

# Scholarship Ranking Information for Students



SWINBURNE UNIVERSITY  
OF TECHNOLOGY

## Selection Principles

The scholarship selection process is designed to:

- utilise a broad definition of 'merit', taking into account the academic cultures of different disciplines; and
- be consistent with procedures already in place for student selection.

## Eligibility to Apply for a Research Doctorate Scholarship

<p>New Applicants (potential students)</p>	<p>All applicants seeking a research scholarship must meet the doctoral candidature entry requirements, including any conditions and the provision of all required documentation (see next page).</p> <p>Applicants who have been nominated by their faculty for a scholarship previously are not eligible to reapply, with the exception of those applicants who were nominated in ONE round previous to the current round. Applicants who apply for the first time in a round will also be eligible to apply in ONE other round . This means that in total, applicants may only apply in two scholarship rounds.</p> <p>Applicants seeking a Chancellor's Research Scholarship (CRS), Vice Chancellor's International Scholarship (VCIS), International Postgraduate Research Scholarship (IPRS) or Australian Postgraduate Award (APA) must show evidence of an H1 Honours result, or equivalent.</p> <p>Applicants seeking a SUPRA must show evidence of an H1 or H2A Honours result, or equivalent.</p> <p>For information regarding Honours equivalence see page 6 or refer to the Application for Candidature and Scholarship form, available online at <a href="http://www.research.swinburne.edu.au/research-students/forms/">http://www.research.swinburne.edu.au/research-students/forms/</a></p>
<p>Current Students</p>	<p>Current students must be enrolled in a PhD program, and must have been enrolled in an HDR program for less than two years as at the closing date of the round in which the student is applying.</p> <p>Applicants who have been nominated by their faculty for a scholarship previously are not eligible to reapply, with the exception of those applicants who were nominated in ONE round previous to the current round. Applicants who apply for the first time in a round will also be eligible to apply in ONE other round. This means that in total, applicants may only apply in two scholarship rounds.</p> <p>Applicants seeking a Chancellor's Research Scholarship (CRS), Vice Chancellor's International Scholarship (VCIS), International Postgraduate Research Scholarship (IPRS) or Australian Postgraduate Award (APA) must show evidence of an H1 Honours result, or equivalent.</p> <p>Applicants seeking a SUPRA must show evidence of an H1 or H2A Honours result, or equivalent.</p> <p>For information regarding Honours equivalence see page 6 or refer to the Application for Candidature and Scholarship form, available online at <a href="http://www.research.swinburne.edu.au/research-students/forms/">http://www.research.swinburne.edu.au/research-students/forms/</a></p>

## Eligibility for Entry to Candidature

Degree	Eligibility
All research degrees	<p>International applicants must meet at least one of the following English language requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a minimum IELTS overall band of 6.5 (Academic Module) with no individual band below 6.0; or</li> <li>• a TOEFL equivalent (for equivalence refer to the Swinburne International website) ; or</li> <li>• satisfactory completion of the Swinburne College English for Academic Purposes (EAP) Advanced level certificate at the postgraduate level (EAP 5: PG-70%); or</li> <li>• have successfully completed a total of 24 months (full time equivalent) of formal study where the language of instruction and assessment was English at AQF level 7 or above (or equivalent) at an approved university.</li> </ul> <p>All international applicants who present with an IELTS or TOEFL qualification as outlined above must have completed the qualifying test no greater than 24 months prior to submitting their application for scholarship and candidature.</p> <p>All international applicants who present with previous studies in English as outlined above must have completed the studies no greater than 60 months prior to submitting their application for scholarship and candidature.</p> <p><b>Note:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ International onshore students <u>must</u> be enrolled on a full-time basis.</li> <li>▪ In order to be eligible for consideration in any scholarship round, international students must have met the English language requirement by the application closing date for that particular round.</li> <li>▪ Normally, all scholarship recipients must be enrolled on a full-time basis. There are limited circumstances in which part time enrolment may be considered. Applicants should refer to the relevant scholarship guidelines booklet for further information.</li> <li>▪ No concurrent enrolments are allowed.</li> </ul>
PhD	<p>Applicants must have completed at least four years (or equivalent) of tertiary education studies at a high level of achievement. For example, either:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) a four year degree; or</li> <li>b) a three year degree and a Masters by Research; or</li> <li>c) a three year degree and an Honours year; or</li> <li>d) a three year degree and a Masters by Coursework that includes a research component with a duration of at least one semester full time (or part time equivalent); or</li> <li>e) a three year degree and a postgraduate diploma in Psychology.</li> </ol>
Professional doctorates	<p>Refer to specific program for details.</p> <p>See Research Higher Degrees Policy; item 2.3 “Professional Doctorates Minimum Entry Requirements”.</p>

## **Key Considerations**

### **Candidature**

All scholarship offers are made **CONDITIONAL** upon the student obtaining candidature and this is clearly stated in the scholarship offer letter.

Swinburne Research will consider all applications for candidature through the Higher Degrees Research Executive Committee however, this process may not be completed before the scholarship offers are made. Thus scholarship offers are often made before students have been approved for candidature. Swinburne Research anticipates that successful applicants should receive their candidature offer letter within four weeks of receiving their scholarship offer, unless there are extenuating circumstances. Where the delay is to be longer than four weeks, applicants will be notified about the reason for the delay.

### **Conditional Offers**

If a scholarship is offered on the basis of anticipated marks/results that do not eventuate, the offer will be withdrawn.

