

Guidelines

Robert Blackwood Partnership – PhD Scholarship Scheme

The Robert Blackwood partnership is a collaboration between Monash University and Museums Victoria to encourage and facilitate new research project ideas and initiatives that lead to high impact collaborations and significant external funding. As part of the Partnership, eligible PhD students can apply for a PhD Top-Up Scholarship or PhD Bursary.

- Robert Blackwood Partnership PhD Top-Up Scholarship**
 For PhD students who hold or have applied for a RTP Stipend or an equivalent Monash University PhD Scholarship and whose projects are either co-supervised by the University and Museums Victoria, or are substantially focused on some aspects of Museums Victoria's collection.
- Robert Blackwood Partnership PhD Bursary**
 For all other PhD students who do not have a scholarship and whose projects are either co-supervised by the University and Museum Victoria, or are substantially focused on some aspects of Museums Victoria's collection.

Benefits	
PhD Top-Up Scholarships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An annual top-up stipend of \$5,000 for up to 3 years and 3 months. A further 3-month extension may be granted.
PhD Bursary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An annual bursary of \$5,000 for up to 3 years and three months. A further 3-month extension may be granted.
Number available	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two (2) scholarships for commencement each year – one in the Humanities and Social Sciences (HASS) disciplines and one in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) disciplines - subject to suitable applicants.
Selection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relevance of the project to the Monash-Museums Victoria collaborative research program; or ability to foster research collaboration. Quality and achievability of the research project. Applicant's record of achievement. Applicants with joint Monash-Museums Victoria supervision will be highly regarded.

Eligibility	
Condition that must be met for Top-Up Scholarship applicants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must hold or have applied for an RTP Stipend or an equivalent Monash University PhD Scholarship.
Conditions that must be met by all applicants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicants working on projects which are either co-supervised by Monash and Museums Victoria, or are substantially focused on some aspects of Museums Victoria's collection. • Commencing or continuing full-time PhD students and enrolled in Research Quarter 1, in the following year, at a Monash campus in Australia. • Applicants must be in the first two years of candidature and must meet all course requirements in a timely manner (eg. Milestones).
Retention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You must maintain full-time enrolment at Monash University and make satisfactory progression in your course.
Application information	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicants are required to complete the application form available from www.monash.edu/graduate-research/future-students/scholarships. • Applications should be no more than two A4 pages in length (12 point font), detailing the project, its relevance to fostering Monash-Museums Victoria's collaborative research activities, relevance to the Museums Victoria collections and intended outcomes of the project. A plain English summary of the proposed research area and intended outcomes of the project must also be provided. • The application should include a written recommendation (Maximum 1 A4 page) from the proposed/current PhD supervisors regarding the relevance and quality of the project. • Applicants are required to discuss their project with a relevant Museums Victoria curator prior to applying for the scholarship. Should no pre-existing relationship with a Museums Victoria Curator exist, applicants are required to contact Mr Timothy Stranks, Manager – Research Programs, Research and



	<p>Collections Directorate, Museums Victoria, by email (tstranks@museum.vic.gov.au). Applicants are also required to provide a letter of support from Museums Victoria.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All scholarship queries should be directed to: Admissions, Monash Graduate Research Office, mgro-apply@monash.edu, Ph: (03) 9905 1538.• Scholarship selection will be undertaken by a joint Monash-Museums Victoria selection committee.• Full details on Museums Victoria's collection can be found at: http://museumsvictoria.com.au/collections-research/.
<p>Conditions of the Scholarship</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The scholarship cannot be deferred and must commence by 31 March in the year of the award.• Scholarships will be awarded for a maximum duration of 3.5 years.• Applicants must enrol and maintain full-time enrolment at Monash University in a PhD for the duration of the scholarship.• Recipients are required to comply with Monash University's RTP Scholarship policy and procedures.• Leave provisions are available as per the RTP Scholarship policy and procedures.• Applicants must be willing to participate in activities showcasing the Robert Blackwood Partnership e.g. research seminars, promotional events.
<p>Closing date</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 31 October each year• Applications to be submitted via email to: Admissions, Monash Graduate Research Office, mgro-apply@monash.edu <p>Late applications will not be accepted</p>