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UNSW Australia (UNSW) offers the following prestigious scholarships to international candidates of exceptional research potential to undertake a higher degree by research at UNSW. Scholarship applicants will be automatically considered for all of these scholarships, to undertake either a PhD or a Masters by Research degree, as appropriate.

1. **International Postgraduate Research Scholarship (IPRS)** - Scholarships available for PhD and Masters by Research in all disciplines. The fee component is funded by the Department of Education and the stipend is funded by UNSW.

   The IPRS provides the following benefits:
   - Payment of Tuition Fees and an annual stipend of $25,849* (in addition some Faculties may provide a supplementary scholarship for the top ranked applicants) provided for 3 years with the possibility of a six month extension provided satisfactory progress is maintained for a PhD, and 2 years for a Masters by Research. **No extensions are possible for Masters by Research**
   - Reimbursement of three and a half years of Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) (for the student and their dependants)
   - Waiver of Visa Charges (by the Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) at the time of Visa application)
   - Exemption from NSW Government State School Fees for children of the candidate. Please check the UNSW International website for up-to-date information: [https://student.unsw.edu.au/support-families](https://student.unsw.edu.au/support-families) or [http://www.decinternational.nsw.edu.au/study/schools/temporary-residents#fees-exemptions-refunds](http://www.decinternational.nsw.edu.au/study/schools/temporary-residents#fees-exemptions-refunds)

   The duration of any of the scholarships will be reduced by any periods of study undertaken towards the degree prior to the commencement of the scholarship and during suspension of the scholarship.

2. **University International Postgraduate Award (UIPA)** - Scholarships available for PhD and Masters by Research in all disciplines. This scholarship is funded by UNSW.

   The UIPA provides the following benefits:
   - Payment of Tuition Fees and an annual stipend of $25,849* (in addition some Faculties may provide a supplementary scholarship for the top ranked applicants) provided for 3 years with the possibility of a six month extension provided satisfactory progress is maintained in your candidature for a PhD and 2 years for a Masters by Research. **No extensions are possible for Masters by Research**.
   - Exemption from NSW Government State School Fees for children of the student (current NSW Government policy as at June 2008. Please check the UNSW International website for up-to-date information: [https://student.unsw.edu.au/support-families](https://student.unsw.edu.au/support-families) or [http://www.decinternational.nsw.edu.au/study/schools/temporary-residents#fees-exemptions-refunds](http://www.decinternational.nsw.edu.au/study/schools/temporary-residents#fees-exemptions-refunds)

   The duration of any of the scholarships will be reduced by any periods of study undertaken towards the degree prior to the commencement of the scholarship and during suspension of the scholarship.
3. **Tuition Fee Scholarship (TFS) plus a Faculty Research Stipend** - Scholarships available for PhD, Masters by Research and for Masters of Philosophy (in selected disciplines depending on Faculty research areas). This scholarship is funded and managed by UNSW.

The TFS provides the following benefits:

- Cost of Tuition Fees funded by UNSW and an annual Stipend of minimum value $25,849* funded by the faculty, school or supervisor provided for 3 years with the possibility of a six month extension provided satisfactory progress is maintained for a PhD, 2 years for a Masters by Research. **No extensions are possible for Masters by Research.**

- Exemption from NSW Government State School Fees for children of the candidate. Please check the UNSW International website for up-to-date information:
  - [https://student.unsw.edu.au/support-families](https://student.unsw.edu.au/support-families)
  - [http://www.deciinternational.nsw.edu.au/study/schools/temporary-residents#fees-exemptions-refunds](http://www.deciinternational.nsw.edu.au/study/schools/temporary-residents#fees-exemptions-refunds)

The duration of any of the scholarships will be reduced by any periods of study undertaken towards the degree prior to the commencement of the scholarship and during suspension of the scholarship.

**Note:** In the Faculty of Engineering, only candidates applying for PhD programs will be considered for Tuition Fee Scholarships.

* 2015 stipend rate (indexed annually)

Students who commence in a Masters by Research or Master of Philosophy and then transfer to a PhD are eligible to apply for an extension. **Please note: students who gain an extension to the IPRS/UIPA/TFS who also hold additional forms of scholarship (such as a Faculty top-ups) will not automatically be eligible to receive an extension to the additional scholarships.**

**Please note:** Once you have been awarded a scholarship you are not able to defer the offer. Students are encouraged to enrol and commence their studies no later than the Semester dates outlined in the [Academic Calendar](http://research.unsw.edu.au/units/graduate-research-school). This particularly applies if any coursework components are be being undertaken in conjunction with the research program.

