

Scholarship Benefits and Conditions

The FA and MF Joyner Scholarships in Medicine, Science, Fine Arts, and Law

The FA & MF Joyner Scholarships in Medicine, Science, Fine Arts, and Law (hereafter referred to as 'the Scholarships') has been established to encourage postgraduate and other advanced research of original or progressive nature leading to advancement of knowledge in any branch or aspect of Medicine, Science, Fine Arts, and Law.

The nature of the Scholarship shall be determined by Australian Executor Trustees Limited in consultation with The University of Adelaide, Flinders University and the University of South Australia and any other South Australian university with a research degree in an appropriate area (hereafter referred to as 'the Universities'). The Scholarship will be dependent on the available income and is to be available from time to time as funds permit. The Scholarship will be administered by a committee comprising representatives from the Universities.

The rules of the FA & MF Joyner Scholarships may be varied from time to time by Australian Executor Trustees Limited in consultation and on the recommendation of the Universities, but the name and the general purpose of the Scholarship shall not be changed.

1. Eligibility

- i. be an Australian citizen or an Australian Permanent Resident
- ii. hold or expect to hold a First Class Honours degree
 - a. in the absence of suitably qualified applicants, applicants with a high Second Class (Division A) Honours degree or an equivalent level of academic attainment may be considered; however, any award to applicants in this category will be at the absolute discretion of Australian Executor Trustees
- iii. applicants must be acceptable for admission to higher degree candidature and must be commencing postgraduate study in the year for which the Scholarship is tenable. Commencement cannot be deferred to a subsequent year.
- iv. applicants already holding a doctorate are ineligible
- v. applicants who have previously held an Australian Government Research Training Program (RTP) funded stipend or other Postgraduate Scholarship, whether at the university concerned or elsewhere, and who have relinquished the scholarship without completing the work for the degree concerned will be given a low priority when selecting the successful candidate
- vi. Specific eligibility criteria:
 - a. **Fine Arts** – applications in the following areas only will be considered:
 - i. Pictorial (drawing, painting, printmaking, photography)
 - ii. Plastics
 - iii. New media
 - iv. Jewellery
 - v. Textiles
 - vi. Sculptural
 - vii. Film

- viii. Performance
- ix. Digital media
- x. Glass

Note: Art history, curatorial studies or drama are NOT considered Fine Arts for the purposes of this scholarship.

- b. **Medicine** – applications in allied health will NOT be considered. Final decision on a field appropriate to Medicine will be at the discretion of the selection panel and on a case by case basis, and may include areas such as biomedical science and genetics.
- c. **Science** – applications in the following areas will NOT be considered:
 - i. Computer Science
 - ii. Engineering

2. Selection

A short list of eligible applicants, in order of merit, will be developed within each of the Universities.

The successful applicant will be the highest ranked applicant in an appropriate discipline from one of the Universities. The successful applicant will be selected on the grounds of academic merit and research potential by Australian Executor Trustees Limited on the recommendation of a designated Selection Committee who will place all suitable applicants into a single order of merit. The Selection Committee's recommendation, together with a reserve list, shall be forwarded to Australian Executor Trustees Limited for its consideration and determination.

The Selection Committee will comprise one administrative representative from each of the Universities and the appropriate Dean (or equivalent) or their nominees from each of the Universities.

3. Study Load

The holder of a scholarship will be expected to undertake full-time research leading to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in an appropriate discipline at one of the Universities.

4. Stipend

The stipend will be 10% above the minimum Australian Government Research Training Program Scholarship (RTPS) (or equivalent award) stipend rate per annum, subject to indexation in accordance with movements in the stipend of the RTP. Under present taxation law the stipend is expected to be tax exempt.

For candidates undertaking a program in Medicine, the stipend will be 10% above the NHMRC Medical Postgraduate Research Scholarship (or equivalent award) stipend per annum subject to indexation in accordance with movements in the stipend of the NHMRC Scholarship.

5. Period of Support

A Scholarship is available from 1 January of the year of the award and the successful applicant is normally required to commence full-time study within one of the Universities by 30 June of the year of award.

Payment will commence from 1 January of the year of award or date on which full-time study commences, as appropriate. A Scholarship is granted on an annual basis, but is normally tenable, subject to satisfactory progress, for three years.

In general, when a student discontinues full-time study, the Scholarship terminates. When a break in study is desired for personal reasons or is unavoidable, the student may intermit the Scholarship for a maximum total period of twelve months, subject to University approval.

Tenure and annual renewal of the Scholarship will be subject to satisfactory progress subject to the normal procedures of the University concerned. One extension of up to an additional six months may be considered and will only be granted where it can be demonstrated that inability to complete the degree within three years was caused by academic delays beyond the control of the student and related directly to his or her studies.

All extensions are subject to the policies and procedures in place at the relevant University. This will differ between each institution.

6. Leave

The scholarship allows for paid recreation and sick leave. Students are entitled to receive up to 20 working days' paid recreation leave and ten working days' paid sick leave for each year of the scholarship. These leave entitlements may be accrued over the life of the scholarship but will be forfeited when the scholarship is terminated. Students are entitled to receive additional paid sick leave of up to a total of 60 working days during the duration of the scholarship for periods of illness where the student has insufficient sick leave entitlements, provided that a medical certificate has been provided by the student to their institution.

No other form of leave is available to Joyner scholarship awardees.

Leave should be requested as per normal processes at each institution.

7. Other conditions

Employment can only be undertaken in alignment with guidelines published by each University.

The Scholarship is offered to promote advanced research in Australia. However, in special circumstances, a limited period of supervised study overseas may be approved. The study abroad must be necessary and integral part of the student's research program and must not exceed twelve months duration. Study overseas should be requested as per normal processes at each institution.

The successful applicant will be under no obligation to render any service to Australian Executor Trustees Limited or to the university concerned as a result of receiving this Scholarship, except insofar that they are required to pursue their postgraduate research as a full time student and be subject to the normal procedures for monitoring academic progress. They will be supervised in the same manner and to the same extent as any other postgraduate student.

8. Intellectual Property

If results of the research may be subject to future commercialisation, the student may be required to sign an intellectual property agreement acknowledging the rights of both the student and the University, depending on the procedures applying at the University concerned.

9. Payments

Payments in respect of the Scholarship will be made directly by Australian Executor Trustees Limited to the University concerned, half yearly in advance, upon presentation of an invoice. The Universities shall also provide at that time a half yearly acquittal of funds to Australian Executor Trustees Limited. Payments of the stipend to the successful applicant will be disbursed by the Scholarships Administration of the University concerned on a basis appropriate to that institution, usually fortnightly in arrears.

Funding will be approved by Australian Executor Trustees Limited which will be sufficient to enable the successful applicant to undertake a PhD degree or equivalent research degree over not less than three years.

If the scholarship recipient withdraws from their research degree Australian Executor Trustees Limited should be notified as soon as practicable by the University concerned. Arrangements should be made to address any overpayment of funds.

10. Disclaimers

The Universities accept no responsibility for continuing support of a successful applicant in the event that the Scholarship ceases to be funded for any reason.

This information has been prepared by The University of Adelaide, the University of South Australia, and Flinders University. Where conditions are not specifically mentioned in this document, standard University policies apply.

This Information is correct at the time of publication (September 2022).

Please note, the conditions of the award may be changed without notice to comply with legal requirements or University policy.