

## **ADVICE FOR APPLICANTS FOR RESEARCH TRAINING PROGRAM (RTP) SCHOLARSHIPS, UNIVERSITY POSTGRADUATE AWARDS (UPAs) AND OTHER UWA POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ROUND 2 2017**

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***This application round is for International and Domestic applicants for commencement in the second half of 2017***

**There is a single online application process via the iAthena Scholarship Application system to apply for scholarships and Higher Degree by Research enrolment for 2017.**

Please complete the online iAthena application form to apply for both scholarships and enrolment in Masters by Research and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degrees. You do NOT need to also complete a separate enrolment application form unless you are applying for enrolment in a combined Coursework Masters/PhD course, Professional Doctorate, or Masters by Thesis and Coursework.

Successful scholarship applicants intending to enrol in a Master by Research or PhD will receive an offer for scholarships and candidature. You do not need to apply separately for candidature.

Applicants intending to undertake specialist degrees of Master by Research in fields such as Creative Writing, Engineering/Science, Fine Arts, Medical and Dental Sciences, Music, etc. are required to consult the relevant Head of School or Graduate Research Coordinator to ascertain additional requirements for entry. This may involve certified folios, audition tapes, interview, etc.

Applicants for scholarship support for combined degrees such as MPsych/PhD, MClinAudiol/PhD, MForSc/PhD must be accepted for candidature in the coursework component by the relevant School. Applicants for Masters by Thesis and Coursework must apply for enrolment through the relevant Faculty, as well as applying online for scholarships.

### ***COURSE SELECTION AND CONSULTATION WITH PROSPECTIVE SUPERVISOR AND SCHOOL***

Please consult with the Graduate Research Coordinator of the relevant School and proposed supervisor before submitting an application. Your application will be disadvantaged if the School has no prior knowledge of your intended program.

### ***ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA***

To be eligible to apply for postgraduate research scholarships applicants must:

- meet the requirements for entry to the nominated Higher Degree by Research course including satisfying the requirements of the University Policy on Adequate Research Preparation ([governance.uwa.edu.au/policy/UP11/25](http://governance.uwa.edu.au/policy/UP11/25))
- be undertaking or intend to enrol in a Masters by Research or Doctoral degree with at least 66% research component in 2017;
- normally intend to enrol as a full-time student. Approval may be given for a part-time award (for domestic students only) where an applicant is able to demonstrate compelling social reasons such as a medical condition or primary care commitments which would prevent full-time study;

- be intending to enrol or be enrolled as an internal student based on a campus of the University for most or all of their period of candidature and scholarship tenure;
- not expect to receive another equivalent award or scholarship to undertake the proposed study which is greater than 75% of the stipend rate; and
- be free to take up a postgraduate scholarship if offered, by 31 August 2017. Special approval may be granted on written application for a later commencement date for candidates with unavoidable commitments but any awards offered will lapse if not taken up before 30 October 2017.

### **SELECTION CRITERIA**

Research Training Program (RTP) Scholarships, University Postgraduate Awards (UPAs) and other UWA postgraduate research scholarships are awarded by the Higher Degree by Research Scholarships Committee to eligible applicants after a competitive selection process on the basis of –

- (a) academic achievement as evidenced by their academic record; and
- (b) research potential based on academic referee reports, relevant research experience and publications, if applicable.

In the competitive selection process, priority will be given to students who have not:

- (a) already completed a Research Doctorate or equivalent;
- (b) already completed a Research Masters degree or equivalent, unless intending to undertake a Research Doctorate;
- (c) previously held an Australian Postgraduate Award, Australian Postgraduate Award (Industry) or an Australian Government-funded Postgraduate Research Award (excluding an IPRS) previously unless it was terminated within six months of the commencement of benefits.
- (d) previously been awarded, or currently be in receipt of, a current scholarship stipend.

### **SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR AWARD IN THE 2017 DOMESTIC ROUND**

Research Training Program (RTP) Scholarships; University Postgraduate Awards (UPA); UWA Safety-Net Top-Up Scholarships and a number of other full and top-up scholarships are available in this round. Please click the Scholarships website: [www.scholarships.uwa.edu.au](http://www.scholarships.uwa.edu.au) and the weblinks in iAthena for each scholarship and check the eligibility and application details carefully.