### Eligibility

Applications are ranked competitively and awards are made on the basis of academic merit, research experience and research potential. In the case of TFS awards, a faculty or school or supervisor funded stipend must be available in order to be offered the TFS.

1. **Qualifications**

   Scholarships are only available to applicants who hold a 4 year bachelor’s degree with Honours class 1 from an Australian institution or equivalent research qualification/experience. This qualification must be in a field relevant to your proposed area of research.

   - All Honours results, MPhil/M(R) thesis examination outcomes &/or other grades required for determining Honours 1 equivalence **must** be finalised and provided by 15 January (for Semester 1 scholarships) or by 15 July (for Semester 2 scholarships). If results will not be finalised by these dates candidates should apply for the subsequent scholarship round.

   - You must have completed at least four years of full-time equivalent tertiary education (for exceptions to this see the next section).

2. **Qualification Equivalence**

   Candidates who do not hold a Bachelor degree with Honours 1 **may** be considered to have equivalent qualifications if they have demonstrated research performance, relevant professional or direct research experience, for example:

   - Publication of research papers  e.g.
(a) A published book or chapter in an edited book
(b) A published research article in a refereed international journal
(c) A published or refereed conference paper, a published or refereed presenting author
abstract or a published research report

• Have held membership or fellowship of prestigious learned professional organisations by
advanced study, examination and professional practice

• Exhibition
(a) Of international standard in multiple venues, or a series of performances for which
reviews in significant outlets are available (with a published catalogue/program)
(b) In a public gallery or museum or in a private gallery of standing in which the artist was
invited to exhibit (with a published catalogue)
(c) Visual work(s) held in significant national or international collections or commissioned by
Government or the corporate sector

• Relevant professional experience at a responsible level or direct research experience of at
least two years since graduation (eg) industry appointment.

3. Residency
Candidates must:

• Be an international student.
• Meet international student visa requirements as specified by the Department of Immigration
and Border Protection (DIBP), including the requirement to purchase and maintain a standard
Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) approved by the Commonwealth Government
Department of Health.

4. Enrolment
Candidates cannot:

• Defer a scholarship. If you wish to commence a research degree in the following
semester you must re-apply through the next scholarship round.

**IMPORTANT NOTE: Visa applications and processing times can vary. Students should allow adequate time for processing of student visa applications.**

Candidates must:

• Be enrolled / enrolling in a full-time higher research degree at UNSW for the
appropriate semester. Eligible degrees are Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Masters by
Research or Master of Philosophy (MPhil).
• Be undertaking study in a subject area identified by UNSW as one of its areas of research
concentration. [http://research.unsw.edu.au/research-strengths](http://research.unsw.edu.au/research-strengths)

5. Previous Study/Scholarship

• Holders of IPRS/UIPA scholarships at UNSW who are granted permanent residency during
the tenure of that scholarship will be considered for an equivalent domestic scholarship. Such
candidates must inform the Graduate Research School within 7 days of obtaining permanent
residency.

• If you intend to apply for an International Research Scholarship and you have held an
Australian Awards scholarship within two years prior, you need to obtain permission from the
Australian Government before applying. There are strict procedures and criteria to be applied
when considering an externally funded Doctorate scholarship or post-Doctorate fellowship in
Australia on completion of an Australian Awards funded course of study. In exceptional
circumstances the Australian Government may approve the deferral of the requirement to
return home immediately after completion of the degree for which the Australian Award was
You will NOT be eligible for a scholarship if you:

- Are a candidate for PhD (or Masters by Research or Master of Philosophy applicant converting to PhD) and you will have completed 2 semesters of full-time equivalent research higher degree candidature prior to the semester for which the scholarships are being awarded.

- Are a candidate for Masters by Research or Master of Philosophy (or a PhD applicant converting to Masters by Research or Master of Philosophy) and you have completed 1 semester of full-time equivalent research higher degree candidature prior to the semester for which the scholarships are being awarded, unless you are studying at UNSW under a UNSW approved international agreement.

