



# 2019 Research Annual Scholarship Round

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## KEY DATES

Saturday 1 September

- Annual Scholarship Round officially opened

Sunday 30 September

- Annual Scholarship Round officially closes (11:59PM AEST – Brisbane)

From Wednesday 7 November

- Release of scholarship outcome notifications

## KEY POINTS

### Current and continuing students

- must have submitted an **online scholarship application** by the closing date of 30 September
- online scholarship application forms available via HiQ from 1 September

### New and commencing applicants

- must have submitted a complete application for admission by the closing date of 30 September also identifying your interest in being considered for a scholarship

### All scholarship applicants

- must have submitted all supporting documents and met all other appropriate eligibility requirements by 30 September

## KEY POINTS CONT'D

### Eligibility requirements

- must meet QUT's admission eligibility requirements (new students)
- met QUT's English language requirements
- International students must have applied via an agent where required

### Stipend and course duration

- 2019 full-time stipend rate is \$27,596 pa. All scholarships are awarded based on this set annual rate
- Normal standard course and scholarship funding duration: up to 1.5 yrs MPhil; and 3 years for doctoral students, both with a possible 6 month extension

### How is your scholarship application being assessed:

- initial processing and assessment for admission eligibility is undertaken by the RSC
- a further assessment and other approvals are undertaken by each Faculty to determine eligibility for consideration of a scholarship
- each faculty review and rank scholarship applications using faculty specific scholarship criteria

## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### ➤ **Research Training Program (RTP) Stipend [Commonwealth Funded]**

- International and Domestic
- Internal and full time
- Doctoral and Master of Philosophy
- New commencing and current students
- International students - provision for an RTP Fees Offset and OSHC (Single) for new and commencing students only

### ➤ **QUT Research Postgraduate Award (QUTPRA) [QUT Funded]**

- International and Domestic
- Internal and full time
- Doctoral students only (not available for master students)
- New commencing and current students
- International students - provision for a HDR Tuition Fee sponsorship and OSHC (Single) for new and commencing students only



## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES CONT'D

- ▶ **Indigenous Postgraduate Research Award (IPRA) [QUT Funded]**
  - Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent
  - Internal and full time
  - Doctoral and Master of Philosophy
  - New commencing and current student
- ▶ **Women's Re-Entry Scholarship [QUT Funded]**
  - Domestic only
  - Internal and full time
  - Doctoral and Master of Philosophy
  - New commencing and current students
  - provide evidence of a significant interruption to an academic career or studies
- ▶ **QUT Master of Philosophy Capacity Building Awards [QUT Funded]**
  - International and Domestic
  - Internal and full time
  - Master of Philosophy students
  - New commencing students only
  - Expected 12 month completion
  - International students - provision for a HDR Tuition Fee sponsorship and OSHC (Single) for new and commencing students only

## PREDICTED HONOURS EQUIVALENCE

If you are predicted to meet one of the following criteria by 31 March 2019 for admission into your course, you may be considered in the scholarship round:

are a current Honours student completing your degree in Semester 2, 2018 and awaiting final results; or

are a current Research Master/MPhil student with your completion being awarded on or before 31 March 2019



# HOW TO APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP AS A CURRENT STUDENT

Currently enrolled students or those who will be enrolled at QUT by 30 September 2018 need to apply online via HiQ: <https://qutvirtual4.qut.edu.au/group/research-students/your-research-journey/scholarships>

The screenshot shows the QUT HiQ website interface. At the top, there is a search bar and a navigation menu with links for Home, Enrolment, Study, Student life, Campuses and transport, IT and printing, Health and wellbeing, and Jobs and careers. Below the navigation, a breadcrumb trail reads: Home > Research students > Research students > Your research journey > Scholarships. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column, titled 'Research students', contains a vertical menu with items: Your research journey, Enrolment and orientation, Research and office space, Scholarships (highlighted), Required tasks, Milestones, Your supervisors, Managing your candidature, Your thesis, Graduation, Doing your research, Personalise your learning journey, and Get help with your research. The right column, titled 'Scholarships', has a section 'On this page' with a list of links: Annual scholarship round, Prestige scholarships, External scholarship opportunities, Current scholarship recipients, Scholarship rules, Creative Industries Faculty, Faculty of Health, and Science and Engineering Faculty. Below this list, a red circle highlights a yellow banner that reads: 'You may be able to apply for scholarships to help you with living costs and tuition fees.' Below the banner is a yellow box with a warning icon and the text: 'Annual scholarship round - apply before 30 September. Apply now!' with a link icon.



