ADVICE FOR DOMESTIC APPLICANTS FOR AUSTRALIAN POSTGRADUATE AWARDS (APAs, UNIVERSITY POSTGRADUATE AWARDS (UPAs) AND OTHER UWA POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS FOR COMMENCEMENT IN 2015

This application round is for Australian Citizens or Australian Permanent Residents and New Zealand Citizens only

Please note that there is a single online application form for scholarships and Higher Degree by Research enrolment for 2015.

Please complete the online iAthena application form to apply for both scholarships and enrolment in Masters by Research and PhD degrees. You do NOT need to also complete a separate enrolment application form unless you are applying for enrolment in a Professional Doctorate or combined coursework Masters degree.

Successful scholarship applicants intending to undertake the degree of Master by Research or Doctor of Philosophy are automatically accepted for 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 MPsy/PhD, MClinAudiol/PhD, MForSc/PhD must be accepted for candidature in the coursework component by the relevant School.

COURSE SELECTION AND CONSULTATION WITH PROSPECTIVE SUPERVISOR AND SCHOOL
Please consult with the Head or Graduate Research Coordinator of the relevant School and proposed supervisor prior to making an application. Your application will be disadvantaged if the School has no prior knowledge of your intended programme.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA
To be eligible to apply for postgraduate research scholarships applicants must: be an Australian citizen, an Australian Permanent Resident or a New Zealand citizen. Applicants must also:

- be undertaking or intend to enrol in a Masters by Research or Doctoral degree with at least 66% research component in 2015;
- normally intend to enrol as a full-time student. Approval may be given for a part-time award 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, unless approval is granted for external enrolment for reasons related to the research;
• not have completed a degree at the same level or higher level as the proposed candidature;
• not expect to receive another equivalent award or scholarship to undertake the proposed study which is greater than 75% of the stipend rate;
• **be free to take up a postgraduate scholarship if offered, by 31 March 2015.** 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 June 2015.
• *Please note: Australian Postgraduate Awards (APAs) are only awarded to applicants with First Class Honours degree or equivalent. To be eligible for an Australian Postgraduate Award, you cannot have held an APA, APA (Industry) or an Australian Government-funded Postgraduate Research Award (including an International Postgraduate Research Scholarship) previously, unless it was terminated within six months of commencement.

Note that current holders of APAs at other universities may apply for transfer to UWA due to exceptional circumstances such as a supervisor leaving the university and no suitable replacement being available. The previous APA tenure and the prior candidature at the previous university will be deducted from the remaining scholarship entitlement and enrolment at UWA. Applications for APA transfers must be submitted through iAthena and ranked by the UWA Scholarships Committee.

**SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR AWARD IN THE 2015 DOMESTIC ROUND**

Australian and University Postgraduate Awards; 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.

**AUSTRALIAN AND UNIVERSITY POSTGRADUATE AWARDS AND UWA SAFETY-NET TOP-UP SCHOLARSHIPS**

UWA Safety-Net Top-Up Scholarships may be awarded in conjunction with Australian Postgraduate Awards (APA) and University Postgraduate Awards (UPA), providing an attractive total scholarship package of $28,892 per annum in 2014. The APA/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 APA/UPA increases.

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

See below for details of some other scholarships available in the 2015 domestic scholarships round.

**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 Australian Postgraduate Award 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 Australian 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.

PRESTIGIOUS SCHOLARSHIPS

These scholarships are awarded by the Scholarships Committee to the highest ranked applicants in the end of year domestic round. They are available in all disciplines:

- Hackett Postgraduate Research Scholarships ($35,000pa stipend, with $5000 travel allowance)
- Jean Rogerson Postgraduate Research Scholarships ($35,000pa stipend)

OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS WITH SPECIFIC ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Abbie Basson Sarcoma Research Scholarship
- Building Organisational Capacity for Innovative Water Governance PhD Top-Up Scholarship
- Centre for Exploration Targeting (CET) Postgraduate Research Awards - Integrated Geological and Geophysical Inversion
- Centre for Exploration Targeting (CET) Postgraduate Research Awards Characterising Geological and Geophysical Uncertainty via analysis of Geodiversity, Ambiguity and Sensitivity
- Centre for Safety Rio Tinto Top-Up Scholarship - for research in any area of safety related to the resource sector
- Cooperative Research Centre (CRC) for Bushfire and Natural Hazards Top-Up Scholarship
- CTW Dr Margaret Feilman Top-Up Scholarship for research into the "Natural Environment of Western Australia"
- I and B Jackson Postgraduate French Studies Scholarship
- Leon Tauman Memorial Postgraduate Scholarship in French
- MRIWA Directors’ Postgraduate Scholarships - for specific research projects in the minerals industry
- MRIWA Postgraduate Scholarships - for research in the minerals industry
- PATREC Postgraduate Research Top-Ups - for research in geography; urban and regional planning; transport engineering; economics; planning etc
- Richard Walter Gibbon Postgraduate Research Scholarship - for research into Parkinson's Disease or cancer
- Robert and Maude Gledden Postgraduate Scholarships - for research in applied science, more particularly relating to surveying, engineering, mining or cognate subjects
- Special Circumstances University Postgraduate Award – for an an eligible applicant whose tertiary performance has been affected by exceptional personal circumstances
- Stan and Jean Perron Top-Up Scholarships (Child Health Research)
- Tarling-Hetherington Scholarship in Fine Arts
- Warren Jones Postgraduate Medical Research Scholarship for Research at Fremantle Hospital
- Youth Mental health PhD Top-Up Scholarship
INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE ONLINE APPLICATION FORM