- Hold a research qualification regarded by UNSW to be equivalent to an Australian Research Doctorate degree or, if undertaking a Masters by Research degree, hold a research qualification regarded by the provider to be equivalent to or higher than an Australian Masters by Research degree.

- Are receiving a scholarship for which course tuition is a component under any other scholarship scheme to which the Australian Government makes a substantial contribution.

- Are receiving a primary scholarship stipend or tuition fee scholarship from any source, including UNSW, or under another scholarship scheme to support you in your PhD, Masters by Research or Master of Philosophy at UNSW.

**Work and Other Income**

With the exception of work that is specified as a course requirement, an award holder with a student visa may undertake work unrelated to their course requirements consistent with the conditions of the student visa. However, the employment or source of income must not interfere with the research or the ability to undertake full-time study and cannot be accepted as grounds for an extension of the scholarship. It is UNSW's expectation that full-time postgraduate research students will spend a minimum of 35 hours per week on their research candidature.

Scholarship holders receiving a UNSW funded stipend such as an IPRS or UIPA stipend may not hold other forms of scholarship in conjunction with the IPRS/UIPA/UNSW-funded stipend where that other scholarship funding exceeds 75% of the IPRS/UIPA stipend in value. Scholarship holders must inform the Graduate Research School of any other scholarships held or awarded during candidature.

**Further Information**

Guidelines for the IPRS, as provided by the Commonwealth Government, can be found at: [https://www.comlaw.gov.au/Details/F2012L02535](https://www.comlaw.gov.au/Details/F2012L02535)

Guidelines for the UIPA scholarship are based on these same IPRS Guidelines.
DOMESTIC RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS

UNSW offers the following prestigious scholarships to domestic students of exceptional research potential to undertake a higher degree by research at UNSW. Scholarship applicants will be automatically considered for all of these scholarships, to undertake either a PhD or a Masters by Research degree, as appropriate.

Applications are ranked competitively and awards are made on the basis of academic merit, research experience and research potential.

1. **UNSW Research Excellence Awards $30,000 – $36,000**
   These scholarships are available to students of outstanding research potential. Applications are invited from University Medallists in any discipline.
   The Scholarship comprises an annual stipend of up to approximately $36,000 (APA stipend valued at $25,849* plus $5000 - $10,000) plus relocation expenses for students outside the Sydney area to a maximum of $5,000. An additional $5,000 top-up scholarship may be available to applicants in specific research areas.

2. **Australian Postgraduate Awards (APA) / University Postgraduate Awards (UPA) plus a Faculty top-up scholarship $29,000 – $36,000**
   Scholarships are awarded to the top ranked applicants in all Faculties.
   The scholarship comprises an annual stipend of approximately $29,000 – $36,000 (APA stipend valued at $25,849* plus $4,000 – $10,000). The value of the top-up scholarship is Faculty specific and may vary depending on the number of applications received.

3. **Australian Postgraduate Awards (APA) / University Postgraduate Awards (UPA)**
   The scholarship comprises an annual stipend of $25,849*

4. **Faculty Postgraduate Awards**
   Recipients of the following award will be selected from applicants received where appropriate. There is no need to submit a separate application.
   - University College Postgraduate Research Scholarships - approximately $25,835 (only available at the UNSW Canberra campus)
   - Australian School of Business Research Scholarships - $30,000 pa
   * The 2015 APA base rate is $25,849pa. It is expected this rate will be indexed upwards in 2016 (TBC).

All scholarships are provided for three years with the possibility of a six month extension provided satisfactory progress is maintained for a PhD, and two years for a Masters by Research. No extensions are possible for Masters by Research candidates.

Candidates who commence in a Masters by Research or Master of Philosophy and then transfer to a PhD will be eligible to apply for an extension. **Please note: students who gain an extension to the APA who also hold additional forms of scholarship (such as a Faculty top-ups) will not automatically be eligible to receive an extension to the additional scholarships.**

The duration of any of the scholarships will be reduced by any periods of study undertaken towards the degree prior to the commencement of the scholarship and during suspension of the scholarship.

All APA/UPA recipients are entitled to:
- Relocation Allowance for costs associated with relocating themselves, their spouse and dependents from within Australia or New Zealand to Sydney when this is necessary to
undertake the study.
- Thesis Allowance for costs associated with the production of a Masters by Research or PhD thesis.

