

2021 Australian Government Research Training Program (RTP) Scholarship

Conditions of Award

These Conditions of Award are to be read together with the Recipient's Scholarship Offer letter.

Research Training Program Scholarships are funded by the Australian government and awarded to students of exceptional research potential undertaking a Higher Degree by Research (HDR) to assist with tuition fee liability and general living costs.

1. Australian Government RTP Stipend Scholarship Student Eligibility Criteria

- 1.1. An Australian Government RTP Stipend scholarship recipient ("**Recipient**") must:
 - 1.1.1. be a student, Domestic or International, awarded an RTP Stipend & tuition fee Scholarship ("**Scholarship**") as result of a competitive selection process. The selection of Recipients for a Scholarship will be based on the published selection criteria for the Scholarship, as detailed in the Research Training Program (RTP) Scholarship Policy;
 - 1.1.2. satisfy all academic entry requirements for an accredited Masters by Research or Research Doctorate, including the English proficiency levels set by Curtin University;
 - 1.1.3. be enrolled as a full-time **Internal** student, unless the student has been granted approval otherwise;
 - 1.1.4. be undertaking a Higher Degree by Research ("**HDR**") at Curtin University;
 - 1.1.5. not be receiving an equivalent award or scholarship from the Commonwealth designed to offset HDR fees; and
 - 1.1.6. not be receiving income from another source to support their general living costs while undertaking their course of study if that income is greater than 75 per cent of their RTP Stipend rate. Income unrelated to the Recipient's course of study or income received for the Recipient's course of study but not for the purposes of supporting general living costs is not to be taken into account.
- 1.2. For the purposes of this 2021 Australia Government RTP Scholarship – Conditions of Award:
 - 1.2.1. a student complying with (1) above is defined as a Recipient;
 - 1.2.2. a Domestic Student is as defined in the Higher Education Support Act (HESA) 2003 Act;
 - 1.2.3. the HESA Act 2003 is defined as the main piece of legislation governing higher education in Australia;
 - 1.2.4. an International Student is as defined in the Higher Education Support Act (HESA) 2003 Act, and who is a student having met International student visa requirements as specified by the Australian Government Department of Immigration and Border Protection;
 - 1.2.5. an Australian Permanent Resident is defined as a non-citizen who is the holder of an Australian permanent visa, who can live, work and study without restriction in Australia;
 - 1.2.6. a Higher Degree by Research is defined as a Doctor of Philosophy, Masters by Research or Professional Doctorate by Research course, where research typically forms two-thirds or more of the program of learning;
 - 1.2.7. a Higher Education Provider (HEP) is defined as:
 - 1.2.7.1. a constitutional corporation that offers or confers a regulated higher education award; or
 - 1.2.7.2. a corporation that:
 - 1.2.7.2.1. offers or confers a regulated higher education award; and
 - 1.2.7.2.2. is established by or under a law of the Commonwealth or a Territory; or

- 1.2.7.2.3. a person who offers or confers a regulated higher education award for the completion of a course of study provided wholly or partly in a Territory.
- 1.2.8. an Internal student is defined as an on-campus student whose mode of attendance involves regular ongoing face-to-face learning at the institution for the purpose of supervision and/or instruction;
- 1.2.9. a Leave of Absence is defined as a formally approved break in candidature which does not count against the minimum and maximum duration of study, per Rule No. 10 Made Pursuant to Statute No. 12 – Enrolment: Degree of Doctor by Research and Rule No. 11 Made Pursuant to Statute No. 12 – Enrolment: Degree of Master by Research;
- 1.2.10. Conditional status is defined as the academic status associated with the Recipient's enrolment where the Recipient is constrained by conditions to be met by a set deadline determined by the Faculty Graduate Studies Committee or the Associate Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research Excellence;
- 1.2.11. Good Standing is defined as the academic status associated with the Recipient's enrolment where the Recipient has achieved satisfactory course progress and is permitted to continue in the course;
- 1.2.12. Remote areas are areas considered inner regional, outer regional, remote or very remote as defined in the Australian Statistical Geography Standard;
- 1.2.13. a De facto relationship is as defined in the Family Law Act 1975; and
- 1.2.14. the two-year exclusion period is defined as the two-year exclusion rule, as defined in the Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook (January 2017).

2. Commencement

- 2.1. Unless there are exceptional circumstances, Recipients offered a Scholarship are expected to commence the degree as a full-time **Internal** student within the dates specified in the letter of offer or the Scholarship will be withdrawn by the University.
- 2.2. Fee offset
- 2.2.1. Scholarships can be deferred for up to 12 months subject to approval from the Enrolling School.
- 2.2.2. Any subsequent Scholarship deferral, in excess of the period defined in clause 2.2.1, will only be considered in exceptional circumstances, and assessed on a case-by-case basis.
- 2.3. Stipend
- 2.3.1. Approval to commence the Scholarship after the dates specified in the letter of offer of the awarding year must be obtained from the Associate Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research Excellence (or delegate).
- 2.4. Recipients who have previously held an Australia Awards Scholarship funded by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), and are still within the two-year exclusion period following the completion or termination of the Australia Awards Scholarship must have received approval from the Australia Awards Delivery Section to remain or return to Australia to commence a RTP Stipend Scholarship.

