

# 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>)



## 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

CRICOS Provider No. 00300K (NT)  
CRICOS Provider No. 03286A (NSW)  
RTO Provider No. 0373

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