

# Research Scholarships For Doctoral Candidates

## Entitlements Easy Guide 2025

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Scholarship	Research Training Program Stipend (RTP Stipend) Scholarship	Swinburne University Postgraduate Research Award (SUPRA)	Research Training Program Fees Offset (domestic)	Research Training Program Fees Offset (international)	Tuition Fee Scholarship (TFS)
Who is eligible?	Available for PhD programs only. International or Local applicants.	Available for PhD programs only. International or Local applicants.	Available to PhD candidates and Masters by Research candidates. Local applicants only.	Available for PhD programs only. All international applicants except New Zealand citizens.	Available to PhD candidates and Masters by Research candidates. International applicants only.
Does it pay a stipend?	Yes AU\$34,700 (tax free) per year for three years full time (2025 rate). This may be extended for a further six months in some cases.	Yes AU\$34,700 (tax free) per year for three years full time (2025 rate). This may be extended for a further six months in some cases.	No	No, this scholarship is awarded together with a stipend scholarship.	No
Are tuition fees covered?	Yes The scholarship provides a fee waiver for four years (full time) for doctoral candidates. If you have not completed in four years you will be required to pay tuition fees.	Yes The scholarship provides a fee waiver for four years (full time) for doctoral candidates. If you have not completed in four years you will be required to pay tuition fees.	Yes The scholarship provides a fee waiver for four years (full time) for doctoral candidates and two years (full time) for Masters candidates. If you have not completed by the end of the scholarship, you will be required to pay tuition fees.	Yes The scholarship provides a fee waiver for three years (full time) for doctoral candidates. If you have not completed by the end of the scholarship you will be required to pay tuition fees.	Yes The scholarship provides a fee waiver for four years (full time) for doctoral candidates and two years (full time) for Masters candidates. If you have not completed by the end of the scholarship, you will be required to pay tuition fees.
Can I study part-time?	Only under exceptional circumstances. See the Swinburne Research Stipend Scholarship Conditions of Award on the website for more details	Only under exceptional circumstances. See the Swinburne Research Stipend Scholarship Conditions of Award on the website for more details	Yes	Only under exceptional circumstances. See the RTPFO (International) Conditions of Award on the website for more details	International students must be enrolled on a full-time basis.
Does it cover overseas student health cover costs?	No	No	No	Yes, for the candidate and dependents. Costs are paid upfront by the candidate and reimbursed on arrival.	No
Does it pay relocation and travel expenses?	Yes Up to AU\$505 per adult, AU\$255 per child up to a maximum of AU\$1,455	Yes Up to AU\$505 per adult, AU\$255 per child up to a maximum of AU\$1,455	No	No	No
Does it pay thesis expenses?	Yes up to AU\$840 for a Doctoral thesis	Yes up to AU\$840 for a Doctoral thesis	No	No	No
Is anything else provided?	No	No	No	No	No
What is the duration of the scholarship?	Three years	Three years	Four years for doctoral studies, two years for Masters by research	Three years	Four years for doctoral studies, two years for Masters by research
May I transfer it to another university?	No	No	No	No	No
Who funds this scholarship?	Australian Government, Department of Education	Swinburne University of Technology	Australian Government, Department of Education	Australian Government, Department of Education	Swinburne University of Technology
How do I apply?	During the relevant Swinburne Research Stipend Scholarships round, complete an application as outlined on the Swinburne Research Stipend Scholarships round webpage.	During the relevant Swinburne Research Stipend Scholarships round, complete an application as outlined on the Swinburne Research Stipend Scholarships round webpage.	Local applicants are automatically considered. No separate application is required.	Swinburne is currently not accepting applications for this scholarship at this time.	Schools recommend candidates for tuition fee scholarships at the time of candidature approval. No separate application is required.

From time to time, scholarships may be funded from grants or industry partnerships. These scholarships may be advertised on the Careers At Swinburne Website <https://www.swinburne.edu.au/careers-at-swinburne/>.