HDR students;
2. The activity supports disciplinary and/or cross-disciplinary collaborations amongst students;
3. The activity is student initiated and led;
4. The activity can be completed in one semester;
5. There is no additional cost to participating students;
6. Faculties/Departments support the proposed initiative.
Eligibility

- All applicants must be currently enrolled HDR students at the University
- One or more applicants on a proposal who were unsuccessful in 2017 are encouraged to apply
- One of more applicants who were recipients of a HDR+ grant in 2017 are not eligible to apply

Application process

- All applicants must complete the application form and proposal outline provided in this document
- Applications including the grant proposal are to be collated or scanned into a single PDF document
- All applications must be submitted online by 30th September 2017 at 11:59pm

Late or incomplete applications will be rejected without evaluation

Selection process

The Selection Panel will assess applications using the selection criteria.

Selection Panel will comprise:

- Director, Graduate Research (Chair)
- Two academic staff members nominated by University Executive – Research Education (UE-RE)
- SUPRA Student Representative, nominated by UE-RE
- DVC (Education) nominee

The Selection Panel will report outcomes and recommendations to UE RE and UE ED and any other relevant committees, as appropriate.

All applicants and their faculties will be notified of the outcome by Friday 13th October 2017

Reporting requirements for successful applications

Grant recipients will be required to complete a project evaluation report.

Students will be supported in preparing the evaluation using an evaluation framework which will include:

1. Details of the number and discipline backgrounds of participants;
2. The academic benefits to participants arising from the activity;
3. Recommendations for future activities;

Advice

In the first instance discuss ideas about your proposed activity with your Supervisor and any students with whom you wish to collaborate with.
Your Supervisor will be able to provide advice about consulting with the Postgraduate Coordinator, Associate Deans (Research, Research Education or Teaching and Learning) in your faculty.

Questions

Any questions about the HDR+ Student Grants can be directed to: Associate Professor Ross Coleman: ross.coleman@sydney.edu.au.

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