

Faculty of Business and Law – Funding scheme to assist academic placement

This funding scheme is aimed at assisting top PhD students gain full-time academic roles after graduation.

The type of opportunities this funding could go towards includes (but need not be limited to):

Airfares/accommodation to allow the student to present at academic departments

Top-up of HDR funds so that the student can attend academic job fairs* attached to major international conferences

*Funding for this purpose would be contingent on the student having received one or more interview requests through the academic job fair

Note: funding should not normally be sought for presenting at an academic conference; other HDR funds are available for this purpose. The role of this scheme is to specifically fund activities that directly increase a student's chances of gaining a full-time academic role.

The maximum amount of funding available under this scheme across a student's entire candidature will be up to \$3,000 to assist with airfare and other transport costs and accommodation.

Eligibility criteria

To be eligible to receive these funds, students should have:

- Consumed between 2.5 years and 3.5 years of FTE candidature and plan to submit by 3.5 years of FTE candidature (pre-submission PhD students)
- Submitted their thesis by 3.5 years of FTE candidature (PhD students whose thesis is still under examination)
- Letters of support from their principal supervisor and head of department

One of the following:

- One job market paper* that has been accepted or invited for a second round of review in an A-ranked (or higher) journal listed on the Business and Law Quality Journals List
- Other equivalent evidence (such as international research awards, letters of recommendation from international experts etc.) reflecting the applicant's research performance and potential

*The paper should be from the student's PhD research and must meet the requirements of a C1 refereed journal article

Process

An HDR Intake and Placement Committee will be established within each department and should consist of the Department HDR Director and at least two other members of staff within the department. In the context of academic placements, the role of this committee will be to:

- Identify, in consultation with the head of department and principal supervisors, students who have the potential to gain a full-time academic role after graduation
- Work with these students to establish opportunities that may help them achieve a full-time academic role

To gain access to these funds, students who are nominated by the HDR academic placements committee will need to provide:

- Letters of support from their principal supervisor, head of department, and the HDR academic placements committee
- Evidence that they have at least one C1 job market paper† accepted or invited for a second round of review in an A-ranked journal listed on the Business and Law Quality Journals List
- Details of the activities for which they are seeking funding as well as a justification for how these activities will assist them in finding a full-time academic role
- Evidence of one or more formal interview requests at an academic job fair (if this is the stated purpose of travel)

These details should be emailed to blresearch@deakin.edu.au

Note: completion of the activities associated with securing an academic role after graduation cannot be used as a justification for an extension of scholarship.