

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INTERNATIONAL HIGHER DEGREES BY RESEARCH

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

Flinders University has two available scholarships for international students undertaking a Higher Degree by research (HDR); 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	✓	✓
Stipend - living allowance	✓	✓
Relocation allowance to assist with relocation costs	✓	✓
Overseas student health cover (OSHC) for the scholarship recipient and their dependants.	✓	✗

Both scholarships provide an international tuition fee offset; a tax-free living allowance which is indexed annually, and a relocation allowance reimbursement of up to \$1,485, to assist with the cost of moving to Adelaide to commence the scholarship. The AGRTPS also includes OSHC for the scholarship recipients and their dependants.

Do I apply for both the AGRTPS and FIPRS?

No, one application for the International HDR Scholarship - Group Reward will provide an application for both the AGRTPS and the FIPRS concurrently.

Does applying for the scholarships also mean that I am applying for candidature to complete a Higher Degree by research at Flinders?

No, 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?

An honours degree is a four year degree with a major research project in the final year of at least 6 months, through which the student contributes to the academic knowledge within that area. The research project is approx. 18000 words.

I have completed a degree comparable to 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?

The international scholarship round is extremely competitive and we receive well over one hundred applications every year for approximately ten scholarship.

Strong contributions to your chosen field of study through either publications in books or quality international peer-reviewed journals, or Refereed conference publications will be extremely advantageous. These quality publications can be allocated a score in line with the International scholarship ranking guidelines. Those who have published work rank higher and are more competitive in the order of merit for AGRTPS and FIPRS as their overall score is higher than those who have not published.

When will I hear about the outcome of my application?

Mid October each year the HDR Scholarships Committee meets to award the AGRTPS and FIPRS allocation, and the majority of applicants will know the outcome soon after that meeting.

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 (OSHC) 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: https://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 will need to submit a new application and your application would then be considered and ranked against that round's 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 that you meet the University's English language requirements by the closing date of applications.