## HOW TO APPLY IF YOU ARE NOT A CURRENT STUDENT

- Check the status of your application
- International Students contact Research Students Centre email: [research.enquiries@qut.edu.au](mailto:research.enquiries@qut.edu.au)
- Domestic students contact Research Students Centre email: [research.enquiries@qut.edu.au](mailto:research.enquiries@qut.edu.au)
- Refer to: [PhD and research degree applications and how to apply](#) to ensure your application is considered for a 2019 scholarship or
- If you have already applied for admission and hold an offer of admission, and want to defer your start date, you can still be considered in the 2019 ASR by registering your expression of interest

## CRITERION 1: MOST RECENT DEGREE GPA

- May be used as a demonstration of your academic ability and depending on individual faculty scholarship criteria
- QUT use a GPA conversion calculator (used internationally) to convert GPAs equivalence to QUT /7.
- Degrees must be less than 10 years old (determined by your final year of study, not the year of conferral/graduation).
- Postgrad coursework degrees must be Masters-level and consist of at least 8 units for the GPA to be considered for scholarship purposes (i.e. graduate certificates and diplomas will not be used).
- If a GPA does not exist, or there are less than 8 units, the GPA from your next most recent degree will be used.

## CRITERION 2: FACULTY RANKING

Your Faculty will review and rank your application in line with other eligible applicants. When determining your ranking, your faculty will use their own criteria which may include some of the following criteria:

- ▶ your academic record reflects outstanding performance; and/or
- ▶ research, clinical and/or professional experience reflects outstanding research skills; and/or
- ▶ research topic has strategic alignment with the research goals and activity of your faculty, or areas in which targeting of HDR students is a strategic goal

## SELECTION OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

### Step 1

- Once all applications have been ranked, QUT's Research Degrees Committee will meet in November to endorse final results

### Step 2

- Scholarships will be offered in order of ranking and released in early November

## IF YOU DISAGREE WITH THE OUTCOME OF YOUR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

- ▶ Whilst every care is taken by the RSC and Faculty to ensure that your scholarship application has been fully and accurately assessed, if you disagree with the outcome please email:

[research.scholarships@qut.edu.au](mailto:research.scholarships@qut.edu.au) in the first instance



## CONTACTS:

- ▶ **Email** ([research.scholarships@qut.edu.au](mailto:research.scholarships@qut.edu.au)) is the Research Students Centre's (RSC) preferred means of communication. This will allow us to take the time to consider your query and respond accurately and/or pass on your query directly to your Faculty for a response.
- ▶ **Current students:** check that your student email will not expire during the round
- ▶ **Commencing students:** please include a current email address on the application form
- ▶ Please feel free to visit the RSC in person. Our location is:  
**Level 4, 88 Musk Avenue, Kelvin Grove Campus**

## SCHOLARSHIP PAYMENTS:

- ▶ All scholarships are paid into the recipient's Australian bank account on a fortnightly basis
- ▶ The 2019 fortnightly rate for scholarships awarded in the annual scholarship round is \$1057.75 (tax free, full time rate) or \$528.87 (before tax, part time rate)
- ▶ Full-time scholarships are tax exempt;
- ▶ Part-time scholarships are taxable and only available in specific circumstances where caring or medical reasons prevent you from studying full time (must be supported by evidence)
- ▶ Scholarships must be declared in your annual tax return - for more information refer to the Australian Taxation Office (ATO)





## QUESTIONS

### Introduction to Faculty panel representatives:

- Faculty of Creative Industries: Cushla Bosanko
- Faculty of Education: Sarah Romig-Smith
- Faculty of Health: Wendy Laver/Emma Kirkland
- Faculty of Law: Mayuko Bock
- QUT Business Faculty: Dennis O'Connell/Jeremy Campbell
- Science & Engineering Faculty: David Kabelele