

## Monash University Policy

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| <b>Policy Title</b>      | RTP Scholarship Policy  |
| <b>Date Effective</b>    | 30 June 2017  |
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| <b>Policy Owner</b>      | Vice-Provost (Faculty and Graduate Affairs)   |
| <b>Category</b>          | Academic and Quality Standards  |
| <b>Version Number</b>    | 1.0   |
| <b>Content Enquiries</b> | mge-scholarships@monash.edu   |
| <b>Scope</b>             | <p>This policy applies to RTP Scholarships (including RTP Stipends, RTP Allowances and RTP Fees Offsets) administered and awarded by the University.</p> <p>It also applies to the following scholarships administered and awarded by the University:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monash Graduate Scholarships (MGSs)</li> <li>• Co-Funded Monash Graduate Scholarships (CF-MGSs)</li> <li>• University Prestigious and Access Scholarships</li> <li>• Monash Graduate Excellence Scholarships (MGESs)</li> <li>• Monash International Postgraduate Research Scholarships (MIPRs) and</li> <li>• Monash International Tuition Scholarships (MITs).</li> </ul> <p>This policy applies to all graduate research students either applying for, or in receipt of, the scholarships listed above.</p> <p>It does not apply to faculty stipend or faculty tuition fee-paying scholarships, unless otherwise specified.</p> |
| <b>Purpose</b>           | This policy provides a framework for establishing and managing the University's graduate research scholarships program for Monash Australian campuses.  |
| <b>POLICY STATEMENT</b>  |   |

### Establishment of Scholarships

1. The purpose of the University's graduate research scholarships program is to attract and retain talented graduate research students.
2. The scholarships program provides a range of merit-based scholarships, with some aimed at supporting strategic or industry collaborations.
3. The scholarships program also provides equity-based scholarships, established to target designated categories or groups.

### Scholarship Rounds

4. Scholarships will be publicly promoted and students apply via a formal application process.
5. The University has the following scholarship rounds:
  - Round 1 (international), closing 31 March
  - Round 2 (domestic), closing 31 May
  - Round 3 (international), closing 31 August
  - Round 4 (domestic), closing 31 October

## Funding of Scholarships

6. The University provides a range of scholarships funded by the Australian Government, central University resources and private trusts.

## Awarding of Scholarships

7. 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 supporting procedures.
8. Selection will be based on the criteria for the specific scholarship which are outlined in the supporting procedures.
9. Scholarships are awarded by the Graduate Research Committee and the decision is final.
10. Scholarships will be recorded on a student's academic transcript.

## Administration of Scholarships

11. Scholarships will be administered by Monash Graduate Education under the direction of the Graduate Research Committee.

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| <b>Supporting Procedures</b>             | RTP Scholarship Procedures   |
| <b>Responsibility for implementation</b> | Vice-Provost (Faculty and Graduate Affairs)<br>Academic Director (Monash Graduate Research Office)<br>Director, Monash Graduate Research Office<br>Graduate Research Committee<br>Deans<br>Faculty Associate Deans (Graduate Research)<br>Heads of Academic Units<br>Graduate Research Coordinators and Program Directors<br>Supervisors of graduate research students<br>Relevant Monash Graduate Research Office (MGRO) and faculty and/or academic unit professional staff. |
| <b>Status</b>                            | New  |
| <b>Approval Body</b>                     | <b>Name:</b> Academic Board<br><b>Meeting:</b> 3/2017<br><b>Date:</b> 14-June-2017<br><b>Agenda item:</b> 12.1   |