3. Period of Support

- 3.1. Fee Offset
- 3.1.1. Recipients are entitled to a tuition fee offset for the approved course for the tenure of the Scholarship to assist with tuition fee liability, unless otherwise specified in the letter of offer.
- 3.1.2. Recipients are entitled to four (4) years full-time equivalent study if undertaking an eligible Research Doctorate and a maximum of two (2) years full-time equivalent study if undertaking a Masters by Research. Respectively, the period of support for Recipients enrolled in a part-time capacity is eight (8) years and four (4) years for a Research Doctorate and a Master by Research.

3.1.3. Recipients who have not submitted their thesis by the end of the Scholarship tenure may be required to pay the course tuition fees applicable at the time of Scholarship expiry.

3.2. Stipend

3.2.1. Recipients are entitled to three (3) years full-time equivalent study if undertaking an eligible Research Doctorate and a maximum of two (2) years full-time equivalent study if undertaking a Masters by Research. Respectively, the period of support for Recipients enrolled in a part-time capacity is six (6) years for a Research Doctorate and four (4) years a Master by Research pro rata.

3.3. The duration of the Scholarship will be reduced by any period of study undertaken towards the degree prior to the commencement of the Scholarship.

3.4. The duration of the Scholarship will be increased by periods of additional paid sick or maternity leave approved by the University in relations to subparagraphs 17.2, 17.3, 17.4 and 17.5.

3.5. The maximum period of entitlement is calculated from the enrolment date.

4. Completion Scholarship (Stipend only)

4.1. Research Doctorate Recipients making satisfactory progression may apply to the University for a Completion Scholarship (Stipend only) for a period of up to six months where the study exceeds durations listed in clause 3.2.1.

4.2. Completion Scholarships are granted on a case-by-case basis.

4.3. A request for a Completion Scholarship will be submitted no sooner than six (6) months before the Scholarship end date and no less than four weeks prior to the end date of the Scholarship. Completion Scholarships will not be approved if requested after the Scholarship end date.

4.4. Changes to course enrolment, as defined in (7), (8) and (9) do not constitute sufficient grounds for a Completion Scholarship.

4.5. The transfer of a Scholarship, as defined in (11), does not constitute sufficient grounds for a Completion Scholarship.

4.6. Employment commitments, as defined in (12), do not constitute sufficient grounds for a Completion Scholarship.

5. Value of Scholarship

5.1. Stipend

5.1.1. The University will administer to each Recipient an annual stipend equivalent to the base full-time [RTP Stipend rate, published by the Department of Education and Training](#) for the relevant year of award.

5.1.2. Part-time Recipients will be administered a RTP stipend at a part-time rate, equivalent to half the full-time RTP Stipend rate.

5.1.3. The RTP Stipend rates are indexed each year in accordance with the HESA Act 2003.

5.1.4. The value of the Scholarship will be detailed in the Recipient's Scholarship letter of offer.

5.1.5. The RTP Stipend is:

5.1.5.1. exempt from taxation for full-time Scholarship Recipients;

5.1.5.2. not exempt from taxation for part-time Scholarship Recipients

5.1.6. The annual RTP Stipend will be pro-rated to the equivalent full-time student load consumed in the course.

5.1.7. Fortnightly payments will be made direct to the Recipient in respect of their RTP stipend. Payment into an account in the Recipient's name, with an Australian Approved Deposit-taking institution such as a bank, is considered to be a payment direct to the Recipient.

5.2. Fee offset

- 5.2.1. The University will provide International Recipients with a tuition fee offset scholarship for the approved course, for the tenure of this Scholarship, to assist with tuition fee liability.
- 5.2.2. International Recipients who have not submitted their thesis by the end of the RTP or Curtin funded fee offset scholarship tenure may be subject to tuition fee liability applicable at the time of scholarship expiry. This is subject to Associate Deputy Vice- Chancellor, Research Excellence approval on a case-by-case basis.
- 5.2.3. In the event an International Recipient is granted Australian Permanent Resident status, the Curtin funded fee offset scholarship will be terminated and replaced by an Australian Government RTP Fee Offset Scholarship.

5.3. Overseas Health Cover allowance

- 5.3.1. International Recipients, with a valid student visa, may be provided an allowance to cover the cost of a standard Overseas Health Cover (OSHC) for the period of support outlined in (3).
- 5.3.2. This allowance:
 - 5.3.2.1. is additional to the RTP Stipend; and
 - 5.3.2.2. where relevant, the University may provide cover for the Recipient's spouse and/or dependent/s.

