

Scholarship Benefits and Conditions



University of
South Australia

Research Degree Students

This document is provided to define additional benefits and conditions in addition to those detailed in the policy and related procedures [AB-59 Research Degrees and 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 (living allowance) scholarships Research Training Program domestic (RTPd), Research Training Program international (RTPi) and the Enterprise Research Scholarship (ERS) where the offer of admission was made on or after 7th March 2022. For scholarship benefits and conditions prior to 7th March 2022 please refer to the [Scholarship Benefits and Conditions for domestic research students](#), or the [Scholarship Benefits and Conditions for international research degree students](#). This document also applies to other scholarships that include a stipend administered by the University of South Australia unless otherwise specified in this document or as part of your letter of offer. Conditions and benefits included in your letter of 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. Once the fee offset period ends you will be liable for ongoing tuition fees .
Stipend scholarship	A full-time base stipend (living allowance) 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. Once the stipend scholarship ends you will be liable for all living expenses. Note that the 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 with this leave type.
Sick Leave	Research degree students are entitled to receive up to 10 working days paid annual 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 because 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 annual 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	Annual 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. Research degree students will only be allowed one period of maternity leave during their candidature. More information can be found here .
Parental leave	Students who are partners of women giving birth while receiving a RTP Stipend or equivalent and who have completed 12 months of their RTP Stipend, may be entitled to a period of paid parenting leave at the time of the birth or adoption, subject to the usual practice of the HEP. More information can be found here .
Relocation allowance	In the case of scholarship holders relocating their place of residence to take up their research degree position in Adelaide, economy or student concession airfares or kilometre allowance for car travel,

	and removal expenses – up to a maximum of \$1,485 – may be paid. Relocation allowance is not available to students awarded an International Research Tuition Scholarship (IRTS).
Jury Duty (Australian citizens and eligible British subjects)	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	<p>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 thesis preparation and production.</p> <p>The maximum allowance is AUD\$420 for a Masters 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.</p> <p>The thesis allowance is not available to students awarded an International Research Tuition Scholarship (IRTS).</p>

Additional benefits for international students

Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC)	International students who require a student visa to study in Australia are eligible to receive Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) from the University's preferred supplier where they receive a scholarship that includes a stipend. Students not on a student visa are not eligible to receive OSHC from the University. University funded OSHC is not available to students awarded an International Research Tuition Scholarship (IRTS).
School Education for dependants	Student visa holders who are in receipt of a scholarship that includes a fee waiver may be entitled to receive a tuition fee waiver for any of their children attending government primary and secondary schools in Australia. Please refer to the South Australian Government Schools website for further information.

Conditions

Study eligibility	All students must hold the right to study in Australia. International students are required to either hold a visa with study rights that covers the entire period of study, or provide evidence of their application for an appropriate visa AND hold a visa with study rights until the expected approval of the appropriate visa. Students who do not hold an appropriate visa for the full length of their period of study are able to take up their scholarship at the discretion of the Manager: Applications and Admissions, Student and Academic Services, or their delegated authority.
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 fashion. 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 that the conditions of the award may be changed without notice to comply with legal requirements or University policy.

Failure to meet conditions detailed in our letter of offer or in the [AB-59 Research Degrees and RTP Scholarships](#) policy and related procedures may result in the cessation of your scholarship.