

Stipend and Allowance Scholarship Conditions for HDR Candidates



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UWA HDR Stipend and Allowance Scholarship Conditions

Introduction

UWA stipend and allowance scholarships are available to support both domestic and international students enrolled in higher degrees by research (HDR) at The University of Western Australia (the 'University'). The University offers a variety of stipend and allowance scholarships.

These scholarships are governed by the conditions set out below and are to be read in conjunction with the [Australian Government Research Training Program Scholarships Policy](#) and rules for courses administered by the Graduate Research School in the [UWA Handbook](#).

The roles and responsibilities of the Graduate Research School, Heads of School, Graduate Research Coordinators, Advisory Panels, Supervisors, and Students are outlined in the [Graduate Research Training Policy](#).

Students are required to read and act in accordance with all relevant University rules, regulations, policies, and procedures; and the rules governing the degree course in which they are enrolled.

Conditions

1. Eligibility

- 1.1 The University awards stipend and allowance scholarships following a selection process (see section 2).
- 1.2 To apply for and receive a stipend and/or allowance scholarship an applicant must:
 - i) meet the requirements for entry to the nominated course;
 - ii) be eligible to be enrolled as a full-time and internal student, unless the University approves otherwise;
 - iii) not be in receipt of income from another source to support their general living costs while undertaking their course of study if that income is greater than 75% of their stipend rate. Income unrelated to the course of study (e.g. employment after hours) or income related to the course of study not for the purpose of supporting general living costs is not taken into account (e.g. research support or travel allowance funds);
 - iv) meet all eligibility criteria listed in these Conditions; and
 - v) meet all additional criteria advertised on the University's relevant scholarship web pages.

2. Purpose, selection criteria and process

- 2.1 Stipend and allowance scholarships are administered by the Graduate Research School and awarded for educational purposes only.
- 2.2 Stipend and allowance scholarships are provided for eligible students to undertake a HDR course at UWA.
- 2.3 The number of funded stipend and allowance scholarships provided annually is determined by the Vice-Chancellor or delegate, in consultation with the Graduate Research School.
- 2.4 Stipend scholarships are awarded by the HDR Scholarships Committee to eligible applicants based on:
 - i) academic achievement as evidenced by academic record; and
 - ii) research potential as evidenced by academic referee reports, relevant research experience and publications.

- 2.5 In the competitive selection process, priority may be given to students who are enrolling in a HDR for the first time, and students who have not:
- i) previously completed a Research Doctorate or equivalent;
 - ii) previously completed a Research Masters or equivalent, unless intending to undertake a Research Doctorate;
 - iii) previously held an Australian Postgraduate Award, Australian Postgraduate Award (Industry) or an Australian Government-funded Postgraduate Research Award (excluding an IPRS) unless it was terminated within six months of the commencement; and
 - iv) previously been awarded, or currently in receipt of either a stipend scholarship; or an Australian Government International RTP Fees Offset Scholarship; or a Scholarship for International Research Fees (SIRF); or other scholarship designed to offset tuition fees for a HDR course.
- 2.6 All deliberations and decisions relating to the allocation, selection and award of scholarships are confidential and will not be disclosed to applicants.

3. Benefits

- 3.1 The value of scholarship/s and the method and timing of payments will be detailed in the student's offer letter.
- 3.2 Stipend scholarships:
- i) are distributed by fortnightly payments directly into the recipient's nominated Australian bank account;
 - ii) may be subject to annual indexation by the Australian Government or the University;
 - iii) may be tax exempt in Australia if the recipient is enrolled full-time and when the funds are transferred to an Australian bank account. Recipients are encouraged to obtain independent taxation advice;
 - iv) do not cover the cost of the compulsory Student Services and Amenities Fee, costs associated with tuition fees, overseas fieldwork, bridging English language courses or travel expenses associated with the relocation of the student to take up the award, except as set out in clause 6.

4. Part-time stipend scholarships

- 4.1 A part-time stipend may be approved where the recipient can demonstrate:
- i) significant, documented carer responsibilities; or
 - ii) a medical condition or disability which limits the capacity to undertake full-time study (supported by medical certification).
- 4.2 A student approved to receive a part-time scholarship:
- i) must enrol on a part-time basis;
 - ii) will receive 50% of the equivalent full-time stipend;
 - iii) is not exempt from income tax.
- 4.3 A student is not granted permission to hold a stipend scholarship on a part-time basis because they wish to undertake paid employment on a full-time or substantial part-time basis.
- 4.4 A student who holds a stipend scholarship on a part-time basis is subject to the same employment restrictions as a full-time scholarship holder (see clause 21).
- 4.5 A student holding a part-time stipend scholarship must be enrolled at the University as a part-time student.
- 4.6 A recipient of a part-time stipend scholarship may convert to full-time at the beginning of any teaching period or may be required by the University to convert to full-time if carer responsibilities or health issues no longer apply.

