

CONDITIONS OF AWARD



Australian Postgraduate Awards Industry (APAI) / PhD Stipends

Related documents:

Conditions of Research Award, Linkage Project (LP) Funding Rules (ARC) and LP Funding Agreement (ARC).

This document serves as an addendum to the overarching Conditions of Research Award.

(In this document the word "award" includes "scholarship" when used generally.)

APAI Scholarships are subject to the conditions in the Funding Rules in place for the round and/or year that the LP was awarded, and the specific Funding Agreement.

Some of the conditions of award for APAIs differ from those of the Australian Postgraduate Awards (APA) and general higher degree by research scholarship conditions. **This document serves to clarify differences, and as such the Conditions of Research Award are valid unless otherwise noted within this document.**

Australian Postgraduate Awards Industry (APAI Scholarships) are offered under the Australian Research Council (ARC) Linkage Projects (LP) scheme. The awards will be referred to as PhD Stipends under 2012 Linkage Projects and onwards.

ELIGIBILITY

In order to be eligible to hold an APAI a student must:

	LP2008	LP2009	LP2010	LP2011
have completed and been awarded an Australian Honours Degree or equivalent at the level of 2A or above;	Applies	Applies	Applies	Applies
be eligible to enrol in a full time postgraduate degree (for PhD or Masters by research) at the University of Adelaide (students who are not able to enrol full time should refer to the Conditions of Research Award in regards to part time status).	Applies	Applies	Applies	Applies
be an Australian citizen, a New Zealand citizen or an Australian Permanent Resident (from LP2010 International students are eligible to apply).	Applies	Applies	No longer applies	No longer applies
not have previously held an Australian Government Research Award (e.g. APA / APAI), towards completion of a Research Masters, a Research Doctorate or equivalent degree, for more than six months*;	Applies	Applies	Applies	Not noted in LP11 rules or agreement
not currently be in receipt of similar funding or stipend from any Commonwealth Government program (including an IPRS);	Applies	Applies	Applies	Applies
not be in receipt of an equivalent award, scholarship or salary to undertake the proposed degree (equivalent being defined as greater than 75% of the base stipend);	Applies	Applies	Applies	Applies
satisfy the minimum English language proficiency requirement as set by the University; and	Applies	Applies	Applies	Applies
not already have completed a degree at the same level as the proposed Commonwealth-supported candidature or at a higher level.	Applies	Applies	Applies	Not noted in LP11 rules or agreement

SELECTION

The Chief Investigator (CI) who has been awarded the relevant LP is responsible for selecting APAI Scholarship recipients.

Applications will be assessed according to:

- the eligibility criteria in place at the time of award of the LP;
- suitability to undertake a specified project; and
- academic merit.

The selection and ranking of applicants for the Major and Mid Year Scholarship Rounds within the University of Adelaide is undertaken by the Graduate Scholarships Committee, using the criteria of academic merit and research potential. A CI may identify suitable applicants from either of these rounds, for an APAI Scholarship, and/or by direct application.

TENURE

LP2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Up to three years for PhD students. Up to two years for Masters Students.• A possible six month extension is available following written application and upon approval by ARC (PhD students only).
LP2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Up to three years for PhD students. Up to two years for Masters Students.• A possible six month extension is available following written application and upon approval by ARC (PhD students only).
LP2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Up to three years for PhD students. Up to two years for Masters Students.• A possible six month extension is available following written application and upon approval by ARC (PhD students only).
LP2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Up to three years for PhD students. Up to two years for Masters Students.• Please note: Where a CI has requested a longer duration for an APAI at the time of application for the LP, ARC may have approved tenure of greater than three years for an APAI Scholarship (PhD students only). This must be approved by ARC and will be noted in the Funding Agreement specific to the Linkage Project Grant.• <u>No extensions</u> available, unless funded from a source other than ARC.

BENEFITS

Stipend rates and allowances are commenced at the rate applicable for the relevant LP agreement and funding rules, regardless of the year the recipient commences. The stipend is then indexed upon the anniversary of the APAI commencement date, to the next indexed value.

For example, a recipient of an APAI under an LP09 and commencing in 2010, would commence at the LP09 rate and on the anniversary of the start date (after one year), would be indexed to the LP10 rate, and so on for each year of the award.

Stipend rates:

LP09: Full time	\$26,669.00	Part time	\$14,566.00
LP10: Full time	\$27,222.00	Part time	\$14,868.00
LP11: Full time	\$27,651.00	Part time	\$15,102.00

The level of the stipend does not depend on the award-holder's personal circumstances. The stipend will not be reduced during the period of tenure unless a student converts from full-time to half-time candidature.

THESIS ALLOWANCE

Thesis allowance is not normally granted under an APAI, unless funded from a source other than ARC, or from an APAI funded under an older LP. Refer to the Conditions of Research Award and the relevant LP documentation.

RELOCATION ALLOWANCE

Relocation allowance is not normally granted under an APAI, unless funded from a source other than ARC, or from an APAI funded under an older LP. Refer to the Conditions of Research Award and the relevant LP documentation.

COMMENCEMENT

An APAI Scholarship recipient may negotiate a suitable commencement date with the CI, subject to the requirements of the project and the conditions in the Funding Rules in place for the round and/or year that the Linkage Project was awarded, and the specific Funding Agreement.

An APAI Scholarship recipient cannot commence prior to the official commencement date of the project, nor before all agreements have been fully executed by all parties.

An APAI Scholarship recipient must sign the Student Project Participation Agreement (SPPA) before commencing.

Payment is made from the date on which full-time study/candidature commences in that year.

The University may withdraw the offer of a scholarship and allocate it to another applicant if an applicant does not commence by the agreed date, fails to provide documentation required after a provisional offer or provides false or misleading documentation.

LEAVE

The following types of leave are the only types of leave available to APAI recipients, unless otherwise outlined in the offer or relevant LP documentation.

Award holders are entitled to **20 days recreation leave per year**, calculated on a pro-rata basis. Leave must be taken during the tenure of the award (application for leave of absence is not necessary but approval for the timing of recreation leave must be sought from the student's supervisor). Recreation leave that is not taken is forfeited.

An award holder may take up to **10 days paid sick leave a year (accruable)** within the tenure of their award.

TRANSFER OF AWARD

APAI Scholarships are not normally transferable to another institution.

ENQUIRIES AND INFORMATION

A summary of information about available scholarships available on the scholarships web page at:

<http://www.adelaide.edu.au/graduatecentre/scholarships/postgrad/>

Enquiries may be addressed to:

Senior Scholarships and Finance Officer, Andrea Przygonski, Tel (08) 8303 4739, Email andrea.przygonski@adelaide.edu.au; or

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