

Application Guidelines and Information

- **Australian Government Research Training Program Scholarship**
- **Flinders International Postgraduate Research Scholarship**
- **Admission to Research Higher Degree**

BENEFITS OF THE SCHOLARSHIPS

Australian Government Research Training Program Scholarship (International offering)

The Australian Government Research Training Program Scholarships (AGRTPS) are funded by the Australian Government through the Department of Education. They are tenable at Flinders University for full-time study towards a Research Masters degree or a Research Doctorate degree. The application process is highly competitive, and only a small percentage of applicants will be successful.

The AGRTPS pays the international student tuition fees charged by Flinders University for a research higher degree. The AGRTPS also provides the recipient and dependants residing in Adelaide with Student health cover for the duration of the scholarship. A successful AGRTPS recipient must advise at the time of their visa application that they will be in receipt of this scholarship for the government to waive the fees.

Please note, the visa issued to study in Australia will be longer than the maximum scholarship tenure.

In addition, the Australian Government Research Training Program Scholarship stipend (AGRTPS) is provided. The stipend provides the recipient with a living allowance paid at the rate specified by the Australian Government each year. It is tax exempt and indexed annually. An AGRTPS 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, the FIPRS will provide a living allowance paid at the AGRTPS rate as published on the Department of Education website. It is tax exempt and indexed annually.

A 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 is not included in the benefits FIPRS.

Scholarship Offers

The highest ranked eligible applicants will be offered an AGRTPS. The number available per year is determined by the Australian Government. A limited number FIPRS scholarships are available per annum for the next highest ranked eligible applicants.

If you receive an offer of an AGRTPS or FIPRS, you will be advised of the conditions of the award. You will be required to acceptance the offer from the University by the date stipulated in the letter of offer. Offers not accepted by this date will lapse.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for an AGRTPS, 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 a degree comparable with 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 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).

AGRTPS applicants **must not**:

- (a) hold a Research Doctorate degree;
- (b) hold a Research Masters degree, if seeking an AGRTPS to undertake a Masters degree;
- (c) have held an Australia Award Scholarship / (AusAID) scholarship within the two years prior to the commencement of their AGRTPS;
- (d) have commenced study towards a Research Doctorate degree (or Research Masters degree if seeking an AGRTPS to support Masters study) within Australia prior to 1 January 2019. The University **may** consider applicants who commenced their research higher degree in 2018 but who, due to the timing of their application and subsequent enrolment, were unable to apply for an AGRTPS 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 AGRTPS for a Research Doctorate degree; and previously have received an AGRTPS for a Research Masters degree, unless that degree was completed and the student is undertaking a Research Doctorate degree.

An AGRTPS student is expected to remain an international student for the duration of their award; however, AGRTPS students who gain permanent residency status in Australia will not be eligible to continue to hold their AGRTPS. AGRTPS 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 AGRTPS upon approval from the Scholarships Committee.

PUBLICATIONS

The submitted publications or other work selected to accompany your AGRTPS/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.

You may include 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 to select the best five publications, and explain briefly why the selected five were chosen. **Do not include 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 AGRTPS/FIPRS, applicants who have not published will not be assessed for a scholarship.

CONTACTING A POTENTIAL ACADEMIC SUPERVISOR

You must make contact with an academic staff member of staff in the College 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 AGRTPS/FIPRS. Academic staff will be able to provide details of the College's research activities and information about the expertise and interests of staff who are qualified and willing to accept Higher Degree by research candidates for supervision. Applicants who do not have a supervisor at the time of application will not be considered for an AGRTPS/FIPRS.

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 rhdscholarships@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 Higher Degree by research, 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 Australian Government Research Training Program Scholarship (AGRTPS) and Flinders International Postgraduate Research Scholarship (FIPRS), you will need to first submit an application for admission to a Research higher degree (PhD or Master of Arts by research) followed by an application for the International RHD Scholarship group, which will produce an application for both the AGRTPS and FIPRS.

Applications are made through the University's Student system.

You will need to have an active Flinders Authentication Name (FAN) to log into the Student system, and complete this process.

If you have never studied at, or made an application to Flinders University, you can register and submit your application for admission to a Higher Degree by research using the application portal.

After completing your registration you will receive a confirmation email, this will arrive within 1 hour to your nominated email address and will contain your login details and instructions on how to activate your FAN.

If you have studied at Flinders University within the last 12 months you can submit your application for admission for a Higher Degree by research and for scholarship via the Student Information System.

If you have studied at Flinders University but graduated more than 12 months ago you will need to reactive your FAN via the FAN reactivation page. With an active FAN you will then be able to submit your application for admission via the Student Information System as advised above.

If you have previously applied to study at Flinders, you will be able to reactive your FAN via the FAN reactivation page, you will need to enter your First name, Last name, date of birth and your student ID, normally found on any letters sent by the university to you. The system will be able to identify you more accurately if you can enter your student ID.

With an active FAN you will then be able to submit your application for admission via the Student Information System as advised above

You will find the application form by selecting the My Applications tab at the top of the page, selecting the degree you wish to be admitted to and completing the form. Once you have completed the application for admission, you will need to complete an application for the scholarship. To do this, continue by selecting the My Scholarship tab and then create a new scholarship application. The scholarship application is called International RHD Scholarship - group. This application will ensure you are assessed for both the AGRTPS and the FIPRS.

Once your application is complete, including all mandatory questions and documentation, your application will be assessed. Assessment will commence once applications have closed.

Applications close 13 August at 5pm Australia, Adelaide local time.

Any questions about the application process should be directed to the Student Finance Office via email at rhdships@flinders.edu.au

You must include with your applications:

- 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.

AGRTPS 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.

If you are offered an AGRTPS or FIPRS, 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 AGRTPS please contact Student Finance and Scholarships | Student Administration, Flinders University.

Email: scholarships@flinders.edu.au or

Telephone: (International Code) + 61 + 8 + 8201 3115 or

Facsimile: (International Code) + 61 + 8 + 8201 5175

CRICOS Registered Provider: The Flinders University of South Australia

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