

GUIDELINES FOR RANKING APPLICATIONS

• POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2020

INTRODUCTION

Postgraduate research scholarships, including Australian Government Research Training Program Scholarship, and Flinders University Research Scholarships (FURS), are awarded on the basis of academic merit and research potential. A candidate's application is ranked on the basis of their:

- Honours result or other Postgraduate studies;
- Undergraduate academic record GPA; and
- Publications or other research experience.

Also refer to section 4.2 of the [RTP Scholarships Administrative Rules](#) for RTP Stipend selection criteria.

RANKING PROCEDURE

Category 1:

Honours Degree **Maximum points: 5**

H1	5.0
H2A	4.5
H2B	4.0

Research Masters Degree

With Distinction	5.0
No amendments	5.0
Credit	4.5
Merit	4.5
Minor amendments	4.5

Coursework Masters Degree

Result for a dissertation greater than or equal to 18 units:

High Distinction	5.0
Distinction	4.5
Credit	4.0

Grad Dip Research Methods (Flinders University)

High Distinction	5.0
Distinction	4.5
Credit	4.0

Category 2: Academic Record

Maximum points: 4

This score will be calculated by the Student Finance office.

The University will calculate each applicant's Grade Point Average (GPA) for all undergraduate studies undertaken (not including the Honours year). The academic record score is calculated using the following formula: $GPA \times 4 / 7$.

Category 3: Publications or other research experience

Maximum points: 1

Applicants should submit for consideration by the Scholarships Committee details of publications or research experience they believe demonstrate their research potential. For co-authored (co-edited) publications, the relative contribution of each author will be assessed in accordance with details provided by the applicant and fractional points may be allocated. Points are allocated for publications published in the last five years and are within, or relevant to, the applicant's proposed field of study.

A Publication will only be considered if it was submitted and accepted for publication before 28 October. Evidence of acceptance of papers must be provided to Student Finance prior to that meeting. Please ensure that you provide evidence of acceptance as soon as you receive it.

The guide below indicates the scores to be assigned to items submitted as research indicators and performance.

• **Publications**

Peer refereed journal article (non predatory), book or book chapter, conference proceeding, research performed creative artifact - sole or first author. 1.0

Peer refereed journal article (non predatory), book or book chapter, conference proceeding, research performed creative artifact - not sole or first author 0.5

• **Research experience**

Evidence of research experience will be output such as a report or reports (e.g., for a Government agency) substantially authored by the applicant.

- 3 years experience 1.0
- 2 years experience 0.5
- 1 year experience 0.25