

# Higher Degree by Research (HDR) Stipend Scholarships: Processes and Flowchart

## Indigenous RTP

At The University of Notre Dame Australia (University), the Australian Government Research Training Program (RTP) and industry-linked stipend scholarships are awarded in the following categories:

- Individual
- Indigenous
- Team-based
- Individual industry-linked
- Team-based industry-linked.

An individual RTP stipend scholarship is one in which a project is developed by a student in conjunction with a supervisory team.

An Indigenous RTP stipend scholarship is one in which a project is developed by an Indigenous (Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander) student in conjunction with a supervisory team.

A team-based RTP stipend scholarship is one in which a project is developed by a supervisory team who apply for a stipend without an existing applicant. If successful, the team will recruit a student.

Industry-linked RTP stipend scholarships (individual or team-based) must involve an eligible industry partner and must secure a co-funder (to provide 50% of the stipend value).

These stipend scholarships are applicable to both domestic and international students.

**This sheet of instructions and processes should be read in conjunction with the [Guideline: Application and Assessment Processes for Higher Degree by Research Scholarships](#) and the [Procedure: Conditions: Research Training Program \(RTP\) Scholarships](#).** Use the same [application form](#) for all individual and team-based RTP and industry-linked scholarships.

Document submission requirements for students:

- Academic transcripts - you must provide certified copies of your transcripts for all university qualifications
- Evidence of any academic publications, outputs in arts, creative works, live performances, music, and professional experience.

NB: Any documentation submitted in a language other than English must be accompanied by a complete English translation.

### Note:

For more information on HDR scholarships at the University, including deadlines, please go to [this site](#). It is strongly advised that you contact your preferred School or Institute and begin the scholarship application process well in advance of the deadline

Current HDR students who are not in receipt of a scholarship are eligible to apply for stipend scholarships.

For general information about the RTP, look at the Commonwealth Government's FAQs [page](#).

If you have any HDR scholarship enquiries, please contact [hdr.scholarships@nd.edu.au](mailto:hdr.scholarships@nd.edu.au)

## Process of application – Indigenous RTP

The process is as follows:

Contact the relevant School or Institute well in advance to determine suitability and an appropriate supervisory team for the research project

Develop a research proposal in conjunction with the supervisory team

Apply for admission to an HDR program at the University prior to or concurrent with the application for a scholarship

Submit the scholarship application by the deadline

## Scholarship assessment

Applications are assessed and ranked by a panel from a pool of academic staff from the HASS and STEM disciplines

Applications and their rankings are made available to the Research Degrees and Scholarships Committee (RDSC)

The RDSC makes recommendations on potential recipients to the Pro Vice Chancellor, Research (PVCR)

### Note

Applicants must meet the Commonwealth three-tiered criteria for Aboriginality. They must:

- Be of Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent
- Identify as an Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
- Be accepted as such by the community in which they live or have lived.

Applicants are required to provide a statement addressing each of the eligibility criteria together with supporting documentation. Supporting documentation may include, but is not limited to, a letter of Aboriginality signed under the common seal from a recognised incorporated Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander community organisation such as Land Council or Elders group, Aboriginal Medical Service or a letter on letterhead from a Local Aboriginal Land Council demonstrating membership of the Council.

The stipend scholarship application process is separate to that for admission to an HDR program. Students wishing to apply for a scholarship must therefore also apply for admission. Further information about HDR admission applications and requirements are available at [this site](#).