QUESTION 1: APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AND CANDIDATURE
You must select one of the following options: Scholarships & Admission to Candidature: 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.

QUESTION 3: ADDRESS DETAILS AND APPLICANT CONTACT DETAILS

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2014
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 telephone number where you may be contacted during the day.

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): 580 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, 21 for reading and 25 for writing
• IELTS (Academic test): 6.5, with scores no lower than 6.5 for reading and writing, and no lower than 6.0 for speaking and listening.
• 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 B+ (75%), with B+ (75%) for reading and writing, and B (70%) for listening & speaking
• 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; Business, 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 details of ALL previous and current tertiary study (undergraduate and postgraduate) including incomplete courses. You must attach CERTIFIED COPIES of all academic transcripts from institutions other than UWA to your printed
Application Confirmation form. Documents not in English must be accompanied by an official certified translation.

**PROPOSED AREA OF RESEARCH AND PROPOSED RESEARCH TOPIC (Questions 7a & 7b)**

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 the Head or Graduate Research Coordinator of the appropriate School, or your prospective supervisor, to ensure that adequate supervision, facilities and resources are available. Please provide a title and statement of not more than 250 words describing your proposed project (including specific aims, potential significance, proposed technologies & references relevant to your research if applicable).

**PART-TIME AND/OR EXTERNAL ENROLMENT**

If you intend to enrol part-time or as an external student based outside the Perth metropolitan area, 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. Applicants for external enrolment must attach a separate statement outlining the reasons for external enrolment and planned supervision arrangements. Approval of scholarships for external enrolment will only be granted in exceptional circumstances as scholarship awardees are normally expected to be based in Perth.

**QUESTION 8: 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 six 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 Conference Abstracts, posters or papers submitted for publication but not accepted.

**QUESTION 13: ACADEMIC REFEREE REPORTS**

Applicants should nominate two academic referees. Referee Reports should be submitted by Friday 31 October 2014 to ensure they are considered in the ranking process. However, late reports will continue to be accepted up until Friday 14 November 2014. 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. They will receive an automated email from the iAthena online scholarship system requesting them to complete an online referee report in iAthena. Alternatively, referees may send a hardcopy reference to the Scholarships Office to be uploaded into your application. Please advise the Scholarships Office if your referees are unable to complete the online referee report, or if you have written referee reports which you wish to submit on behalf of your referees.

After you have submitted your application you must check back with your two referees to see if they have submitted their reports. If they have not submitted their reports 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.

The Referee Report Form can be downloaded from the Scholarships website at: http://www.scholarships.uwa.edu.au/future-students/postgrad/domestic
Please note that online Referee Reports are preferred. The downloaded form is only to be used if Referees cannot submit an online report.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE - ONLINE APPLICATION AND APPLICATION CONFIRMATION FORM
Please complete the online application form, and submit the printed hardcopy Application Confirmation Form to the Scholarships Office, 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 FRIDAY 31 OCTOBER 2014
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 and Scholarships Office no later than 5pm Friday 31 October 2014. 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.

Each applicant will be considered on the basis of academic achievement and potential for research.

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 Scholarships Office at the university concerned. Awards won at The University of Western Australia cannot be taken up at another University.

DELAYED RESULTS
Please note that scholarships cannot normally be offered subject to results submitted after the final ranking. The Scholarships Committee has emphasised that late results submitted after 28 November 2014 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 and Scholarships Office,
Room G13, Mailbag M358,
Hackett Hall, 35 Stirling Highway,
CRAWLEY, WA  6009

DEADLINE FOR ONLINE APPLICATIONS AND SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION CONFIRMATION FORM IS 5PM (WST) FRIDAY 31 OCTOBER 2014
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 & Scholarships Office.

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 and Scholarships Office
Room G13 Hackett Hall
Email: scholarshiphelp@uwa.edu.au
Telephone: (08) 6488 4740/3738/1584
Facsimile: (08) 6488 1919