- 4.7 Where a recipient of a stipend scholarship has been approved to change their enrolment between full-time and part-time their stipend scholarship entitlements are pro-rated accordingly.

5. Tenure

- 5.1 The tenure of the stipend scholarship/s or allowance will be detailed in the offer letter.
- 5.2 Unless otherwise specified in the offer letter or conditions set out below, the maximum term of a stipend scholarship is:
- i) Research doctorate course – up to 3.5 years full-time equivalent enrolment;
 - ii) Masters by research course – up to 2 years full-time equivalent enrolment.
- 5.3 Unless otherwise specified in the offer letter or conditions set out below, the maximum term of an allowance is equivalent to the term of candidature.
- 5.4 Extension to the tenure of a stipend scholarship outlined in 5.2 above is not permitted, except in circumstances where the funding body has explicitly approved an extension. A stipend scholarship funded by the RTP, UPA, bequests or other centrally funded stipend scholarships cannot be extended unless approved by the Board.
- 5.5 A stipend scholarship or allowance cannot commence before official enrolment in the course and cannot continue after submission of the thesis for examination.
- 5.6 The tenure of a stipend scholarship or allowance will be reduced by periods of study undertaken towards the enrolled course, prior to the start of the scholarship.
- 5.7 An extension of up to six months (full time equivalent) to a stipend scholarship may be available to candidates who have enrolled in specific strategic programs, as advertised from time to time on the University web site. Full details will be provided in the offer letter and the total tenure of any stipend scholarship or allowance will not exceed 4 years.
- 5.8 An extension of up to three months (full time equivalent) to a stipend scholarship may be available to candidates who register intent to undertake a research internship within the first 18 months of candidature and complete a 60 day placement with an eligible host organisation. The total tenure of a stipend scholarship or allowance will not exceed 4 years.

6. Allowances

- 6.1 Allowances awarded to a scholarship recipient that are intended to cover expenses such as: establishment, relocation, research, operating, field, conference, publishing, travel costs, etc, will be detailed in the offer letter.
- 6.2 An allowance must be used during the term of candidature. Access to utilise an allowance cease when candidature for the course has ceased and the student is no longer enrolled, i.e.. upon thesis submission, withdrawal or termination from candidature.

The following clause/s are relevant only to RTP Stipend, UPA, Hackett, Gledden, Indigenous, Rogerson, Green, Gibbon and Schrader scholarship holders.

- 6.3 An Establishment Allowance is available to specific scholarship recipients to assist with expenses when relocating from a remote intrastate location or other Australian state or territory to Perth to undertake their HDR course.
- i) Proof of the student's original address and new address in Perth must be provided;
 - ii) Entitlement to this allowance expires one year after the start date of the primary scholarship and/or enrolment date;
 - iii) This allowance is awarded to the student only and does not include any provision for dependents;
 - iv) There is no provision for this allowance to be used for a student to return to the place of origin;
 - v) There is no provision for this allowance to be used for a student relocating from overseas locations to Perth to undertake their HDR course.

7. Acceptance, deferral and commencement

- 7.1 Scholarship recipients must accept the offer by the date specified in the offer letter.
- 7.2 Acceptance of the offer must be accompanied with the declaration that the scholarship recipient agrees to abide by the Conditions contained in this document.
- 7.3 Scholarship recipients must start the HDR course on the date specified in the offer letter unless:
 - i) there are exceptional circumstances preventing commencement on that date;
 - ii) approval to defer the start date is agreed by the Coordinating Supervisor.
- 7.4 If a scholarship recipient does not start the HDR course by the date specified in the offer letter or approved deferred start date, the scholarship/s may be withdrawn and reallocated to another applicant.
- 7.5 Applications to transfer the scholarship and enrolment to another school within UWA must be approved by the GRS via the appropriate candidature management process.