### **[RESEARCH TRAINING PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIPS, UNIVERSITY POSTGRADUATE AWARDS AND UWA SAFETY-NET TOP-UP SCHOLARSHIPS](#)**

Research Training Program (RTP) Scholarships, funded by the Australian Government, and University Postgraduate Awards (UPAs), funded by UWA, provide financial support for students to enrol in postgraduate research degrees. UWA Safety-Net Top-Up Scholarships may be awarded in conjunction with RTP/UPA Stipends, providing a total full-time scholarship package of \$29,000 per annum in 2017. The RTP/UPA stipend will be adjusted annually in line with the Commonwealth Department of Education indexation. The value of the UWA Safety-Net Top-Up Scholarship is at the discretion of the UWA Scholarships Committee and will also be adjusted each year, reducing as the RTP/UPA increases.

The Safety-Net Top-Up program will be discontinued when the value of the RTP reaches or exceeds \$29,000 per year.

## **INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH TRAINING PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIPS**

International Research Training Program (RTP) Scholarships cover International Tuition Fees and Overseas Student Health Cover for the award holder and their dependents.

Please see below for details of some other scholarships available in Round 2 2017:

## **PRESTIGIOUS SCHOLARSHIPS**

### **THE DEAN'S EXCELLENCE IN SCIENCE PHD SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Faculty of Science is offering a limited number of prestigious scholarships for PhD projects working with leading researchers to help bring about meaningful change to the world and humanity in key areas of scientific research. The scholarship package comprises a stipend of \$40,000pa; a research travel/conference allowance of \$5000pa; and a research/operating and thesis submission allowance of \$5000pa. Overseas Student Health Cover and tuition fees are covered for international applicants. Further information is on the Faculty of Science website: [http://www.science.uwa.edu.au/future-students/scholarships/deans-excellence#Dean's Excellence in Science PhD Scholarships](http://www.science.uwa.edu.au/future-students/scholarships/deans-excellence#Dean's%20Excellence%20in%20Science%20PhD%20Scholarships)

### **FORREST RESEARCH FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS**

Forrest Research Foundation Scholarships are available for commencing domestic and international PhD applicants from the five Western Australian universities. Forrest Scholars receive a scholarship package comprising a Research Training Program (RTP), or equivalent stipend valued at \$26,682pa (in 2017); an accommodation allowance valued at \$20,011pa (in 2017); and a relocation and research travel allowance of \$13,000. Overseas Student Health Cover and tuition fees are covered for international applicants. Applicants need to apply for PhD enrolment and scholarships through iAthena, and also complete the separate online application form on the Forrest Research Foundation website: <http://www.forrestresearch.org.au/>

### **ROBERT AND MAUDE GLEDDEN POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS**

Robert and Maude Gledden Postgraduate Scholarships are awarded to domestic applicants for research in applied science, more particularly relating to surveying, engineering, mining or cognate subjects (\$30,000pa stipend, with \$5000 overseas travel allowance). Gledden scholarships are typically awarded to PhD students enrolled in the Faculty of Engineering and Mathematical Sciences and the Faculty of Science, however applications from students with relevant research projects in other faculties will also be considered. Applicants must submit a 100 word statement explaining the relevance of their proposed research to the terms of the Gledden Trust.

## **OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS WITH SPECIFIC ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

- [Abbie Basson Sarcoma Research Top-Up Scholarship](#) (domestic applicants only)
- [BioZone PhD Scholarships](#) (international and domestic applicants)
- [CFH/EH Jenkins Postgraduate Research Scholarships](#) (international students only)
- [\\*Henry Schapper Postgraduate Research Top-Up Scholarship in Natural and Agricultural Sciences](#) (domestic applicants only)  
\*applicants must submit a statement of financial need to apply for this scholarship
- [\\*I. and B. Jackson Postgraduate French Studies Top-Up Scholarship](#)  
\*applicants must upload a statement confirmed by their supervisor, detailing their intention to travel to France after their first year of study.

