



Research Degree Publication Scholarships

2014 Terms and Conditions of Award

1. Introduction

These are conditions for Research Degree Publication Scholarships at Deakin University. These awards apply to PhD and Masters by Research students and can only be taken up on a full-time basis.

The scholarship provides up to 12 weeks of funding for full-time work towards publications after submission of the thesis for examination. Lesser periods of funding may be awarded.

2. Eligibility

- (i) Applications are open only to research degree students who have submitted their notice of intention to submit their thesis for examination in 2014.
- (ii) A Publication Scholarship is for the production of a paper for submission to a high quality journal which has international circulation, or other media appropriate to the discipline area.
- (iii) Applicants must be enrolled as a research degree student at Deakin University at the time of application.
- (iv) An application for a scholarship can be made at any time after notification of the intention to submit the thesis. The offer of a scholarship will lapse if the thesis is not submitted within five months of the application for the scholarship. The lapse of an offer does not preclude consideration of a further application at a later date.
- (v) A Publication Scholarship can only be held during the first three months after submitting the thesis for examination. Successful applicants must remain at Deakin University for the duration of the scholarship and must work full-time on the production of publications. The scholarship may not be deferred or suspended.
- (vi) The application must be made on the appropriate form and must include a work plan and timetable showing how one or more papers will be written and submitted during the tenure of the scholarship. The supervisor and the Head of School, SRC or Research Institute must endorse the application, certifying that the journal is of high quality, and that the work plan and timetable are realistic and likely to lead to the intended outcomes.

- (vii) The application will be considered by the Research Scholarships Committee. Criteria for awarding the scholarship will include the realistic nature of the work plan and timetable, the recommendation of the head of department and the availability of scholarship funds. Decisions made by the Research Scholarships Committee related to the outcomes of publication scholarship applications are final.
- (viii) An award will provide funding for up to three months at the same level as an APA (\$25,392 per annum pro rata, taxable). Lesser periods of funding may be awarded in some cases.
- (ix) For those awardees granted more than one month funding the scholarship will be awarded for an initial period of 4 weeks. Should the awardee be granted funding for over 4 weeks, a request for an extension of funding for a further 4 weeks can be made after the first 3 weeks. This must include evidence of satisfactory progress and a comparison of the actual progress with the timetable in the original application. It must be endorsed by the Principal Supervisor as satisfactory. Draft or final manuscripts should be produced where possible, since these constitute the most satisfactory evidence of progress. Extension of the scholarship is not automatic, and will depend on good progress.
- (x) After seven weeks of support, a request for a further month of funding can be made, in the same manner as before.
- (xi) If an application for a Publication Scholarship has been unsuccessful, no further applications may be submitted

3. Stipend

The stipend is \$25,392 per annum (pro rata), taxable.

4. Termination

The Award will be terminated upon the expiry date provided above. Awards will be terminated before this time:

- if the student ceases to meet the eligibility criteria;
- if the student has failed to maintain satisfactory progress towards the publications;
- if the student has committed serious misconduct, including, but not limited to the provision of false or misleading information.

5. Specific obligations of Awardees

- (i) Awardees shall diligently, and to the best of their ability, apply themselves to the successful completion of the proposed publications, and must provide all reports required by the University.
- (ii) The Awardee shall abide by the international and Australian codes on human and animal experimentation, guidelines by the Australian Government's Recombinant DNA Monitoring Committee and rulings of the biosafety and ethics committees of the University.
- (iii) An Awardee is required to conform to the regulations and statutes (including disciplinary provisions) of the University.