

## Application Guidelines and Information

- **International Postgraduate Research Scholarship**
- **Flinders International Postgraduate Research Scholarship**
- **Admission to Research Higher Degree**

### BENEFITS OF THE SCHOLARSHIPS

#### **International Postgraduate Research Scholarship (IPRS)**

International Postgraduate Research Scholarships (IPRS) are funded by the Australian Government through the Department of Industry and Science. They are tenable at Flinders University for full-time study towards a Research Masters degree or a Research Doctorate degree. The applications process is highly competitive and only a small percentage of applicants will be successful.

The IPRS pays the international student tuition fees charged by Flinders University for a research higher degree. The IPRS also provides the recipient and dependants residing in Adelaide with student health cover. IPRS recipients must advise at the time of visa application that they are recipients of this scholarship for the government to waive the fees. Successful candidates are not required to pay for visa application fees for themselves or their dependents.

In addition, Flinders University provide, to students with outstanding prior studies, an Australian Postgraduate Award (APA). The stipend provides the recipient with a generous living allowance paid at the APA rate per annum. It is tax exempt and indexed annually. The University reserves the right not to award an APA stipend. IPRS students may also receive a Dependent Child Allowance in respect of a child (or children) up to 18 years of age who is dependent on the award holder's income and who is residing with the scholarship holder in Adelaide. An IPRS student who moves to Adelaide from overseas is eligible for an establishment allowance (**after** arrival at Flinders) of up to \$1,485 to assist with relocation costs and airfares, provided receipts can be produced by the student.

#### **Flinders International Postgraduate Research Scholarship (FIPRS)**

The Flinders International Postgraduate Research Scholarships (FIPRS) is funded by Flinders University. The FIPRS pays the international student tuition fees charged by Flinders University for a research higher degree. In addition, Flinders University will provide a stipend that provides the recipient with a generous living allowance paid at the APA rate of. It is tax exempt and indexed annually.

An FIPRS student who moves to Adelaide from overseas is eligible for an establishment allowance (**after** arrival at Flinders) of up to \$1,485 to assist with relocation costs and airfares, provided receipts can be produced by the student.

**Please note, health cover and a dependent child allowance are not included in the benefits FIPRS.**

#### **Scholarship Offers**

The highest ranked eligible applicants will be offered an IPRS scholarship. The number available per year is determined by the Department of Industry and Science. A limited number FIPRS scholarships are available per annum for the next highest ranked eligible applicants.

If you receive an offer of an IPRS or FIPRS, you will be advised of the conditions of the award. You will be required to sign and return the acceptance form to Flinders University by the date stipulated in the letter of offer. Offers not accepted by this date will lapse.

### ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for an IPRS, applicants **must**:

- (a) be a citizen of a country other than Australia and New Zealand, and not hold Australian citizenship, Australian permanent resident status or New Zealand citizenship; and

- (b) successfully completed at least the equivalent of an Australian First Class Hons degree (this is a four year degree with a major research project in the final year)
- (c) Applicants must have met the English proficiency levels set by Flinders University for international students at the time of application. Students for whom English is a foreign language will need to provide evidence of their English language competence (see <http://www.flinders.edu.au/international-students/study-at-flinders/entry--and-english-requirements/english-language-requirements.cfm> for full details). Minimum acceptable qualifications are:
  - an overall IELTS band score of at least 6.0 with a minimum score of 6.0 in the Writing and Speaking components; or
  - a TOEFL score of at least 550 with a minimum Test of Written English (TWE) score of 4.5, (or CBT 213 with an essay rating of at least 4.5 or iBT 80 with a writing score of at least 20); or
  - successful completion of an Australian Year 12 Program; or
  - a grade of 'C' or better in the GCE Ordinary Level subject 'English'; or
  - successful completion of a tertiary degree program taught in the English language.

IPRS applicants **must not**:

- (a) hold a Research Doctorate degree;
- (b) hold a Research Masters degree, if seeking an IPRS to undertake a Masters degree;
- (c) have held an Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID) scholarship within the two years prior to the commencement of their IPRS;
- (d) have commenced study towards a Research Doctorate degree (or Research Masters degree if seeking an IPRS to support Masters study) within Australia prior to 1 January 2015. The University **may** consider applicants who commenced their research higher degree in 2015 but who, due to the timing of their application and subsequent enrolment, were unable to apply for an IPRS for that year. The University **may** also consider applicants who commenced a higher degree by research at an Australian institution and terminated that enrolment within six months of commencement.
- (e) previously have received an IPRS for a Research Doctorate degree; and previously have received an IPRS for a Research Masters degree, unless that degree was completed and the student is undertaking a Research Doctorate degree.

An IPRS student who is granted permanent residency status in Australia will not be eligible to continue to hold their IPRS. IPRS students who are granted permanent resident status must advise the University immediately. The University may continue payment of the Flinders stipend after the student ceases to hold the IPRS.

