Higher Degree Research Scholarships Policy

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Policy Statement

Purpose
To outline the principles under which Australian Government research training scholarships (RTP) and UNSW research training scholarships are awarded and administered.

Scope
This policy applies to all Higher Degree Research scholarships that provide tuition fee support, a living allowance stipend and/or a top-up scholarship to HDR candidates enrolled at the University.

Policy Provisions

1. Overarching context
   This policy outlines the fundamental principles under which Higher Degree Research scholarships are awarded and administered at UNSW.

2. Principles
   a. Higher Degree Research Scholarships support suitably qualified candidates to undertake research training programs at UNSW.
   b. Scholarships are used to support research excellence, strategic, equity and diversity goals of the University.
   c. The purpose of a Higher Degree Research scholarship is to provide financial aid to the recipient so they can enrol at UNSW to carry out their research for their higher degree. Such aid includes tuition fee support and/or a living allowance stipend.
   d. Scholarship providers must conduct a competitive process for selecting scholarship recipients that is equitable and fair.
   e. Applicants must meet the conditions and application requirements for HDR admission, which can be found at [https://www.gs.unsw.edu.au/policy/admissionspolicy.html](https://www.gs.unsw.edu.au/policy/admissionspolicy.html).
   f. The funding for research scholarships can come from several sources including but not limited to:
      • the Commonwealth and other government sources
      • Australian Government Research Training Program (RTP) scholarships
      • UNSW (Divisions, Faculties, Institutes, Schools and Centres)
      • individual and corporate donors
      • international and regional organisations
      • other organisations.
   g. A Scholarship is for educational purposes and does not make the recipient an employee of the scholarship provider or the University, nor does it require the recipient to render services to the scholarship provider or the University as a condition of receiving the scholarship.
   h. Scholarships must be appropriately funded for the standard duration of candidature.
   i. All scholarship providers at UNSW must comply with the terms and conditions outlined in the Higher Degree Research Scholarships Procedure.
   j. The Graduate Research School is responsible for administering all HDR scholarships.
Accountabilities

Responsible Officer: Pro Vice-Chancellor Research Training and Entrepreneurship and Dean of Graduate Research

Contact Officer: Director, Graduate Research School

Supporting Information

Legislative Compliance
This Policy supports the University’s compliance with the following legislation:
- Higher Education Support Act 2003 (Cth)
- Education Services for Overseas Students (ESOS) Act 2000 (Cth)
- Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 (NSW)
- Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (Cth)
- Disability Standards for Education (2005)
- Commonwealth Scholarships Guidelines (Research) 2017

Supporting Documents
- Higher Degree Research Scholarships Procedure
- Higher Degree Research Supervision Procedure
- Higher Degree Research Supervision Guidelines
- Admissions Policy
- Admission to Higher Degree Research Programs Procedure

Related Documents
- Register of Delegations
- Research Code of Conduct
- Facilities and Resources to Support Higher Degree Research Candidates Guideline
- Conditions for Award
- Progress Review and Confirmation of Research Candidatures Procedure

Superseded Documents
- Higher Degree Research Scholarships Policy v1.1

Definitions and Acronyms

HDR: Higher Degree by Research
RTP: Research Training Program

Standard duration: The standard duration for a Masters scholarship holder is 2 years and for a Research Doctorate scholarship holder it is 3.5 years.

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