

# International Scholarships for Higher Degrees by Research

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)



Flinders University has two scholarship types for international students undertaking higher degrees by research; the Australian Government Research Training Program Scholarship (AGRTPS) and the Flinders International Postgraduate Research Scholarship (FIPRS). The AGRTPS are funded through the Australian Government and are tenable for full-time study towards a Masters by Research or Research Doctorate degree. The FIPRS is funded by Flinders University for either Masters by Research or Research Doctorate degrees.

### What is included in each scholarship?

	AGRTPS	FIPRS
International student tuition fees charged by Flinders University for a higher degree by research	✓	✓
Living allowance - \$36,061 per annum (2026 rate)	✓	✓
Establishment allowance to assist with relocation costs – up to \$1,485	✓	✓
Overseas student health cover for the scholarship recipient and their dependents	✓	✗
Commonwealth Supported Scholarship	✓	✗

### Do I need to apply for both the AGRTPS and FIPRS?

No, students only apply for one scholarship and are assessed for both the AGRTPS and the FIPRS. The highest ranked eligible applicants will be offered an AGRTPS. The number available per year is determined by the Australian Government. A limited number of FIPRS scholarships are available per annum for the next highest ranked eligible applicants.

### Does applying for a scholarship also mean that I am applying for candidature to complete my higher degree by research at Flinders?

No, these applications are separate. Applications for admission into either a Masters by Research or Research Doctorate degree must be completed separately to the scholarship application. For information regarding applying for candidature for a higher degree by research, please visit [here](#).

### What is an Australian Honours Degree?

Generally, an honours degree is the equivalent of one year of full-time study which includes a research component of at least 6 months study through which the student contributes to the academic knowledge within that area.

### What details or documents do I need to complete a scholarship application?

Please visit our [website](#) and use the application checklist and guidelines.

### I have the equivalent of an Australian Honours degree but do not have publications. Am I likely to be successful in my application for either scholarship?

These scholarships are extremely competitive, and we receive hundreds of applications every year for a limited number of scholarships (up to 10) for both AGRTPS and FIPRS combined. Strong contributions to your chosen field of study through either publication in books or quality international peer-reviewed journals, as well as through related employment are viewed highly favourably. Applicants with these attributes tend to be the most competitive in the ranking for AGRTPS and FIPRS.

### When will I hear about the outcome of my application?

Applications are assessed after the closing date. We endeavor to contact all applicants to advise the outcome of their application by the end of August each year.

### At the time of application, I am still awaiting my certificate demonstrating my proficiency in English Language, will this disadvantage me?

You must provide evidence that you meet the English language requirement for admission to candidature, at time of application. Additionally, the evidence of English language must be valid through until 31 March of the scholarship bestowal year.

### How expensive is it to live in Adelaide?

Adelaide is rated as one of the most livable cities in the world. It costs 21% more to live in Melbourne and 23% more to live in Sydney. Adelaide is 4% cheaper than Brisbane or Perth. It is recommended that individual's budget between \$19,830 to \$25,850 for annual living costs in Australia. This estimate will increase if individuals are accompanied by partners and children. Further information is available [here](#).

### How much does the Overseas Student Health Cover cost?

For Higher Degree by research students the rates for the length of your program are approximately \$4,000 for singles, \$18,000 for couples and \$30,000 families. If you need further information about what is covered by OSHC please see the following [website](#).

### Can I defer my scholarship?

Unfortunately, you are unable to defer your scholarship.

### If I am unable to commence my scholarship, can I be considered in a future round?

If you have been offered a scholarship but been unable to commence it, you can apply again in a future round. You would need to submit a new application and your application would then be considered and ranked against that rounds applications.