## PUBLICATIONS

The submitted publications or other work selected to accompany your IPRS/FIPRS application should be in English. If you believe that an exception should be made, the quality, value and impact of the piece must be fully explained. All submitted publication must have a Publications Details coversheet, which can be found on the Flinders University website. Additionally you must submit the following:

You may include copies of up to five of your publications, each accompanied with a completed coversheet; publications without coversheets will **not** be considered. These publications will be used to judge the quality of your previous research in the area that you intend to study at Flinders University.

Applicants with more than five publications must consult with their Flinders University supervisor in selecting the best five publications. Explain briefly why the selected five were chosen. **Do not include copies of more than five publications.** Additional publications may be noted on your CV or in a separate list. Coversheets are not required for publications listed on the CV but not included among the top five.

**Please note, due to the highly competitive nature of the IPRS/FIPRS, applicants who have not published are unlikely to be competitive.**

## CONTACTING A POTENTIAL ACADEMIC SUPERVISOR

You must make contact with an academic staff member of staff in the Department or School in which you would like to conduct your research, to discuss your proposed research project, and to identify a possible supervisor. Email evidence of the supervisor's agreement should be included with your application. Applicants who do not have a supervisor at the time of application will not be considered for an IPRS/FIPRS. Intending research higher degree candidates should consult the Head of the School (or the Director of Studies or Postgraduate Coordinator). The Head of School will be able to provide details of the School's research activities and information about the expertise and interests of staff who are qualified and willing to accept research higher degree candidates for supervision. Applicants who do not have a supervisor at the time of application will not be considered for an IPRS/FIPRS.

Go to the Find a Supervisor page: <http://flinders.edu.au/graduate-research/find-a-supervisor.cfm> This website may provide assistance in identifying a potential supervisor.

## ACADEMIC REFEREE'S CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

Complete Section A of two copies of the Academic Referee's Confidential Report forms and forward them to two appropriate referees of your choice. If possible the referees should have an informed, personal and professional knowledge of your academic ability and be able to exercise judgment of your research potential.

It is recommended that you select the supervisor of the most recent tertiary program in which you are/were enrolled and the Head of Department or the Postgraduate Coordinator of the Department. Ensure that you forward your Academic Referee's Confidential Report forms to your referees so that they have adequate time to forward the forms **directly** to the International Centre, Flinders University or by email [iprs@flinders.edu.au](mailto:iprs@flinders.edu.au) by 5pm on the closing date as advertised on the Flinders website.

## SELECTION PROCESS

Selection is based on academic merit, academic research training and research indicators and performance.

The University will only offer scholarships to applicants for whom it can provide proper supervision throughout the research period, and where adequate resources to support the proposed research project exist.

The selection process for scholarships is normally finalised in November. Most applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application before the end of the year. The University may make some late scholarship offers early the following year.

Unsuccessful scholarship applicants who have indicated that they wish to be considered for admission to a research higher degree at Flinders University may be offered a place as a full fee paying student and will be required to pay substantial tuition fees. Tuition fees for Research Masters degrees and Research Doctorate degrees at Flinders University currently range between AUD\$22,500 and AUD\$28,700 for one year of full-time study. Fee details are available at <http://www.flinders.edu.au/international-students/study-at-flinders/ebrochure-course-info/fees-and-costs.cfm>.

If you are accepted for admission to candidature for a research higher degree, but are not awarded a scholarship, you will be notified of the outcome of your application by the International Office in January/February.

## APPLICATION FORMS AND RELATED INFORMATION

To apply for an International Postgraduate Research Scholarship (IPRS) or Flinders International Postgraduate Research Scholarship (FIPRS) tenable at Flinders University you will need to complete the:

- IPRS/FIPRS Application form
- IPRS/FIPRS Academic Referee's Confidential report forms
- Publication Details form, one for each publication

*These forms can be downloaded from the Flinders University scholarships website:  
<http://www.flinders.edu.au/scholarships-system/index.cfm/scholarships/display/a731e2>*

You must include with your application:

- academic transcripts of all university study attempted and completed
- English language test results;
- translations (where appropriate):
- publications (up to five may be provided) each with a completed coversheet:
- a research proposal, approximately 500 words in length, which details the problem, hypothesis or question that you will examine, and the methodology or approach that you will use and the anticipated resources required for the research project to be viable:
- a brief outline of your research experience, and
- Email evidence of your supervisor's agreement to supervise.

IPRS applicants are not required to complete the Postgraduate International Student Application form which is included in the International Postgraduate Course Guide, and are not required to pay an application fee.

You may send you application electronically to: [iprs@flinders.edu.au](mailto:iprs@flinders.edu.au)

If you send an electronic application by email and you are successful, you will be required to provide original or certified documentation to the International Office before you will be awarded the Scholarship.

## ANY PROBLEMS?

If you have any queries about lodging your application for an IPRS please contact Student Finance Services in the Student Centre, Flinders University.

Email: [scholarships@flinders.edu.au](mailto:scholarships@flinders.edu.au) or  
Telephone: (International Code) + 61 + 8 + 8201 3115 or  
Facsimile: (International Code) + 61 + 8 + 8201 5175

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