

2027 RTP Stipend Scholarship Application for Enrolled HDR Candidates

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Before Commencing Your Application

Application Details

The Research Stipend Scholarship Round for enrolled doctoral students is an opportunity for eligible, high-quality candidates to apply for a research stipend scholarship.

A stipend scholarship provides financial assistance during your study. The 2026 Stipend Scholarship value was \$35,707 per annum.

The duration of enrolment already consumed will be deducted from the stipend duration. Stipends are paid up to a consumed load of 3.5 years.

Please ensure you discuss your application with your supervisor.

Supervisors will be contacted by the Research Scholarship Team to complete support documentation.

Applications close on Sunday 20 September 2026 (11:59pm AEST).

Late applications will not be accepted.

All applicants will be notified of the outcome by 1 December 2026.

Eligibility

Eligible to apply

You must:

- be enrolled as a Doctor of Philosophy or Doctor of Philosophy (Integrated) candidate
- at the time of application, have had Confirmation of Candidature:
- - approved by your Institute (Doctor of Philosophy and Doctor of Philosophy (Integrated))
 - planned and scheduled for prior to 6 November 2026 (Doctor of Philosophy and Doctor of Philosophy (Integrated))
- have achieved an average score of 80% in the
 - Year 1 Coursework (Doctor of Philosophy)
 - Year 1 Coursework and Year 1 Thesis (Doctor of Philosophy (Integrated))
- have a consumed load less than or equal to 2.0 as at 1 January 2027
- enrol as a full-time candidate (on acceptance of offer)

Ineligible to apply

- PhD (Integrated) in coursework phase; OR
- Currently a sponsored candidate; OR
- Applicants who have a degree at the same level of applied degree

Word Limits

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Note that a number of questions have word limits which SmartyGrants will not let you exceed.

Word limits are a maximum only. Applications are welcomed which use less words while addressing the question appropriately.

Required Documentation

It is IMPORTANT to prepare all the required documents early, in order to complete your application in time.

Only complete applications will be considered. Complete applications require:

- up-to-date CV including bibliographic reference of your **top five publications** and [ORCID ID](#)
- supporting evidence for your top five publications*
- supporting documentation for your Work, Leadership & Community experience
- 200 word statement on your achievement Relative to Opportunity (if applicable)

*If you do not provide documentation to support your publications, they will not be considered.

Your application cannot be properly assessed if you do not submit the required documentation.

Please note: You should discuss your application with your Principal Supervisor. Once you submit your application the Research Scholarship team will contact your Principal Supervisor for further confidential information.

Personal Information

* indicates a required field

Applicant Details

Applicant Name *

Title	First Name	Last Name

VU Student ID *

Must be between 8 and 8 characters.
"s+", eg.s512345

VU Email *

Must be an email address.

Citizenship and Residency Status

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Please select your citizenship or residency status: *

Are you of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent? *

- ☐ Yes, Aboriginal
- ☐ Yes, Torres Strait Islander
- ☐ Yes, both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
- ☐ Neither Aboriginal nor Torres Strait Islander

Candidature Details

Institute:

Course Start Date

Must be a date.

What date did you start your course?

Name of your Principal Supervisor

Please note: the Research Scholarships team will contact your Principal Supervisor to obtain supporting documentation.

Confirmation of Candidature

Has your Confirmation of Candidature been approved? *

☐ Yes ☐ No

Confirmation of Candidature Approved Date

Must be a date.

Please enter the date on which your Confirmation of Candidature was approved by your Institute

Confirmation of Candidature Presentation Date

Must be a date.

Please enter the date on which your Confirmation of Candidature is scheduled

If your Confirmation of Candidature has been neither approved or scheduled, you are ineligible to apply for a scholarship.

Research Capacity and Experience

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* indicates a required field

Please attach your current Curriculum Vitae (maximum 5 pages) *

Attach a file:

Research Capacity

Provide details of your research experience, publications or creative works and any work, leadership or community experience that is **relevant to your research**.

Do you have research experience (excluding your Research Masters or Honours activities)? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

Do you have any work, leadership or community experience? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

Have you authored any research publications? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

Only provide refereed research publications

Have you produced any creative works? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

Works must be original and of a professional standard

Research Experience

Enter details of your research experience here, even if your curriculum vitae contains these details already. This may include internships, preparation of non-peer reviewed publications or other material. Include an assessment of how this is relevant to your proposed research topic.

