Important Information

- You can only apply for 1 Higher Degree by Research course per application. If you apply for more than 1 HDR course on your application, only the first one will be considered, and any others will be closed.
- A maximum of 1 course application will be considered a time. The first application submitted will be considered and any subsequent course applications will not.
- Applicants may be asked for further information to assess their application via their ‘Preferred’ email.

Accessing the Application System

Applications are submitted through the Online Application System portal.

Your Flinders Account

You will be required to create a Flinders account (FAN) and password to be able to submit your application and/or return to your application. The first step is to check if you already have a Flinders account. If you do not have one, you will be asked to register.
If you have your FAN details, you may need to reactivate your FAN first before being able to access the online application system.

**Existing Student**
If you are an existing Flinders student, log into the Student System through your student dashboard using your FAN and password.

After logging into the Student Information System, click on the **Apply for a Course/View Application** link on the Applications tab.

**Technical Support**
For technical support with your FAN please contact our Helpdesk from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm (ACST) Monday to Friday on 08 8201 2345.

**Submit Your Application**

1. Click on the **Add a new application** button.

2. Use the search box to find courses. Check the Load Category and Attendance Mode. Click on **Add to application** on selected course.

   **DO NOT** add **additional course(s)** by clicking on the **Select another course** button. By default, if you apply for more than one course, only your first course will be assessed, and any others will be removed.
Click **Next** (in the top right-hand corner) to continue.

**HDR Domestic Scholarship Main Round**

When the HDR scholarship round is open you will be able to see this option and you can select it and provide information for that scholarship application at the same time as your admission application. If the round is **not** open, you can either

- lodge your admission application now and log back in later to submit a separate scholarship application by selecting 'My Scholarships' tab instead of 'My Applications' tab

**OR**

- wait until the scholarship round opens, and lodge your admission and scholarship applications at the same time in the same application.

3. New applicants must enter personal, contact, address, and citizenship details. Failure to do so will result in your application not being assessed:
Existing students will only be able to change selected details on this window.

Click **Next** to continue.

4. Courses may require specific information to be submitted as part of the admission requirements. Click on the **Respond** button and provide the information requested. Repeat for each requirement. Requirements may be mandatory or optional. Responses must be provided to **mandatory requirements** before the application can be submitted.

Once a response has been saved, ‘Response Received’ displays. Click on **Next** to continue.

5. **Academic Details**- ‘Do you wish to provide your Academic Transcript via My eQuals’ if you select ‘Yes’, you must include a PIN and a valid link. If you do not, your application will not progress and will stay as ‘INCOMPLETE’.

6. Attach documentation where it is required.

7. Review the application. If changes are required, select the relevant group tile on the left or use the **Previous** button at the top right.

8. When the application is ready, click **Submit**.

9. **Once the application is submitted, changes cannot be made. Please review carefully.**

After the application is submitted and once it is loaded by the system, an acknowledgement email is sent.
Note: If ‘Application Incomplete’ displays after submission, this indicates the system is processing the application. After waiting a few moments, refresh the window and ‘Application Submitted’ should display. If it still shows as incomplete, check your response to eQuals.

**Withdrawing an Application**

A student can withdraw an application up until a successful/unsuccesful outcome is recorded.

1. After logging onto the Student Information System, click on the **Apply for a Course** link on the **Applications** tab.

2. Click on the **View** link for the application that is to be withdrawn.

3. Click on the **Withdraw** button.

*Once an application is withdrawn, it cannot be reinstated, and another application must be submitted in its place.*
Request for Further Information

Further information may be sought to complete the assessment of an application. An email will be sent with details of the required information. This will be sent to the set preferred email.

This will also show on the application.

1. After logging onto the Student Information System, click on the Apply for a Course/View Application link on the Applications tab.

2. Applications that require further information display a ‘Further Information Request’ tag.

3. Click on the Respond button.

4. Access the Further Information Requests section and click on Respond to provide required information.
5. Repeat this process until all requirements have ‘Response Received’ recorded for the application to be processed.

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Application Outcome

Responding to an Offer

1. Carefully review the details in the offer email, including any Special conditions specified.

2. Next, visit Flinders New Students, select ‘Higher degree by research’ and follow the steps to activate your student account to formally accept or decline the offer, or apply to defer to a later semester.

*If you need to change your offered start date to within the same semester (ie Jan-Jun or Jul-Dec) OR if you wish to defer your offer to another semester, immediately notify HDR.Admissions@flinders.edu.au before accepting OR deferring your offer in the application system. If you do not, your enrolment will be activated and it cannot be changed.
3. An HDR offer is valid for 14 days unless otherwise specified and will lapse if you do not act on it.

4. After logging onto the Student System, click on the View/Respond to my Offer link on the My Offers tab in the Student Information System.

5. The My Applications dashboard window displays offers you have been made requiring a response.

6. The My Applications Window will also display offers awaiting a response.

7. Click on Respond for the application that is awaiting a response.

8. An offer may be unconditional or conditional. Conditional offers will be tagged and details of conditions to be met will be listed on the application and detailed in the offer letter.
9. Accept the offer by clicking on the **Accept** button at the top left.

If you wish to defer your offer to a later semester, **DO NOT select Defer**.

Instead, immediately notify HDR.Admissions@flinders.edu.au and we will initiate a request to the College for approval to defer your offer.

Once the deferral outcome is decided, you will be notified by email. If it is approved, you can then proceed to select **Defer** to defer your offer in the application system.

**If you select Defer and you do not contact us, your enrolment will be activated, and it cannot be changed. You would need to lodge a new application for a later start date.**

10. Once the offer has been accepted and any outstanding requirements verified, prepare for your admission by following pre-enrolment tasks at Flinders New Students.

Close to your start date, the HDR Admissions team will change your course status to ‘Admitted’ and the study plan is expanded.

- For ‘thesis only’ HDR students, HDR Admissions staff will enrol you in your thesis topic.
- For Master of Clinical Education by Research and Master of Health and Clinical Research students, you must self-enrol in the credit-based topics on your study plan. Topic enrolment and class registration processes can occur via the Student Information System as per normal.
Unsuccessful application

You will be notified via your preferred email if your application has been unsuccessful. If you wish to discuss your options, please contact the Office of Graduate Research on 8201 5893, ready to provide your name and Student ID.

Checking your Preferred Email Selection

Email is the primary mode of communication with all applicants. Flinders email address is normally automatically designated as the ‘Preferred Email’. Applicants should check and select their preferred email by logging on the Student Information System and accessing the My Details tab where the preferred email can be updated. Your preferred email will have a tick next to it.