Australian Postgraduate Award (APA)

APA scholarships are awarded to students of exceptional research potential undertaking a HDR in Australia.

To be eligible, applicant must:
• Be an Australian citizen, or a permanent resident;
• An international student who has been offered an IPRS scholarship is also eligible to apply for an APA.
• Have completed a 4 year Bachelor Degree with First Class Honours, or equivalent;
• Be undertaking a Higher Degree by Research;
• Be enrolled as a full-time student;
• Not hold an equivalent, or higher, research qualification;
• Not have previously held a Commonwealth-funded postgraduate research scholarship, unless it was terminated within six months of payments commencing;
• Not be receiving an equivalent award, scholarship or salary providing a benefit greater than 75% of the APA stipend rate to undertake the degree.

Additional Benefits may include:
01. Relocation Allowance up to $1500 for any applicant who has moved interstate to take up the award.
02. Thesis Allowance – Claims can be made for reimbursement for the cost of up to 4 soft bound copies, up to 2 permanently bound copies and one CD up to a maximum total of $840 for PhD and $420 for Masters.
03. Leave arrangements
   Recreation Leave: 20 days paid recreation leave.
   Maternity Leave: 3 months paid Maternity leave after holding the scholarship for one full year.
   Paternity Leave: Paid Paternity leave may be granted at the discretion of the Research & Research Training Committee and shall not exceed 10 days after holding the scholarship for one full year.
   (As per conditions stipulated in HDR Scholarship Conditions of Award Policy - http://www.cdu.edu.au/governance/procedures/pro-035.pdf)

For further information please visit – www.cdu.edu.au/research/ori/scholarships

THE AWARD
An indexed Stipend of $25,849 Pa (2015 amount)

DOMESTIC STUDENTS
Commonwealth-funded Research Training Scheme (RTS) place, will cover your tuition fees for a maximum duration of 4 years.

Please note: Subject to the passage of Legislation, from 1 January 2016 Domestic Higher Degree Research Students may be required to make a financial contribution towards their tuition fees. More information can be found at https://education.gov.au/public-universities

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
Must be also in receipt of an International Postgraduate Research Scholarship (IPRS) which covers tuition fees and the cost of a standard overseas student health care cover policy.

PERIOD OF TENURE
3 years for PhD
2 years for Masters by Research

Note: All information is correct at the time of printing. Please check website for any updates.