Please note: Once you have been awarded a scholarship you are not able to defer the offer. Students are encouraged to enrol and commence their studies no later than the Semester dates outlined in the Academic Calendar. This particularly applies if any coursework components are being undertaken in conjunction with the research program.

Eligibility

Awards are made on the basis of academic merit, research experience and research potential.

1. Qualifications
   Scholarships are only available to applicants who hold a 4 year bachelor’s degree with Honours class 1 from an Australian institution or an equivalent research qualification/experience. This qualification must be in a field relevant to your area of research.
   - All Honours results, MPhil/M(R) thesis examination outcomes &/or other grades required for determining Honours 1 equivalence must be finalised and provided by 15 January (for Semester 1 scholarships) or by 15 July (for Semester 2 scholarships). If results will not be finalised by these dates candidates should apply for the subsequent scholarship round.
   - You must have completed at least four years of full-time equivalent tertiary education.

2. Qualification Equivalence
   Candidates who do not hold a Bachelor degree with Honours 1 may be considered to have equivalent qualifications if they have demonstrated research performance, relevant professional or direct research experience, for example:
   - Publication of research papers e.g.
     (d) A published book or chapter in an edited book
     (e) A published research article in a refereed international journal
     (f) A published or refereed conference paper, a published or refereed presenting author abstract or a published research report
   - Have held membership or fellowship of prestigious learned professional organisations by advanced study, examination and professional practice
   - Exhibition
     (d) Of international standard in multiple venues, or a series of performances for which reviews in significant outlets are available (with a published catalogue/program)
     (e) In a public gallery or museum or in a private gallery of standing in which the artist was invited to exhibit (with a published catalogue)
     (f) Visual work(s) held in significant national or international collections or commissioned by Government or the corporate sector
   - Relevant professional experience at a responsible level or direct research experience of at least two years since graduation (eg) industry appointment.

3. Residency
   You must be an Australian citizen, Australian permanent resident or New Zealand citizen.*
   *applicants who have Australian permanent residency pending may apply and be awarded a conditional scholarship. Residency must be confirmed by no later than 31 March for Semester 1 commencement, or by 31 August for Semester 2 commencement.

4. Enrolment
   You cannot defer the scholarship. If you wish to commence a research degree in the following Semester you must re-apply through the next scholarship round.
All scholarship holders must commence the scholarship and enrol for a full-time research higher degree before 31st March for Semester 1, or 31st August for Semester 2. If you are unable to commence before the appropriate date, please contact the Graduate Research School immediately (+61 2 9385 5500).

5. Previous Study/Scholarships
If you hold an IPRS/UIPA scholarship at UNSW, have completed more than two semesters enrolment and have been granted permanent residence, you will be automatically considered for an APA/UPA (respectively) and do not need to apply. You must inform the Graduate Research School within seven days of obtaining permanent residence.

You will NOT be eligible for the scholarships if you:

• Continue to hold an equivalent (same monetary value) award, scholarship or salary providing a benefit greater than 75% of the APA stipend rate to undertake the proposed program.
• Have already completed a degree at the same level or higher than that for which the scholarship is sought (ie a scholarship is not available to undertake a second Masters by Research, a second PhD, or a Masters by Research degree if already holding a PhD). You may be considered if you have already completed a Masters by Coursework and you wish to undertake a Masters by Research.

6. UNSW Research Excellence Awards
You must:

• Be a University Medallist in any discipline, or first in your overall cohort
• Have applied for an APA and indicated within the application that you are a recipient of/expecting University Medal or first in cohort
• Provide originals or certified proof of the Medal or evidence of being first in cohort to the Graduate Research School by no later than 15 January (for Semester 1 scholarships) or 15 July (for Semester 2 scholarships)
• Be a newly commencing research candidate. Candidates who have already commenced their studies are not eligible for a Research Excellence Award but may be eligible for an APA or UPA (See Point 5 above)
• Candidates who complete as first in their overall cohort may also be considered for UNSW

7. Part-time Awards
Part-time study is equivalent to 50% of full time study.

Part-time scholarships are only approved in the following exceptional circumstances:

• Demonstrable significant carer commitments or where medical conditions prevent full-time study
• The candidate is undertaking a Joint Research Engagement (JRE) Engineering Cadetship concurrently with the research degree

Part-time scholarships are not available if you are seeking the part-time status to undertake employment.

