Higher Degree Research Scholarships Policy

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1.1	Director of Governance as an administrative update	7 July 2017	7 July 2017	June 2020

Policy Statement	
Purpose	To outline the fundamental principles under which Higher Degree Research (HDR) scholarships are awarded and administered at UNSW
Scope	This policy applies to all scholarships awarded and administered by the University that provide tuition fee support, a living allowance stipend and/or a top-up scholarship to HDR candidates enrolled at the University. Award conditions for School and Faculty-based scholarships are out of scope.
Policy Provisions	

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1. Overarching context

This policy outlines the fundamental principles under which Higher Degree Research (HDR) scholarships are awarded and administered at UNSW. It aims to provide a best-practice model for establishing, offering, awarding, and managing scholarships.

2. Principles

a. The purpose of a Higher Degree Research scholarship is to provide financial aid, such as tuition fee support and/or living allowance support, to the recipient so they can enrol at UNSW to carry out their research for their higher degree.

b. Applicants must meet the conditions and application requirements for admission, which can be found at https://www.gs.unsw.edu.au/policy/admissionspolicy.html.

c. The funding for these research scholarships can come from a number of sources including but not limited to:
- the Commonwealth and other government sources
- Australian Government Research Training Program (RTP) scholarships
- UNSW
- UNSW Faculties, institutes, schools and centres
- individual and corporate donors
- international and regional organisations
- other organisations.

d. The scholarship is for educational purposes and does not make the recipient an employee of the scholarship provider or the University, nor does it require the recipient to render services (such as labour) to the scholarship provider or the University as a condition of receiving the scholarship.

e. Scholarship providers must conduct a competitive process for selecting scholarship recipients that is equitable and fair.

f. Scholarships must be appropriately funded for the standard duration of candidature.

g. Scholarship recipients are to be treated equitably and consistently as detailed in the *Higher Degree Research Scholarships Procedure*.

Accountabilities	
Responsible Officer	Dean of Graduate Research
Contact Officer	Director, Graduate Research School
Supporting Information	
Legislative Compliance	This Policy supports the University's compliance with the following legislation: *Higher Education Support Act* 2003 (Cth) *Education Services for Overseas Students (ESOS) Act* 2000 (Cth) *Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act* 1998 (NSW) *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* (Cth) Disability Standards for Education (2005) Commonwealth Scholarships Guidelines (Research) 2017
Supporting Documents	Higher Degree Research Scholarships Procedure Higher Degree Research Supervision Procedure Higher Degree Research Supervision Guidelines Admissions Policy Admission to Higher Degree Research Programs Procedure
Related Documents	Register of Delegations Research Code of Conduct Facilities and Resources to Support Higher Degree Research Candidates Guideline Conditions for Award Progress Review and Confirmation of Research Candidatures Procedure
Superseded Documents	Higher Degree Research Scholarships Policy v 1.0 effective 23 June 2017
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Definitions and Acronyms	
Standard duration	The standard duration for a Masters scholarship holder is 2 years and for a Research Doctorate scholarship holder it is 3.5 years.

Revision History

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1.0	President and Vice-Chancellor	23 June 2017	23 June 2017	New Policy
1.1	Director of Governance	7 July 2017	7 July 2017	Administrative update to sections 2c and Legislative Compliance

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