- [International Centre for Radio Astronomy Research \(ICRAR\) Postgraduate International Scholarships](#) (international applicants only)
- [John Clausen Murray Postgraduate Research Top-Up Scholarship in Bowel Cancer Research](#) (domestic applicants only)
- \*[Joy Schapper Top-Up Scholarship in Clinical Psychology](#) (domestic applicants only)  
\*applicants must submit a statement of financial need to apply for this scholarship
- [Keiran McNamara World Heritage PhD Top-Up Scholarship](#) (international and domestic applicants)
- [Rehabilitating landscapes by restoring digging mammals- PhD Scholarship](#) (international and domestic applicants)
- [Royal Overseas League Top-Up Scholarship in Music](#) (international and domestic applicants)
- [Tarling-Hetherington Top-Up Scholarship in Fine Arts](#) (domestic applicants only)
- [Theresa Symons Philosophy Top-Up Scholarship](#) (domestic applicants only)

### **ESTABLISHMENT ALLOWANCES FOR INTERSTATE APPLICANTS**

An Establishment Allowance of \$2,000 will be paid to highly ranked applicants relocating from interstate in addition to Relocation Allowances provided under the RTP and UPA conditions, and some other scholarship schemes (please check individual conditions for details of allowances). Interstate applicants who will need to move to Perth in order to enrol and take up the scholarships should tick the "Establishment Allowance" box on the online form.

### **INDIGENOUS POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH TOP-UP SCHOLARSHIPS**

Indigenous Postgraduate Supplementary Scholarships valued at \$10,000pa may be awarded to awardees of RTP Stipends or University Postgraduate Awards who identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent and who are recognised as such by the community with which they associate. The supplementary scholarships are awarded for the duration of the primary scholarship, up to a maximum of three and a half years. No separate application form is required, but please tick the Indigenous Top-Up box on the online form, and attach proof of your Indigenous status.

### **REGISTERING AND LOGGING INTO iATHENA**

iAthena: <https://iathena.grs.uwa.edu.au/>

### **iATHENA REGISTRATION FOR NEW USERS**

If you are currently enrolled in a course at UWA at the time of your scholarship application, you should select "CURRENT UWA STUDENTS" and enter your UWA Student Number and UWA PHEME Password.

ALL other scholarship applicants must select "NON-UWA STUDENTS AND FORMER UWA STUDENTS". If you are a former UWA student please enter your personal/work email address to register for iAthena. We will use this email address for correspondence about your scholarship application. Please do NOT enter your UWA student Number and

UWA student email address in the User Account Registration if you are not enrolled at UWA at the time of your scholarship application.

If you are a former UWA student or you have received an offer, but have not yet enrolled, you should enter your UWA Student Number in the Personal Details section of the Application Form (but not at the Registration stage).

## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE ONLINE APPLICATION FORM**

### **QUESTION 1: SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION**

You must select one of the following options: **Scholarships & Enrolment in a Higher Degree by Research (HDR)**: please select this option if you are not already enrolled in a Higher Degree by Research degree and you want to apply for enrolment and scholarships.

**Scholarships Only (current UWA Doctoral and Masters Students Only)**: please select this option if you are already enrolled and want to apply for scholarships.

Please check the eligibility criteria for each scholarship listed by clicking on the 'Show Details' link and select those for which you are applying.

### **QUESTION 3: ADDRESS DETAILS AND APPLICANT CONTACT DETAILS JUNE/JULY 2017**

Please enter your Permanent Home Address, Postal Address and Current Residential Address (where you are living now) and indicate if you will need to move to Perth to take up the scholarship. If you do need to relocate to Perth from within Australia you may be eligible for a Relocation Allowance, subject to proof of your move to Perth and on production of receipts for travel and removal expenses.

Please ensure that you provide an email address and a phone number where you may be contacted during the day.

### **QUESTION 4: COURSE SELECTION**

Please select the course for which you are applying. Postgraduate research scholarships are only available for the research degrees listed. Do not use the iAthena application form if you wish to apply for a coursework degree. You can download the application form for other degrees from <http://www.studyat.uwa.edu.au/postgraduate-coursework/apply>

### **QUESTION 5: ENGLISH PROFICIENCY**

All applicants must satisfy the University's minimum requirements for English language proficiency as follows:

- Qualifications through WA TEE or equivalent (pass in English, English Literature or English as a Second Language)
- GCE Ordinary Level English: C6 or higher
- TOEFL (paper based): 570 with 45 in the test of Spoken English and 4.5 in the Test of Written English
- TOEFL (computer based) - test will not be accepted as there is no test for speaking ability
- iBT TOEFL (internet based): 82, with a minimum of 20 for speaking and listening, 18 for reading and 22 for writing
- IELTS (Academic test): 6.5, with scores no lower than 6.0 in any band

- Pearson Test of English (PTE) Academic: 64, with scores no lower than 64 for reading and writing, and no lower than 54 for speaking and listening. The Faculty of Law requires an overall score of 70, with a minimum of 70 in each band.
- Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English: C pass
- Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English: B grade
- CELT Bridging Course – Overall score of 70% with a minimum of 65% in each section
- Other qualifications considered on an individual basis.
- Higher English scores are also required for admission to Higher Degrees in some faculties at UWA: Law requires an overall IELTS of 7.5, with a minimum score of 7.5 for Reading and Writing and a minimum of 7.0 for Speaking and Listening; The UWA Business School requires an overall IELTS of 6.5, with a minimum of 6.5 in Reading and Writing; Education and Dentistry require an overall IELTS score of 7.0, with a minimum of 6.5 in Reading and Writing.

