

RESEARCH TRAINING SCHOLARSHIPS POLICY

This policy is in effect from 30 April 2024. Prior to 30 April 2024, refer to [RTP Policy v1.0](#).

SCOPE

This policy applies to all Monash University graduate research students either applying for, in receipt of, or supported by:

- University-awarded stipend scholarships;
- University-awarded tuition fee sponsorship and any related allowance; or
- University-awarded supplementary or top-up stipends, or other scholarship awards.

This policy:

- must be read in conjunction with the [Scholarships and Prizes Policy](#); and
- does not apply to externally-funded scholarships or joint award students whose home institution is the partner institution.

For the purpose of this policy, references to 'graduate research students' and 'students' have the same meaning unless specified otherwise.

POLICY STATEMENT

This policy provides a framework for establishing and managing the University's graduate research scholarship program under which both the University's graduate research scholarships and the Australian Government Research Training Program (RTP) scholarships are awarded and administered.

1. General Principles

- 1.1. The graduate research scholarship program is designed to attract and recognise talented graduate research students regardless of background. It provides a range of merit-based scholarships, with some aimed at supporting strategic or industry collaborations, and others that provide equity-based scholarships that target designated categories or groups.
- 1.2. Scholarships may take the form of a stipend (living allowance), tuition fee scholarship or sponsorship, supplementary or top-up stipend, or other award.
- 1.3. Scholarships are offered to graduate research students at each of the University's campuses and teaching locations.
- 1.4. Scholarships will be publicly promoted and can be applied for via the formal application process. Information on scholarship rounds and relevant application dates is available on the following websites:
 - 1.4.1. [Monash University Australia](#)
 - 1.4.2. [Monash University Indonesia](#)
 - 1.4.3. [Monash University Malaysia](#)
 - 1.4.4. [Monash Suzhou](#)

2. Types and Funding of Scholarships

- 2.1. The University provides a range of scholarships funded by the Australian Government, central University resources and private trusts.
- 2.2. Scholarship availability varies by the applicant's location of enrolment and is subject to available funds.

3. Competitive Selection and Awarding of Scholarships

- 3.1. The formal process for determining the eligibility, conditions and value of all scholarships (in line with University and Australian Government requirements) is detailed in the [RTP Scholarship Procedure](#). For Monash University Malaysia, Monash University Indonesia, Monash Suzhou or Monash Suzhou Research Institute (MSRI), refer to the relevant campus website.
- 3.2. Selection and award is a competitive process and will be based on the eligibility criteria and priorities outlined in the supporting procedure.
- 3.3. Scholarships for Australian based/enrolled students are awarded by the Graduate Research Committee (GRC) and the decision is final.
- 3.4. Scholarships for students based at Monash University Malaysia, Monash University Indonesia, Monash Suzhou or MSRI are managed by the campus of enrolment.
- 3.5. Scholarships will be recorded on a student's academic transcript.

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- 3.6. The formal process for determining the eligibility, conditions, priority and value of all scholarships, in line with University and Australian Government requirements, is detailed in the [RTP Scholarship Procedure](#).
- 3.7. The estimated annual value of the Australian Government support for the RTP Scholarships is specified on the University [Graduate Research Scholarships website](#).
- 3.8. Selection will be undertaken in accordance with the priorities outlined in section 3 of the [RTP Scholarship Procedure](#).

4. Scholarship Offer

- 4.1. Successful applicants are required to review and respond to the scholarship offer as directed.
- 4.2. Failure to respond, or commence, in accordance with the scholarship offer will result in the offer being withdrawn. Such offers will not be reinstated.
- 4.3. Scholarship offers declined will be withdrawn and not reinstated.

5. Administration of Stipends

- 5.1. Scholarship stipend payments for scholarship recipients based at an Australian campus will be administered by Monash Graduate Research Office under the direction of the GRC.
- 5.2. Scholarship stipend payments for scholarship recipients based at Monash campuses located outside Australia will be administered by the campus or teaching location where the student is enrolled.

6. Other Provisions

- 6.1. Students will be provided with facilities and supervision in accordance with the [Graduate Research Student Supervision Policy](#) and [Procedure](#).
 - 6.1.1. Each student will be supervised by no less than two supervisors; and
 - 6.1.2. The academic unit of enrolment will provide students with a safe working environment for the conduct of research, including appropriate induction and training in academic and research integrity; occupational health and safety; intellectual property; and any other matters relevant to the conduct of research.
- 6.2. Students may submit a complaint or grievance in relation to the application of this policy or supporting procedure in accordance with the [Student Complaints Policy](#) and [Procedure](#).


DEFINITIONS

Domestic student	<p>A student enrolled at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• an Australian location who is an Australian or New Zealand citizen, or who holds an Australian permanent resident visa or Australian permanent humanitarian visa;• Monash University Indonesia who is an Indonesian citizen or permanent resident (holder of KITAP / Kartu Izin Tinggal Tetap / permanent stay permit);• Monash University Malaysia who is a Malaysian citizen or holder of Malaysian permanent residency status; or• another Monash location outside Australia, who is considered a domestic student according to criteria set by the government of that country.
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International student	A student who is not a domestic student.
Student	<p>A person who:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> is admitted to a course of study at the University; is enrolled at the University in a non-award study or one or more units of study on an assessed or non-assessed basis and without admission to a course of study; is pursuing a course of study or unit of study at the University through an exchange or study program or other arrangement between the University and another educational institution; is engaged in a student mobility program involving the University, whether or not the program is credited towards a course of study or unit of study; has completed a course of study but on or to whom the relevant degree or award has not been conferred or awarded; has deferred, or has intermitted, or has been suspended from, a course of study; is enrolled in a course of study or one or more units of study offered by the University through another educational institution; or has consented in writing to be bound as a student by the University statute and University regulations. <p>The following terms are used to identify groups of students that are subject to different requirements (as defined below):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> domestic student; international student; and international student subject to Education and Services for Overseas Students (ESOS) requirements.

GOVERNANCE

Supporting procedures	RTP Scholarship Procedure
Supporting schedules	N/A
Associated policies	Graduate Research Student Supervision Policy Scholarships and Prizes Policy Student Complaints Policy
Related legislation	Higher Education Support Act 2003 (Cth) Commonwealth Scholarship Guidelines (Research) 2017 (Cth) Education Services for Overseas Students Act 2000 (Cth) (ESOS) National Code of Practice for Providers of Education and Training to Overseas Students 2018 (Cth) (National Code)
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