

Scholarship Benefits and Conditions

Domestic Research Degree Students

This document is provided to detail additional benefits and conditions in addition to those detailed in the [Policy AB-59 Research Degrees and Research Training Program \(RTP\) Scholarships](#). Please ensure that you have familiarised yourself with the content of this policy prior to reading this document.

This document is relevant to awardees of the stipend scholarships Research Training Program domestic (RTPd) and the University of South Australia Postgraduate Award (USAPA). This document also applies to other domestic stipend scholarship holders unless otherwise specified in this document or as part of your offer. Conditions and benefits provided as part of your offer supersede this document.

Benefits

Tuition fees	A full-time equivalent fee offset of up to 4 years for Doctoral program, and 2 years for a Masters by Research program.
Living allowance	A full-time base stipend rate as published by the Australian Government , unless otherwise specified in your letter of offer. The stipend is available for up to 3 years for a Doctoral program or a maximum of 2 years for a Masters by Research program. Note that the living allowance stipend scholarship for a PhD student is for less time than the fee waiver. This is to allow the candidate additional fee free time for marking post the initial completion of the thesis.
Recreation Leave	Research degree students are entitled to receive up to 20 working days paid recreation leave for each year of the stipend. This paid recreation leave may be accrued over the life of the stipend but will be forfeited when the stipend is terminated. A student's maximum period of support is not increased as a result of this leave.
Sick Leave	Research degree students are entitled to receive up to 10 working days paid sick leave for each year of the stipend. This paid sick leave may be accrued over the life of the stipend but will be forfeited when the stipend is terminated. A student's maximum period of support is not increased as a result of this leave.
Additional paid sick leave	Research degree students may also receive additional paid sick leave up to a total of 60 working days over the life of their stipend where the student has insufficient sick leave entitlements available, provided that a medical certificate has been provided by the student. The maximum period of support for a student receiving a stipend is increased where this leave is utilised.
Carer's leave	Sick leave entitlements (including additional paid sick leave) may be used to cover leave for research degree students with family caring responsibilities.
Maternity leave	Research degree students who have completed 12 months of their stipend will be entitled to 60 working days paid maternity leave during the stipend period. Paid leave may also be approved if the student has adopted a child. The maximum period of support for a student receiving a stipend is increased where this leave is utilised.

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Parental leave	Research degree students who have completed 12 months of their stipend will be entitled to 10 working days paid parental leave at the time of the birth or adoption. The maximum period of support for a student receiving a stipend is increased where this leave is utilised.
Jury Duty	Research degree students receiving a stipend will continue to receive their regular stipend throughout the period of jury service. The maximum period of support for a research degree student receiving a stipend is increased where this leave is utilised.
Thesis allowance	This allowance is <u>only available to RTPd and USAPA recipients</u> , unless otherwise specified in your letter of offer. The thesis allowance is payable to assist with the costs associated with the production and preparation of the thesis. Receipts are required for the reimbursement of costs involved in the thesis preparation and production. The maximum allowance is AUD\$420 for a Master's thesis and AUD\$840 for a Doctoral thesis. After submission of your thesis for examination, you will need to lodge a claim with Student and Academic Services within 6 months of the final thesis submission and within 24 months of termination or expiry of your scholarship.
Relocation allowance	This allowance is <u>only available to RTPd and USAPA recipients</u> , unless otherwise specified in your letter of offer. In the case of scholarship holders relocating their place of residence to take up their RTPd stipend or USAPA, economy or student concession airfares or kilometre allowance for car travel, and removal expenses – up to a maximum of \$1,485 – may be paid.

Conditions

Commonwealth acknowledgement	If you publish or produce material such as books, articles, newsletters or other literary or artistic works which relate to your research project you must acknowledge the Commonwealth's contribution in a prominent place and in an appropriate form. The acknowledgement must include the mention of your support through an Australian Government Research Training Program Scholarship.
Legal advice	All students are strongly urged to seek their own independent legal advice regarding Intellectual Property and other contractual arrangements, both with the University and any external parties.

Please note, the conditions of the award may be changed without notice to comply with legal requirements or University policy.

Failure to meet conditions detailed in your letter of offer or in the [Policy AB-59 Research Degrees and Research Training Program \(RTP\) Scholarships](#) may result in cessation of your stipend scholarship.