Scholarship letters of offer will explicitly state conditions where applicable.

### **Conditions of Award**

The conditions of award for all scholarships offered by Swinburne University are available on the Swinburne Research website at <http://www.research.swinburne.edu.au/research-students/scholarships/>

### **Cut off Score**

All applicants are required to obtain a minimum R1 and R2 rank of 65.0. See section on R1 and R2 below.

### **English Language Requirements**

**No conditional offers will be made to international applicants who have not met the English language requirements detailed on the previous page.** Documentary evidence must be provided by 5pm on the application closing date.

### **Ineligibility**

Applicants are deemed to be ineligible for a scholarship if:

- they have already completed a degree at the same level, or at a higher level, as the proposed candidature;
- as a result of prior candidature, they would be entitled to a maximum candidature of less than 12 months;
- they fail to meet the requirements for the conditions of candidature;
- they are in receipt of another equivalent award, scholarship, stipend or salary, or they are under obligation to an existing sponsor;
- they fail to provide all of the required documentation in the form requested; (i.e. they have submitted an incomplete application); or
- they have previously held a postgraduate research scholarship (some exceptions may apply, contact Swinburne Research for more information).

### **Start Date**

Students offered a scholarship in any round are provided with a date by which they must enrol and commence their scholarship. The date is typically between two and four months from the date of the scholarship offer. If a student is unable to commence their scholarship by this date, the scholarship offer will be withdrawn.

Exceptions will only be made in limited circumstances and will require the approval of the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research & Development).

## Scholarship Ranking

There are two different algorithms used to rank scholarship applications: R1 and R2.

The R1 algorithm favours students with a track record of research performance and postgraduate study. Credit is given for publications and the attainment of a Masters by Research.

The R1 algorithm weighs:

- The year 3 score;
- The year 4 score;
- Masters by Research (if applicable); and
- Publications.

The R2 algorithm favours students progressing directly from undergraduate study, emphasising traditional measures of performance such as academic results in undergraduate studies and the quality of the institution the applicant has previously attended.

The R2 algorithm weighs:

- The year 3 score;
- The year 4 score; and
- Previous attendance at an ARWU top 500 university.

Note: an ARWU top 500 university is one that is listed in the ARWU index.

## Calculating the Year 3 and Year 4 Score

The third year of an undergraduate degree and a fourth year of study are normally used to calculate an applicant's rank.

Each row of the following table represents a valid combination of Years 3 and 4:

Year 3 calculation	Year 4 calculation
Third year of a 3 year degree	Honours degree
Third year of a 3 year degree	Masters degree (either coursework or research)
Third year of a 4 year degree	Fourth year of a 4 year degree
Third year of a 4 year degree	Honours degree
Third year of a 4 year degree	Masters degree (either coursework or research)
Fourth year of a 5 year degree	Fifth year of a 5 year degree
Fourth year of a 5 year degree	Masters degree (either coursework or research)
Penultimate year of double degree	Last year of double degree
Penultimate year of component of double degree in field of proposed study	Last year of component of double degree in field of proposed study

It is not uncommon for students to have completed more than one program eligible for use as the year 4 score (i.e. an Honours program and a Masters by Coursework). The rule applied is that whichever program will give the applicant the highest score should be used to calculate the rank. Please note, however, that the academic transcripts for all previous studies must be provided.

## Predicted Results

Scholarship offers to applicant's which are made on the basis of predicted results will be strictly conditional offers only and students must provide their final results prior to enrolment.

## Honours Equivalence

Applicants wishing to be considered for a Chancellor's Research Scholarship, Vice Chancellor's Research Scholarship, International Postgraduate Research Scholarship (IPRS) or Australian Postgraduate Award (APA) must show evidence of an H1 Honours result, or equivalent.

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## Maximum Possible Scores

<b>Undergraduate/ Honours Degree</b>		
Year 3	(up to 35 points)	
Year 4 (or equivalent)	(up to 55 points)	90 points
<b>Masters by Research</b>		
		5 points
<b>Publications</b>		
		5 points
<b>Honours 1 (H1) (or equivalent demonstrated)</b>		
		Yes or No

## Publications

Publications are expressed as HERDC points for books, book chapters, refereed journal articles and refereed conference papers. All publications included for purposes of scholarship ranking must satisfy the HERDC. For more information see

<http://www.research.swinburne.edu.au/researchers/researchactive/publications/>

A proportionate score is given for each publication. For example, for a publication where there are 3 authors, a score of 0.33 is entered.

## General Timeline of Scholarship Rounds

### Closing Date

- Deadline for submission of applications to the University
- Deadline for evidence of English language proficiency to be provided.
- Referee reports should be sent directly to the Faculty Liaison Officer as per contact details on the Referee form. The reports will be added to applications for consideration. Any referee reports sent to Swinburne Research will be forwarded to the Faculty Liaison Officer.

- Faculties can decide to eliminate an application from consideration if it is felt that the candidate's application does not merit faculty support.

**Approximately 2 weeks following the closing date**

- After ranking is completed by Swinburne Research, the faculty selects applications to be considered in the round.

**Approximately 6 – 8 weeks following the closing date**

- Swinburne Research will commence distribution of offer letters to successful applicants.
- A small number of second-round offers may be made up to four months after the application closing date.
- Rejection letters will be sent to unsuccessful students by the Swinburne Research within four months of the application deadline.