Further information can be found

at <http://www.postgraduate.uwa.edu.au/home/prospective/english>

### **QUESTION 6: ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS AND EDUCATIONAL HISTORY**

Please provide a full list of ALL your previous and current tertiary studies, including incomplete and completed qualifications. You must also upload official academic transcripts and degree certificates for all of your tertiary studies. Documents not in English must be accompanied by an official certified translation.

Originals or certified copies of evidence of Tertiary Qualifications obtained from other institutions must be mailed or delivered to the Graduate Research School with your Application Confirmation and other documentation, by the application deadline. If you are a UWA graduate or current student you do NOT need to attach your UWA academic transcripts.

### **QUESTIONS 7A AND 7B: PROPOSED AREA OF RESEARCH AND PROPOSED RESEARCH TOPIC**

Please consider carefully the school or schools in which you intend to undertake your research. A scholarship awarded in one faculty may not be transferable to a school in another faculty, unless both faculties agree. If you are unsure of the school in which you intend to commence your degree please discuss your research with your potential supervisor/s and the Graduate Research Coordinator/s or Head/s of School.

You should discuss your proposed research with your prospective supervisor, to ensure that adequate supervision, facilities and resources are available. Please provide a title and statement of not more than 300 words describing your proposed project (including specific aims, potential significance, proposed technologies & references relevant to your research if applicable).

### **PART-TIME ENROLMENT (DOMESTIC APPLICANTS ONLY)**

If you are a domestic student with caring responsibilities or a medical condition and you intend to enrol part-time you must obtain approval from your supervisor and the school before submitting your scholarship application. Applicants for part-time scholarships must attach a separate statement regarding compelling social reasons such as medical or major caring responsibilities that prevent full-time study. Please note that part-time employment cannot be combined with a part-time scholarship.

Part-time scholarships are not available for international students.

### **QUESTION 7C: RESEARCH THROUGH EMPLOYMENT**

Have you gained any research experience that is relevant to your proposed research through employment? If yes, please summarise below and provide details in your CV and a list of employers at Question 11. Please do not include non-research related employment.

### **QUESTION 8A: PUBLICATIONS IN REFEREED JOURNALS OR PUBLISHED MONOGRAPHS**

Please list and number consecutively any papers published, papers in press or finally accepted for publication in refereed journals over the last five years. The listing must indicate titles of papers, sequence of authors as shown in the paper, first and last page numbers, name, volume and date of journal and, for recent papers not yet published, a copy of the notification of acceptance by the journal's editor is required. Quality as well as quantity of publications will be considered in the assessment of applications. Please do not include papers submitted for publication but not yet accepted, or conference proceedings, abstracts or papers in this section unless they were published in a refereed journal.

### **QUESTION 8B: CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION**

Have you delivered an oral presentation or had a paper accepted at an academic conference? If yes, please list and number consecutively, oral presentations and conference papers, over the last five years.

### **QUESTION 9: COMPETITIVE, PRIZES, PATENTS AND GRANTS**

Have you won any competitive national or international prizes, such as those awarded by learned societies; competitive travel or research grants; or patents? If yes, please list any prizes or grants. Please do not include university prizes in this section.

### **QUESTION 10: FORMAL PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS**

Please list any professional qualifications you have obtained, or evidence of membership with professional bodies.

### **QUESTION 11: CURRICULUM VITAE**

Current UWA students do not have to include a CV and if you do not have any relevant research employment experience please leave blank and click Save to move to next question. All other applicants must attach a CV summarising their educational qualifications (including all incomplete degrees) and employment history, including relevant research employment.

### **QUESTION 12: PERSONAL STATEMENT**

This question is not compulsory for current or former UWA students. You can simply leave blank and click Save to move to the next question.

