

# University of Canberra Higher Degree by Research Stipend Scholarship

## Conditions of Award for 2024

### Purpose

- 1.1 University of Canberra Higher Degree by Research (HDR) Stipend Scholarship awarded to applicants of exceptional research potential undertaking a Higher Degree by Research (HDR) course. The stipend is provided to assist with general living costs through the provision of a stipend.

### Eligibility

- 1.2 To be eligible for the Scholarship an applicant must:
  - a. be enrolled, or seeking to enrol, as a full-time candidate in a Higher Degree by Research course at the University; and
  - b. be an Australian or New Zealand citizen; or an Australian permanent resident; or an international student eligible to study in Australia on an international student visa.
- 1.3 The Scholarship will not be awarded to a candidate who is in receipt of an equivalent award, scholarship or salary providing a benefit greater than 75% of the stipend rate to undertake the HDR course. Income earned from sources unrelated to the course of study or income received for the student's course of study but not for the purposes of supporting general living costs is not subject to the 75% rule.

### Selection

- 1.4 Selection of the Scholarship recipients will be undertaken by the University Research Scholarships Committee on the basis of academic merit and research potential.
- 1.5 Strategic priority may be given to certain groups of students as part of the assessment and selection process, as determined by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research & Enterprise
- 1.6 Application, selection and offer processes for Scholarships detailed in the [HDR Scholarship Application and Assessment Procedures](#)

### Commencement

- 1.7 Recipients must accept both a place in the Higher Degree by Research course and the scholarship by the date specified in the offer letters.

### Stipend Rate

- 1.8 The annual rate of the Scholarship will be \$35,000 per annum. The level of the stipend will not be reduced during the period of the award.
- 1.9 The stipend rate will be detailed in the scholarship offer letter.

## Duration

- 1.10 The duration of a full-time UC HDR Stipend Scholarship is three and a half years for a candidate undertaking a Doctor of Philosophy course or Professional Doctorate course
- 1.11 The duration of an UC HDR Stipend Scholarship will be reduced by any period of study undertaken towards a Higher Degree by Research course prior to the commencement of the UC HDR Stipend Scholarship (e.g., prior enrolment in a PhD course at University of Canberra, successful research degree transfer from another institution to University of Canberra, or an upgrade/transfer into a PhD)
- 1.12 Some periods of University approved leave as prescribed in these conditions will extend the end date of the UC HDR Stipend Scholarship by the number of days approved (see Paid Leave Entitlements and Unpaid Leave)
- 1.13 Scholarship recipients are expected to notify Graduate Research early changes to their candidature at least four weeks prior (where possible) to avoid overpayment of the stipend. Scholarship recipients will be required to repay any stipend payments to which they were not entitled. This should be considered when a scholarship recipient makes a change to their candidature that retroactively affects their scholarship eligibility.

## Part-time Study

- 1.14 The University may approve a part-time stipend for a domestic recipient only if the recipient has exceptional circumstances.
- 1.15 For the purpose of part-time study, the University must be satisfied that the exceptional circumstances relate to significant career commitment rpi3.9 (m(rpde)2.2 (e)-3 ( Un)2 (-)Tj(n)0001 Tc 0.001 T (o).9 (iv7-4.3 (i)

## Paid Leave Entitlements

- 1.20 The duration of the UC HDR Stipend Scholarship may be extended by periods of approved leave, as specified below.
- 1.21 All leave entitlements will be forfeited once the scholarship has ended.
- 1.22 For the purpose of calculating leave entitlements, one working day is considered to be one calendar day.

## Sick Leave

- 1.23 The recipient is entitled to





scholarship while enrolled in the PhD prior to the transfer to Master by Research. The recipient will not be entitled to an extension of the stipend scholarship.

#### Change of Topic or Discipline

1.54 Recipients are able to request a change in topic or research project in accordance with the [Higher](#)



