

Postgraduate Research Scholarships for Higher Degree by Research Courses 2025

Advice for Applicants

Introduction

The University of Western Australia (UWA) provides postgraduate research scholarships that support the training of domestic and international students to undertake a Higher Degree by Research (HDR) and to deliver graduates with the skills required to build careers in both academic and non-academic employment.

The allocation of scholarships is the outcome of a competitive selection process in which eligible applicants are ranked according to academic achievement and research potential, based on the evidence provided.

UWA usually holds two postgraduate research scholarship rounds per year:

- a) The International Round is typically open from July to August.
- b) The Domestic Round is typically open from September to October.
During the Domestic Round, international students who have studied at UWA during 2023-2024 are also entitled to apply.

Scholarship Rounds

International scholarship round for commencement in 2025

Open: 1 July 2024 (9:00am AWST)
Close: 30 August 2024 (5:00pm AWST)
Ranking: 1 September – 11 October 2024
Offers from: 18 October 2024
Commencement: 2 February - 31 March 2025

Domestic scholarship round (incl UWA international students) for commencement in 2025

Open: 1 September 2024 (9:00am AWST)
Close: 31 October 2024 (5:00pm AWST)
Ranking: 1 November – 6 December 2024
Offers from: 9 December 2024
Commencement: 2 February – 31 March 2025

Eligibility

To be considered for scholarship an applicant must:

- meet the HDR course admission requirements, including the UWA HDR English language competence requirements; and
- be eligible to enrol in a HDR course that contains a research component of at least 66%; and
- be available to take up an offered scholarship by the commencement date advertised for that round.

Selection criteria

Scholarships are awarded by the UWA HDR Scholarships Committee to eligible applicants after a competitive selection process on the basis of:

- academic achievement as evidenced by academic record;
- research potential as evidenced by relevant research experience, research output, other research-related achievements and publications; and
- Availability of appropriate supervisors, research facilities, equipment, funding and resources.

Priority may be given to applicants who intend to enrol in a HDR for the first time, and who have not:

- previously completed a Research Doctorate or equivalent;
- previously completed a Research Masters degree or equivalent, unless intending to undertake a Research Doctorate;
- previously held an Australian Postgraduate Award, Australian Postgraduate Award (Industry) or an Australian Government funded Postgraduate Research Award (excluding an IPRS and International RTP) previously, unless it was terminated within six months of commencement;
- previously been awarded, or in receipt of a stipend scholarship; a UWA International Fee Scholarship (UIFS); a Scholarship for International Research Fees (SIRF) or other scholarship designed to offset HDR fees.

Scholarships are awarded to applicants who intend to enrol as full-time students based on a campus of UWA, for most or all of their candidature and scholarship tenure. Approval may be given for a part-time award, where an applicant (domestic only) is able to demonstrate compelling social reasons, such as a medical condition or primary care commitments, which would prevent full-time study.

How to apply

Step 1: Determine whether you meet the eligibility and selection criteria.

- Check the admission requirement and course rules of your chosen course [via the Handbook](#).
- Check that you meet the English language requirement for your chosen course and/or host school via the [English language requirement](#) guidelines.

Step 2: Gather the necessary documentation.

- Passport bio page or Birth certificate
- Visa grant notification or Citizenship certificate (if applicable)
- Evidence of name change if degree transcripts or documents are under a different name
- Evidence of meeting English language requirement

- Thesis or dissertation - an English transcribed version must be included but this does not need to be official translated version
- Documents in a language other than English apart from the thesis/dissertation, must include an official certified translated version.

Step 3: Identify and secure academic supervisors.

The role of supervisors is to provide expert guidance to support and develop your research and monitor your progress at each stage. You will need to identify potential academic supervisors by reviewing their research profile. There needs to be a good alignment between their area of expertise and your research project.

- Search the [UWA Research Repository](#) to identify potential supervisors in your field of interest. The Repository will provide the contact details of staff.
- Use the [UWA People Finder](#) to locate the contact details of your identified potential academic supervisor/s if these are not included in the Repository.
- To seek supervision, contact potential supervisors directly with your CV, a brief outline of research and academic transcripts. Your nominated supervisor may request an interview.

For a variety of reasons, supervision may be unavailable and not all applicants will be successful in finding a supervisor.

In your application, you must provide evidence (e.g., email) that your nominated academic supervisor has agreed to supervise you.

Step 3: Apply

The application process involves two parts:

Part 1 Apply for a place in your selected course via the online [HDR application portal](#).
Note: current enrolled students and those applicants already holding a Letter of Offer will skip this part.

Part 2 Apply for a scholarship via the online [Scholarship application form](#).

Step 4: Results

Notification of the application outcome will be sent to the email address provided.

Successful scholarship applicants will receive one offer for both scholarship and admission to the HDR course.

Conditions of scholarship application:

- The scholarship round will open and close at the time advertised in Australian Western Standard Time.
- Academic documents included in the submitted application must be scanned to [UWA's specific requirements](#).
- Original transcripts and degree certificates may be requested at any time during the process to verify authenticity of submitted documents.
- A submitted scholarship application is final and cannot be returned to the applicant for editing. Requests to the University to add or delete documents in a scholarship application will not be considered.
- Late applications will not be accepted or considered unless there is a substantiated system error.
- Applications are applicable at UWA only and remain the property of UWA.

Contact and further information

Useful links:

- Research Scholarships - uwa.edu.au/study/research/research-scholarships
- HDR Application Portal - researchdegrees.uwa.edu.au
- HDR Scholarship Opportunities - researchdegrees.uwa.edu.au/scholarships
- English language requirement - uwa.edu.au/study/how-to-apply/english-language-requirements/postgrad-research-english-language-requirements
- UWA Handbook - handbooks.uwa.edu.au/hdr
- UWA Course Rules - handbooks.uwa.edu.au/rulesuwa
- UWA Student Policies - handbooks.uwa.edu.au/university-policies
- UWA Student Procedures - handbooks.uwa.edu.au/student-procedures

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