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| <b>Endorsement Body</b> | <p><b>Name:</b> Graduate Research Committee</p> <p><b>Meeting:</b> 3/2017</p> <p><b>Date:</b> 4-May-2017</p> <p><b>Agenda item:</b> 10.1</p>   |
| <b>Definitions</b>      | <p><b>General definitions</b></p> <p><b>Domestic student</b> in relation to this policy, means a person who is an Australian or New Zealand citizen, or who holds an Australian Permanent Resident Visa or Australian Permanent Humanitarian Visa.</p> <p><b>Graduate research degree</b> means a research doctorate or research master's degree for which at least two-thirds of the student load for the degree is required as research work. Interchangeable with higher degree by research (HDR), as defined under the <a href="#">Commonwealth Scholarships Guidelines (Research) 2017</a>.</p> <p><b>Graduate Research Committee</b> means the committee (however designated) established in accordance with Part 4 of the Monash University (Vice-Chancellor) Regulations. Is the committee responsible for the administration of scholarships that come under the scope of this policy.</p> <p><b>Higher degree by research</b> means a master's by research or doctoral degree of the University. Interchangeable with graduate research degree.</p> <p><b>International student</b> in relation to this policy, means a person who is not a citizen of Australia or New Zealand and who does not hold Permanent Residency status in Australia.</p> <p><b>Monash Graduate Research Office (MGRO)</b> in relation to this policy, means the administrative entity responsible for the administration of the graduate research scholarships program on behalf of the Graduate Research Committee.</p> <p><b>Stipend</b> means a scholarship that pays an amount fortnightly to assist with living expenses.</p> <p><b>Scholarship Definitions</b></p> <p><b>Co-funded Monash Graduate Scholarship (CF-MGS)</b> is a stipend co-funded by Monash University and the faculty/academic unit.</p> <p><b>Monash Graduate Excellence Scholarship (MGES)</b> is a top-up stipend funded by Monash University.</p> <p><b>Monash Graduate Scholarship (MGS)</b> is a stipend funded by Monash University.</p> <p><b>Monash International Postgraduate Research Scholarship (MIPRS)</b> is a type of Monash Scholarship that covers course fees that would otherwise be payable by the student.</p> <p><b>Monash International Tuition Scholarship (MITS)</b> is a type of Monash Scholarship that covers course fees that would otherwise be payable by the student.</p> <p><b>RTP</b> is the Research Training Program, as defined under the <a href="#">Commonwealth Scholarships Guidelines (Research) 2017</a>.</p> <p><b>RTP Allowance</b> is a type of RTP Scholarship to assist with ancillary costs incurred by a graduate research student in undertaking a graduate research course, as defined under the <a href="#">Commonwealth Scholarships Guidelines (Research) 2017</a>.</p> <p><b>RTP Fees Offset</b> is a type of RTP Scholarship that covers course fees that would otherwise be payable by the student.</p> |

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|   | <p><b>RTP Scholarship</b> is a form of support awarded to a student in terms of items listed in paragraph 1.6.1 of the <a href="#">Commonwealth Scholarships Guidelines (Research) 2017</a>.</p> <p><b>RTP Stipend</b> is a type of RTP Scholarship to assist students with general living costs as defined under the <a href="#">Commonwealth Scholarships Guidelines (Research) 2017</a>.</p> <p><b>University Prestigious and Access Scholarships</b> includes the following scholarships:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Maxwell King PhD Scholarship</b> is a prestigious stipend funded by Monash University and established in recognition of Professor Maxwell King.</li> <li>• <b>Monash Equity Scholarship</b> is a stipend funded by Monash University and awarded on equity grounds.</li> <li>• <b>Monash Indigenous Research Award</b> is a stipend funded by Monash University to support Indigenous Australian students.</li> <li>• <b>Monash Silver Jubilee Postgraduate Research Scholarship</b> is a prestigious stipend funded by Monash University which is awarded by rotation to faculties, as specified in the supporting procedures.</li> <li>• <b>Sir James McNeill Postgraduate Research Scholarship</b> is a prestigious scholarship funded by a private trust and established in memory of the late Sir James McNeill.</li> </ul> <p><b>Vera Moore International Postgraduate Research Scholarship</b> is a prestigious scholarship funded by a private trust that covers course fees that would otherwise be payable by the student.</p> |
| <b>Legislation Mandating Compliance</b> | <p><a href="#">Monash University (Vice-Chancellor) Regulations</a><br/> <a href="#">Monash University (Academic Board) Regulations</a> – Parts 5 and 6.<br/> <a href="#">Higher Education Support Act 2003</a><br/> <a href="#">Commonwealth Scholarship Guidelines (Research) 2017</a><br/>           Education Services for Overseas Students (ESOS) Act 2000 - <a href="#">National Code of Practice 2007</a></p>   |
| <b>Related Policies</b>                 | <p><a href="#">Handbook for Doctoral Degrees</a><br/> <a href="#">Handbook for Research Master's Degrees</a><br/> <a href="#">Graduate Research Progress Management Policy and Procedures</a><br/>           Student Complaints and Grievances <a href="#">Policy</a> and <a href="#">Procedures</a><br/> <a href="#">Code of practice for supervision of doctoral and research master's students</a></p>  |
| <b>Related Documents</b>                | <p><a href="#">Graduate Research Admission and Scholarship Online Application Form</a><br/> <a href="#">Scholarship and Award Forms</a> (Current scholarship awardees)</p>   |