8. Residence

- 8.1 Scholarship recipients are expected to enrol on campus as an internal student and live close to the University to enable frequent contact with supervisors, and efficient use of all available University facilities.
- 8.2 Applicants who seek external enrolment and are not based within Western Australia are not normally eligible to be considered for a stipend scholarship.

9. Criteria for the continuation of scholarship

- 9.1 The continuation of a stipend scholarship is subject to the recipient:
 - i) continuing to meet the eligibility criteria;
 - ii) maintaining continuous enrolment, except when a suspension has been approved;
 - iii) submitting required milestones by the due date; and
 - iv) making satisfactory progress according to the rules of the enrolled HDR course.
- 9.2 The university may suspend a scholarship if a candidate is in breach of any of the above requirements.

10. Concurrent scholarship

- 10.1 Subject to clause 1.2(iii), a stipend scholarship may be held concurrently with another external funded or UWA funded scholarship provided the conditions of the concurrent scholarship so permit.
- 10.2 The maximum value of a concurrent stipend scholarship cannot be more than 75% of the primary stipend scholarship value.

11. Provisions for students undertaking work outside their research topic

- 11.1 A student in receipt of a stipend scholarship may undertake a research fellowship, industry placement, research internship, professional practice activity or other similar enrichment activity undertaken as part of their HDR course, by approval of the Board in conjunction with the supervisory panel and enrolling school.
- 11.2 If payment of a stipend scholarship is suspended, but the student has been approved to remain enrolled in the HDR course for the duration of a research fellowship, internship or other reason, the GRS may, at its discretion, allow the period of suspension to not be deducted from the scholarship tenure.

12. Conversion between Master by Research and Research Doctorate courses

- 12.1 If a stipend scholarship recipient is approved to convert from a Master by Research to a Research Doctorate, the maximum duration of the stipend scholarship becomes that for the new course, less any period of study already undertaken towards the initial HDR course.
- 12.2 If a stipend scholarship recipient is approved to convert from a Research Doctorate to a Master by Research, the maximum duration of the stipend scholarship becomes that for the new course, less any period of study already undertaken towards the initial HDR course.
- i) If a student has received or exceeded the period of support typically provided for a Master by Research course, the stipend scholarship is discontinued, and there is no requirement for the student to repay any excess.

13. Change to Field of Research / research topic

- 13.1 A stipend scholarship recipient who wishes to change their Field of Research (FOR) must formally seek approval to do so from the GRS and the external funding organisation (if applicable).
- 13.2 Approval to change the Field of Research depends on the availability of a suitable supervisory team and appropriate resourcing.
- 13.3 Approval to change the Field of Research does not alter or extend a student's entitlement to tuition fees offset scholarship support (if applicable).

14. Change to enrolment status

- 14.1 Failure to give adequate notice of a change to enrolment status that would affect scholarship eligibility (e.g. suspension, withdrawal, part-time) may result in a scholarship overpayment to the scholarship recipient.
- 14.2 Scholarship recipients are required to repay all scholarship overpayments to the University on request, regardless of the reason for the overpayment.

15. Suspension of stipend scholarship

- 15.1 A suspension of stipend scholarship/s for a period up to 12 months is permitted.
- 15.2 Periods of suspension are typically approved only for full teaching periods. That is, a scholarship recipient may not commence or end a period of suspension part-way through a teaching period other than in exceptional circumstances outside the student's control. Exceptional circumstances do not include employment commitments.
- 15.3 The suspension of a stipend scholarship only, whilst remaining enrolled in candidature, may be permitted for Board approved sponsored project and activities such as industry placement, research internship, or prestigious university exchange programs.
- 15.4 A scholarship recipient who suspends a stipend scholarship is normally required to also suspend candidature for the commensurate period. If the scholarship holder remains enrolled, the tenure of the scholarship will be reduced by the period of study undertaken during suspension of the scholarship unless approved by the GRS.
- 15.5 During a period of suspension, a stipend scholarship holder is:
- i) not enrolled in load-bearing units;
 - ii) does not consume any stipend scholarship or tuition fee offset scholarship tenure;
 - iii) is not covered by the University's insurance for that period of suspension, even if undertaking an activity that may be related to course of study.
- 15.6 In addition to the provision for suspension outlined above, a scholarship recipient may apply for unpaid parental leave as described in the rules of the course in which they are enrolled. These periods of leave are managed administratively as suspensions of candidature and scholarship/s.