Describe your research experience, excluding your Honours or Masters research activities *

Word count:

Must be no more than 500 words.

Work, Leadership & Community experience

Enter details of your work, leadership and community experience here, even if your curriculum vitae contains these details already. Include information on how long you had any role, what your responsibilities were, what you achieved, and an assessment of how this work experience is relevant to your research project.

List any work, leadership or community experience that is relevant to your research project

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Word count:

Must be no more than 500 words.

Please provide any relevant supporting material for your Work, Leadership & Community Experience

Attach a file:

Research Publications

Enter details of your **top 5** peer reviewed research publications, including ORCID number; include a brief statement that outlines why your contribution to the paper was significant and include a screenshot of the first page.

Publications listed without supporting evidence will not be considered.

Bibliographic details of each publication

Supporting material

	Describe the contribution you made to this paper as an author Must be no more than 50 words.	Upload a screenshot of the first page of the publication

Creative Works

Enter details of any creative works you have produced which are original, of a professional grade and for which there is documentary evidence

Creative work reference or Contribution and reception description

Include nature of work and the venue	Describe the contribution you made to this creative work and any reviews, awards or indicators of reception	Provide any supporting material regarding your creative works

Relative to Opportunity

Achievement Relative to Opportunity is an evaluation of what you can or have achieved given the opportunities available to you.

It takes into consideration personal circumstances, work arrangements, adverse events or career history in the assessment of your research achievements.

If you have experienced an impact on your opportunity for research achievement, you may provide a written statement to contextualize your research outputs and achievements relative to the opportunities that you have had to participate in research-related activities.

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Provide your statement (up to 200 words) that details any adverse events or life circumstances that have impacted on your research performance to date

Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

Access and Diversity

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Doctoral Research Access and Diversity Scholarships

VU is committed to encouraging people whose educational opportunities have been disrupted or adversely affected by their life circumstances to participate in graduate research.

Please refer to the Guide to Applicants and the [Domestic Research Scholarship](#) webpage for further information about eligibility for these two scholarships.

Do you wish to apply for one of the above named scholarships?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If you wish to apply, you must submit the following two documents:

Doctoral Research Access and Diversity Scholarship Application form *

Attach a file:

Supporting evidence *

Attach a file:

A letter of support from a community case-worker, medical practitioner or other supporting practitioner

Scholarship Eligibility

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Previous Qualifications and Scholarships

Have you already completed a research degree at the same level as that in which you are currently enrolled? *

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☐ Yes

☐ No

Have you previously held, or do you currently hold, any scholarship or award? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

If yes, please write the name of the award and the enrolment dates held below

In Research Period 1, 2027, will you be in receipt of another award or stipend scholarship to undertake the degree you are applying for? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

Declaration

* indicates a required field

Before submitting, please note:

Once you submit your application, you will not be able to add any additional information.

If you need to add something before the closing date, save the application and return to add it before the closing date.

Please ensure that you have included all relevant information and documentation before you submit.

I declare the following as part of my application for the scholarship:

- I have fulfilled all requirements to be eligible for consideration.
- I authorise the University to obtain from educational institutions and relevant authorities at any time, details of my enrolment, academic record, examination record, and bond status, including details of enrolment variation, attendance and addresses during the year in connection with my scholarship application (and award if successful).
- To the best of my knowledge, the information given in this application is correct and complete.
- I understand that submitting false or misleading information may result in any offer of a place and/or scholarship to be withdrawn at any stage, including after the course has been commenced.
- I understand that the University reserves the right to vary or reverse any decision made on the basis of incorrect or incomplete information.
- I understand Victoria University may contact my referees directly to discuss my application further.
- I understand that the University is under no obligation to consider an application that is incomplete and/or submitted after the closing date.
- I understand that the University will only accept the first complete application submitted and that subsequent applications will not be considered.
- I agree to abide by the scholarship award conditions, including any amendments made from time to time.
- I acknowledge and accept the terms and conditions that govern this application form.

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- I understand that Victoria University collects, stores and uses personal information in accordance with the University's [Privacy Policy](#).
- In submitting my name and date below, I agree to this declaration.

Applicant name *

Title	First Name	Last Name

Date of declaration *

Must be a date.