

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INTERNATIONAL HIGHER DEGREES BY RESEARCH

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

Flinders University has two available scholarship types for international students undertaking higher degrees by research; the Australian Government Research Training Program Scholarship (AGRTPS) and the Flinders International Postgraduate Research Scholarship (FIPRS). The AGRTPS are funded through the Australian Government and are tenable for full-time study towards a Masters by Research or Research Doctorate degree. The FIPRS is funded by Flinders University for either Masters by Research or Research Doctorate degrees.

What is included in each scholarship?

	AGRTPS	FIPRS
International student tuition fees charged by Flinders University for a higher degree by research	✓	✓
Living allowance	✓	✓
Establishment allowance to assist with relocation costs	✓	✓
Overseas student health cover for the scholarship recipient and their dependants.	✓	✗

Both scholarships cover international student tuition fees; a tax-free living allowance (\$28,092 per annum 2020 rate) and an establishment allowance of up to \$1,485 for students who move to Adelaide from overseas. The AGRTPS also includes OSHC for the scholarship recipients and their dependants.

Do I apply for both the AGRTPS and FIPRS?

No, students only apply for one scholarship and are assessed for both the AGRTPS and the FIPRS concurrently. The highest ranked eligible applicants will be offered an AGRTPS. The number available per year is determined by the Australian Government. A limited number of FIPRS scholarships are available per annum for the next highest ranked eligible applicants.

Does applying for either of the scholarships also mean that I am applying for candidature to complete my higher degree by research at Flinders?

No, these applications are only for the scholarship component. Applications for admission into either a Masters by Research or Research Doctorate degree must be completed separately to the scholarship application. For information regarding applying for candidature for a higher degree by research, please visit here: flinders.edu.au/study/apply/apply-research-degree/how-to-apply

What is an Australian Honours Degree?

Generally, an honours degree is the equivalent of one year of full-time study which includes a research component of at least 6 months study through which the student contributes to the academic knowledge within that area.

I have the equivalent of an Australian Honours degree but have not yet published or worked within this field. Am I likely to be successful in my application for either scholarship?

These scholarships are extremely competitive and we receive several hundred applications every year for approximately ten to fifteen scholarships for both AGRTPS and FIPRS combined. Strong contributions to your chosen field of study through either publications in books or quality international peer-reviewed journals, as well as through related employment are viewed highly favourably. Applicants with these attributes tend to be the most competitive in the ranking for AGRTPS and FIPRS.

When will I hear about the outcome of my application?

We will contact all applicants to advise the outcome of their application 31 October 2020..

How expensive is it to live in Adelaide?

In the 2018 Global Liveability Study, Adelaide was rated as one of the top ten liveable cities in the world. It is far cheaper than living in Melbourne or Sydney, and slightly cheaper than Brisbane or Perth.

We encourage you to participate in our online quiz where you can assess your lifestyle against the average cost of living here in Adelaide. You can find this here: flinders.edu.au/international/living-in-adelaide/cost-of-living

How much does the Overseas Student Health Cover cost?

It is a condition of your visa to maintain adequate health insurance for the duration of your visa. For Higher degree by research students the rates for the length of your program are approximately \$3,000 for a single, \$10,350 for a couple and \$15,550 for a family. If you need further information about what is covered by OSHC please see the following website: privatehealth.gov.au/health_insurance/overseas/overseas_student_health_cover.htm

Can I defer my scholarship?

Unfortunately you are unable to defer your scholarship.

If I am unable to commence my scholarship can I be considered in a future round?

If you have been offered a scholarship but been unable to commence it, you can apply again in a future round. You would need to submit a new application and your application would then be considered and ranked against that rounds applications.

At the time of application, I am still awaiting my certificate demonstrating my proficiency in English Language, will this disadvantage me?

No, however you do need to provide proof of your English language proficiency by the closing of applications.