- 15.7 A period of suspension must be applied for in advance, except in unavoidable circumstances. Any retrospective suspension application must be submitted within 2 weeks of the date of return to study and appropriate documentation (for example, a medical certificate) must be provided.
- 15.8 Failure of the scholarship recipient to resume study or to make arrangements to extend a period of suspension within the approved suspension time will result in the scholarship being terminated.
- 15.9 Scholarship recipients are obliged to request the resumption of the stipend payments upon the resumption of study after a period of suspension. There is no obligation for the University to backdate scholarship payments to a scholarship recipient who fails to notify the University of the return to study and the need to reactive the stipend payments.

16. Annual recreation leave

- 16.1 Annual recreation leave:
- i) is an entitlement available to all stipend scholarship holders;
 - ii) is available for up to 20 working days each year (calculated pro-rata for part-time enrolment);
 - iii) will not be approved within the first six months of the commencement of the scholarship or prior to submission of the research proposal;
 - iv) will only be approved when all project milestones have been met, or will be met by the start date of leave;
 - v) when taken within Australia must be approved by the Coordinating Supervisor;
 - vi) when taken outside Australia must be approved by the Coordinating Supervisor, GRC and GRS;
 - vii) may be accumulated from year to year subject to the project's completion plan and approval of the Coordinating Supervisor;
 - viii) must be taken during the tenure of the scholarship;
 - ix) will not extend the stipend scholarship tenure.

17. Paid professional development leave

The following clause/s are relevant only to RTP Stipend, UPA, Hackett, Gledden, Indigenous, Rogerson, Forrest, Green, Gibbon and Schrader scholarship holders.

- 17.1 Paid professional development leave can be described as employment offered to research students that is relevant to the research project, to be:
- i) a lab demonstrator, tutor, research assistant on field trips;
 - ii) an assistant to the organisation of a conference or other approved academic activity.
- 17.2 The Board may grant approval to a stipend scholarship holder for up to 20 working days annually of paid professional development leave.
- 17.3 No more than 20 working days paid professional development leave may be taken in any period of 12 months and leave must be taken in a block. Unused paid professional development leave may not be accumulated.
- 17.4 Paid professional development leave is not in addition to the normal tenure of the scholarship.
- 17.5 The scholarship holder will remain enrolled at the University during paid professional development leave.
- 17.6 Approval to undertake periods of paid professional development leave must be obtained from the supervisors, graduate research coordinator and the Graduate Research School before leave is taken.

- 17.7 Applications for paid professional development leave will not normally be approved within the first six months of commencement of the scholarship or prior to the submission of the Research Proposal.
- 17.8 Approval of paid professional development leave is conditional on scholarship holders having submitted the Research Proposal, and any milestone reports which are due at the time of the proposed leave.

18. Sick leave

- 18.1 Scholarship holders are provided with up to 10 working days of paid sick leave each year of their scholarship.
- 18.2 Paid sick leave referred to in clause 18.1 is not in addition to the normal duration of the stipend.

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- 18.3 Scholarship holders may also receive up to a total of 60 working days (12 weeks) paid sick leave which is additional to the normal duration of the stipend.
- 18.4 Paid sick leave referred to in clause 18.3 is for medically substantiated periods of illness of the scholarship holder lasting longer than 2 weeks.
- 18.5 Periods of sick leave longer than 12 weeks must be accessed through the suspension provisions set out in clause 15.

19. Parental and Partner leave

The following clause/s are relevant only to RTP Stipend, UPA, Hackett, Gledden, Indigenous, Rogerson, Forrest, Green, Gibbon and Schrader scholarship holders.

- 19.1 Subject to this clause 19, a scholarship holder who has:
- completed 12 months of their scholarship;
 - given birth or whose partner has given birth; and
 - provided evidence to UWA's satisfaction that they are the primary carer of the child for that period;
- is eligible for up to 60 working days paid leave during the tenure of their scholarship, to be taken within the first 12 months of the child's birth (**primary carer leave**).
- 19.2 Subject to this clause 19, a scholarship holder who has completed 12 months of their scholarships and becomes the legal parent and primary carer of an adopted child who:
- is less than five years of age;
 - is not the step-child of the scholarship holder; and
 - has previously not lived continuously with the scholarship holder for six months or more,
- is eligible for up to 60 working days paid leave during the tenure of their scholarship, to be taken in the first 12 months of the child's adoption placements, subject to providing evidence to UWA's satisfaction that they are the primary carer of the child for that period (**adoption leave**).
- 19.3 Primary carer means the scholarship holder will assume the principal role for the care and attention of the child.
- 19.4 A scholarship holder who has completed 12 months of their scholarship and who is the partner of the primary carer can apply for 10 working days paid leave within the first three months of the child's birth or adoption meeting the criteria in clause 15.6 (partner leave). A scholarship holder who accesses partner leave is eligible for up to 50 working days primary carer leave or adoption leave if they also later become the primary carer during the period of the RTP stipend. Partner leave cannot be accessed for the same period as primary carer leave or adoption leave.