To apply for part-time scholarships, a statement of reasons must be provided, along with a supporting statement from the proposed supervisor and any other relevant documentation. You must be able to demonstrate the following:

• Carer responsibilities for a pre-school aged child, or
• Carer responsibilities for school aged children as a sole parent with limited access to outside support, or
• Carer responsibilities for an invalid or disabled spouse, child or parent, or
• A medical condition which limits your capacity to undertake full-time study (supported by a medical certificate)

Work and Other Income

Award holders are permitted to undertake a limited amount of paid work/employment during the working week or receive income (eg from another scholarship or award). However, the employment or source of income must not interfere with the research or the ability to undertake full-time study. It is the UNSW’s expectation that full-time postgraduate research candidates will spend 35 hours per week on their research candidature. It is not possible to be employed full-time and undertake full-time study (this includes UNSW staff lectureships).

Income from another source (e.g. another scholarship) that is paid to specifically support or undertake the research cannot exceed 75% of the primary award base rate.

Further Information

Guidelines for UPA scholarships are based on the Guidelines for APA scholarships provided by the Commonwealth Government, which can be found at:
**STEPS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

1. **You can apply for a UNSW Scholarship during the online Admission Application:**
   [http://research.unsw.edu.au/how-apply-postgraduate-research-study-program](http://research.unsw.edu.au/how-apply-postgraduate-research-study-program). Once you have applied for Admission and Scholarship you will receive an Application Confirmation Letter.

   Applicants who have already applied for admission without a scholarship application for the relevant semester will be required to apply separately for the scholarship. This includes applicants who have requested a deferral of their admission application and therefore need to apply for a scholarship for that semester. To apply:
   - Email international.grs@unsw.edu.au / domestic.grs@unsw.edu.au, advising which semester you wish to apply for.
   - You will be provided with a unique URL in order to submit your scholarship application.
   - Paste the scholarship URL into your web browser.
   - Complete the details within the online application.
   - Once you have submitted your scholarship application you will receive an automatic email confirmation with a scholarship registration number. Please only apply for the scholarship once - this application covers the named scholarships above, and all programs you may have applied for.

2. **Submit supporting documentation within the application (Apply Online) and myUNSW Application Tracking.** It is important to prepare your documents before starting the application. All documents must be in English or include a certified English translation.

   **Scanned copies of documents are sufficient for the application process.** All applicants will need to be prepared to present original documents (including English translations) to UNSW for inspection after enrolment as requested. UNSW will verify qualifications via back-to-source (BTS) checks with applicants’ home institutions. If documents are found to be misleading, actions may include (but not be restricted to) cancellation of any offer of admission or enrolment and loss of fees already paid.

   Complete the Applicant Section (Section A) of the Referee Report form found at [https://research.unsw.edu.au/graduate-research-school-policy-and-procedures](https://research.unsw.edu.au/graduate-research-school-policy-and-procedures) and then email it to both of your referees for completion of section B. Please let your referees know that they need to email their completed Reports to international.grs@unsw.edu.au / domestic.grs@unsw.edu.au prior to the scholarship application closing date. **Note:** the Referee Report form document should be named using the file naming convention: Student ID FAMILY NAME, Given name – REFEREE REPORT from Prof G Smith (eg) 1234567 NGUYEN, Minh – REFEREE REPORT from Prof G Smith.

3. **UNSW Art and Design applicants must also provide supporting documentation such as a curriculum vitae which includes reference to awards/grants/prizes, exhibitions/publications, and a portfolio of artwork/designs (preferably in electronic file, CD, DVD or slide formats).** It is preferred that UNSW Art and Design applicants submit any supporting portfolio items directly to the UNSW Art and Design Student Centre (in the Elwyn Lynn Conference Centre, UNSW Art and Design Campus).
NOTIFICATION OF AWARD

- Due to the number of applications that are submitted we are unable to send a separate notification that your application has been received other than the automated acknowledgement that is emailed to you after completing your online application for the Admission and Scholarship.
- The scholarship release date is available under Step 5 at https://research.unsw.edu.au/how-apply-postgraduate-research-study-program