### **QUESTION 13: ACADEMIC REFEREE REPORTS**

Applicants should nominate two academic referees. Referee Reports should be submitted by Wednesday 31 May 2017 to ensure they are considered in the ranking process. However, late reports will continue to be accepted up until Friday 9 June 2017. In the case of Honours students or recent graduates of The University of Western Australia, it is recommended that:

- one referee should preferably be the supervisor of the Honours programme in which the applicant is/was enrolled, or the Head of School or the Graduate Co-ordinator of the School, and
- the second referee should be one of the above or the applicant's prospective supervisor if he/she has sufficient knowledge of the applicant.

Applicants from other institutions should choose appropriate referees and should follow similar principles to those detailed above in nominating referees from their own institutions who have informed, personal and professional knowledge of their academic ability and who may exercise judgement of their research potential.

You need to speak to your referees to let them know that you are applying for this scholarship and brief them so that they understand what is required of them. Please note that the preferred method of submission of referee reports for scholarship applications is via the online iAthena Scholarships system. When you submit your online application your referees will receive an automated email from iAthena requesting them to complete the online referee report in iAthena.

After you have submitted your application you can log back into iAthena to check if your referees have submitted their reports. If they have not submitted their reports by 31/5/17, you should encourage them to submit their report as soon as possible. UWA will not contact referees to request reports if they do not submit one. Your application will be assessed without the referee report if the two reports are not submitted. Referee reports are considered when awarding scholarships and an applicant who does not have any referee reports or only one referee report may be disadvantaged in the selection process.

If your Referee cannot submit the online report in iAthena, the Referee Report Form can be downloaded from the Graduate Research School website at:  
<http://www.postgraduate.uwa.edu.au/students/forms#scholarships> Completed downloaded reports should be emailed to [researchschols@uwa.edu.au](mailto:researchschols@uwa.edu.au) for domestic applicants and [internationalscholarships@uwa.edu.au](mailto:internationalscholarships@uwa.edu.au) for international applicants to be uploaded into your application.

### **APPLICATION PROCEDURE - ONLINE APPLICATION AND APPLICATION CONFIRMATION FORM**

Please complete the online application form, and submit the printed hardcopy Application Confirmation Form to the Graduate Research School, together with any required supporting documentation.

If you have been enrolled at The University of Western Australia at any time, please enter your student ID. Candidates who have completed a degree in a previous name must provide documentary evidence of their change of name.

### **DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION MATERIAL – 5PM WEDNESDAY 31 MAY 2017**

Please submit your Application Confirmation Form together with certified copies of all academic transcripts, other than those gained at The University of Western Australia, and evidence of completion of all qualifications to the Graduate Research School no later than 5pm Wednesday 31 May 2017. It is preferable that you do not send original documents as we may not be able to return them to you. However, we will need to see your original documents prior to your enrolment.

Please note that application forms are applicable for The University of Western Australia only and remain the property of The University of Western Australia. Applicants who wish to apply for awards at other Australian universities should seek information from the Graduate Research School at the university concerned. Awards won at The University of Western Australia cannot be taken up at another University.

### **DELAYED RESULTS**

Scholarships cannot normally be offered subject to results submitted after the final

ranking. The Scholarships Committee has emphasised that late results submitted after 30 June 2017 may not be able to be taken into account.

**DON'T FORGET TO SUBMIT YOUR HARDCOPY APPLICATION CONFIRMATION FORM!**

You must submit a signed original of your Application Confirmation Form and supporting documents to:

The Graduate Research School,  
Room G13, Mailbag M358,  
Hackett Hall, 35 Stirling Highway,  
PERTH, WA 6009

**DEADLINE FOR ONLINE APPLICATIONS AND SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION CONFIRMATION FORM IS 5PM (WST) WEDNESDAY 31 MAY 2017**

Application Confirmation forms may be submitted by email, but the original signed form and documents must also be mailed or delivered to the above address. Your application is not complete and will not be considered until you sign and forward the Application Confirmation form to the Graduate Research School.

**ENQUIRIES**

Enquires on all aspects of UWA postgraduate research scholarships may be made between 9.00 am to 5.00 pm Monday to Friday by contacting:

Graduate Research School  
Room G13 Hackett Hall

Email: [researchschols@uwa.edu.au](mailto:researchschols@uwa.edu.au) (domestic applicants)  
[internationalscholarships@uwa.edu.au](mailto:internationalscholarships@uwa.edu.au) (international applicants)

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