- 19.5 A scholarship holder is not entitled to receive paid primary carer leave or adoption leave concurrently with any paid primary carer leave or adoption leave entitlements received by their partner, but the scholarship holder remains entitled to receive partner leave concurrently.
- 19.6 The period of a scholarship holder's paid primary carer leave, adoption leave and partner leave is in addition to the normal duration of their stipend scholarship.
- 19.7 For the avoidance of doubt, while paid primary carer leave, adoption leave and partner leave cannot be taken in the first year of a stipend scholarship, unpaid parental leave may be accessed during that period pursuant to the suspension provisions set out in clause 15.

20. Paid overseas research leave

- 20.1 The Graduate Research School may grant approval for paid overseas research leave for scholarship holders to:
- i) attend conferences; and/or
 - ii) undertake fieldwork and conduct research towards their HDR.
- 20.2 Applications for paid overseas leave for recreation or research will not normally be approved within the first six months of commencement of the scholarship or prior to the submission of the Research Proposal.
- 20.3 Approval of paid overseas leave is conditional on scholarship holders having submitted the Research Proposal, and having submitted any milestone reports, which are due at the time of the proposed leave.
- 20.4 Approval to undertake fieldwork or conduct research outside Australia is only granted where it can be demonstrated that it is essential for the completion of the course.
- 20.5 The Graduate Research School approves paid overseas leave to undertake fieldwork or conduct research only where the student has confirmed in writing that the proposed destination has not been listed as an area to which the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade has advised against all travel and there is adequate supervision at the overseas institution.
- 20.6 The scholarship holder must maintain contact with their supervisor and remain enrolled at the University.
- 20.7 Students should note that in the event of war or civil disturbance breaking out in a country to which a student has travelled for the purpose of research, the University's travel insurance policies may cease to apply.
- 20.8 Travel overseas without approved leave may result in the stipend being suspended or terminated.

21. Employment

- 21.1 A Scholarship holder is not required to undertake employment during the tenure of the scholarship.
- 21.2 A scholarship holder may undertake no more than eight hours additional paid work between the hours of 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday in any week.
- 21.3 Approval to undertake paid work between the hours of 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday is contingent on the student continuing to make satisfactory progress toward submission of their thesis within the agreed period.
- 21.4 The Head of School or Graduate Research Coordinator is responsible for ensuring that part-time employment is not undertaken to the detriment of the student's studies.

22. Termination

- 22.1 The University may terminate a stipend scholarship:

- i) if the student fails to meet the criteria for eligibility and continuation as set out these conditions;
- ii) on submission of the thesis or the death, incapacity or cessation of enrolment of the student or at the designated end of the scholarship, whichever is earlier;
- iii) if in the view of the Board, the student has committed serious misconduct including, but not limited to, the provision of incomplete, false or misleading information;
- iv) if in the judgement of the Board, the student is not carrying out the course of study with competence or in accordance with the offer of the scholarship; and no suitable alternative arrangements can be made for continuation;
- v) if the student has committed a serious breach of the Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research or relevant University policies governing academic or research conduct;
- vi) when the student ceases to be enrolled as a full-time internal student unless approval to hold the stipend scholarship on a part-time basis has been approved; or
- vii) if the scholarship holder does not resume study at the conclusion of a period of suspension or plan for an extension to the period of suspension.

22.2 If an award is terminated, it cannot be reactivated unless it is determined that the termination occurred in error.

23. Acknowledgement

23.1 A stipend scholarship recipient is obliged to acknowledge the support received during their candidature in their thesis.

23.2 Acknowledgement of support must also be included at any time during candidature and after completion, when the scholarship recipient, or any other party, publishes or produces materials such as books, articles, newsletters or other literary or artistic works which relate to the research project carried out by the scholarship holder.

23.3 The publication should acknowledge that the research was carried out while the author was in receipt of an/a "[insert stipend scholarship name] at The University of Western Australia".

24. Provision of false or misleading information

24.1 If the University is made aware that an applicant or a student has provided false or misleading information in relation to their scholarship, the University may immediately reassess the student's scholarship entitlements and/or terminate the scholarship.

25. Complaints and appeals

25.1 The University provides a complaint resolution process outlined in the [University Policy on Public Complaints](#). Where possible, the complainant should attempt to resolve any concerns regarding the application outcome directly with the Graduate Research School (email: scholarship-grs@uwa.edu.au). If dissatisfied with the decision, they can make a complaint to the University's [Integrity and Standards Unit](#). If the complainant remains unsatisfied with the outcome of the complaint, they may refer their complaint to the [Ombudsman Western Australia](#).

26. Changes to conditions

26.1 The conditions of this scholarship are determined by the Australian Government and the University and are subject to change from time to time.

26.2 Changes will be made available on the relevant scholarship website/s and will be communicated to awardees.

27. Advice

27.1 The University recommends that scholarship recipients seek their own independent taxation and legal advice regarding stipend scholarship/s, intellectual property, and other contractual arrangements expected by the University or external funding parties.

28. Definitions

For the purpose of these conditions—

- **Approved** means approved by the Board responsible for management of the course in which the student is enrolled.
- **Board** or **BGRS** is the Board of the Graduate Research School, and may include officers, committees, or other bodies to whom stated powers have been delegated.
- **Candidate** means a person enrolled for a higher degree by research.
- **Domestic** is an Australian citizen, permanent resident, or a New Zealand citizen who is enrolled or seeking to be enrolled in an HDR course.
- **External enrolment** is an enrolment status applying to HDR students who have been formally approved to be based at a location other than at a designated UWA campus for a period of their candidature.
- **Forrest** is the Forrest Research Foundation Scholarship.
- **Full-time student** is a student expected to work on their research at least 30 hours per week and normally be on campus and available for supervision and contact between the hours of 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.
- **Gibbon** is the Richard Walter Gibbon Medical Research Scholarship and is a type of stipend scholarship.
- **Gledden** is the Robert and Maude Gledden Postgraduate Scholarship and is a type of stipend scholarship.
- **Graduate research coordinators** are designated academics approved to act on behalf of the head of school on matters pertaining to HDR.
- **Green** is the Bruce and Betty Green Postgraduate Research Scholarship and is a type of stipend scholarship.
- **GRS** is the Graduate Research School.
- **Hackett** is the Hackett Postgraduate Research Scholarship and is a type of stipend scholarship.
- **HDR course** is an accredited Higher Degree by Research course leading to a Research Doctorate or Research Masters
- **HDR** is a Higher Degree by Research course for which at least two-thirds of the student load is required to be research work, as defined in the Commonwealth Scholarships Guidelines (Research) 2017.
- **Head of school** means a person appointed or acting in that capacity of a school.
- **Part time student** is a student expected to work on their research at least 15 hours per week but may be more in cases where a student who is enrolled in their research unit/s part time also enrolls in a coursework unit.
- **PhD** is a Doctor of Philosophy degree.
- **Remote intrastate** locations are designated areas isolated from main concentrations of population and services within the State of Western Australia.
- **Research Doctorate** is an Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) Level 10 Doctoral Degree (Research) qualification as described by the Tertiary Education Quality Standards Agency (TEQSA).
- **Research Masters** is an AQF Level 9 Masters Degree (Research) qualification as described by TEQSA.
- **Rogerson** is the Jean Rogerson Postgraduate Research Scholarship and is a type of stipend scholarship.
- **RTP** is the **Research Training Program**, a dedicated pool of funding provided by the Australian Government under the Higher Education Support Act 2003 to support domestic and international students undertaking Research Doctorate and Research Master degrees.
- **RTP scholarships** are postgraduate research scholarships, that may include payment of tuition fees; stipend for general living costs; and allowances for ancillary costs.
- **Schrader** is the William and Marlene Scholarship and is a type of stipend scholarship.
- **Stipend scholarship** is a fixed regular sum paid as a salary with defined start and end dates.
- **Suspension** is a period of candidature time when a HDR student has been approved to temporarily cease: (1) enrolment in their course of study; and (2) receipt of any scholarship.
- **The University** or **UWA** is The University of Western Australia.
- **UPA** is the University Postgraduate Award and is a type of stipend scholarship.
- **Working days** are Monday through to and including Friday.