5.4. Relocation allowance

- 5.4.1. Recipients who relocate their place of residence to Perth, Western Australia (Perth) from **Remote** Western Australia, interstate or overseas to commence their Scholarship may be eligible for a relocation allowance.
- 5.4.2. The allowance:
 - 5.4.2.1. is additional to the RTP Stipend;
 - 5.4.2.2. will cover the cost of relocating the Recipient, and where relevant the Recipient's spouse and/or dependent/s;
 - 5.4.2.3. is paid at the maximum rate of \$600 per adult and \$250 per child up to an absolute maximum of \$1,700;
 - 5.4.2.4. is only payable where the relocation to Perth occurs after the date of the Scholarship offer; and
 - 5.4.2.5. must be claimed within six (6) months of Scholarship commencement.
- 5.4.3. In lodging a claim, the Recipient will provide:
 - 5.4.3.1. proof of marriage or De facto relationship for the spouse to be covered under the relocation allowance, for which the status of the relationship must be in effect prior to the date of the Scholarship offer; and
 - 5.4.3.2. birth or adoption certificates for each dependent to be covered under the relocation allowance.
- 5.4.4. A claim will be processed on provision of original tax receipts, and reimbursements made by the University will include any GST amounts specified in the original tax receipt provided.

5.5. Funding outside the Scholarship

- 5.5.1. The Recipient is permitted to:
 - 5.5.1.1. obtain funds for fieldwork, equipment or other expenses not covered by the Scholarship; and
 - 5.5.1.2. obtain funding for overseas travel costs from other Australian Government awards or any other source.

6. Approval of a Part-time Scholarship

- 6.1. Request to undertake a part-time Scholarship will be made in writing to the Associate Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research Excellence. In approving a part-time Scholarship, the institution will be satisfied that the Recipient has an exceptional circumstance, which limits the Recipient's capacity to undertake full time study.
- 6.2. The intent to undertake employment on a full-time or substantial part-time basis does not constitute grounds for approval of a part-time Scholarship.
- 6.3. The University may approve a part-time Scholarship where a Recipient has:
 - 6.3.1. carer responsibilities for a pre-school child;
 - 6.3.2. carer responsibilities for school-aged children as a sole parent with limited access to outside support;
 - 6.3.3. carer responsibilities for an invalid or disabled spouse, child or parent; or
 - 6.3.4. a medical condition, which limits the capacity to undertake full-time study (supported by medical certification).
- 6.4. Scholarship Recipients approved to study part-time may revert to full-time study at any time with the permission of the institution.

7. Changing Course and Resumption of HDR Studies after Withdrawal

- 7.1. Recipients changing course of study to another HDR degree at the same level, or enrolling in a HDR course after having previously withdrawn from a HDR course may be entitled to:
 - 7.1.1. the full period of support defined in (3) if the current enrolment in the HDR course represents a new research project and consequently a new body of work; or
 - 7.1.2. an adjusted period of support defined in (3), less any period of study undertaken in the prior HDR course, if the current enrolment in the HDR course represents a continuation or overlap on the research project and body of work from the previous HDR enrolment.
- 7.2. The provisions of clause 7.1 include for changes from one field of education to another, and are assessed by the Associate Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research Excellence (or delegate) on a case-by-case basis
- 7.3. Where a Recipient changes course of study to another HDR degree at the same level, the period of support remains unchanged. This includes changes from one field of education to another. For example, a Recipient who has completed one year of a Masters by Research and then changes to a different Masters by Research, will only be entitled to a further 12 months full-time equivalent study.
- 7.4. Where a Recipient withdraws from the course of study, the Scholarship will be terminated.

8. Progression to a Research Doctorate Degree after Completing a Masters by Research Degree

- 8.1. Where a Recipient completes a Masters by Research degree and then progresses to a Research Doctorate degree, the Recipient will be entitled to the maximum period of support as defined in (3) of these Conditions for the subsequent Scholarship.

9. Conversion from a Masters by Research Degree to a Research Doctorate Degree

- 9.1. Where a Recipient commences studies in a Masters by Research degree and then upgrades to a Research Doctorate, the Recipient's total period of support under the Scholarship will be extended to the maximum period of support provided to a Research Doctorate Recipient as detailed in (3) of these Conditions.
- 9.2. An conversion may be sought where:
 - 9.2.1. a Recipient who has achieved candidacy in a Masters by Research is deemed to be undertaking research equivalent to doctoral standards;
 - 9.2.2. there is no break between the candidature for the Masters by Research degree and the Research Doctorate degree unless the interval is covered by a period of suspension; and

- 9.2.3. the research undertaken by the Recipient while enrolled in the Masters by Research is modified to meet the requirements for the Research Doctorate.

10. Conversion from a Research Doctorate Degree to a Masters by Research Degree

- 10.1. Where a Recipient elects or is required, for academic or personal reasons, to change their enrolment from a Research Doctorate to a Masters by Research, the Recipient's period of support under the Scholarship will be reduced to the maximum period of support provided to a Masters by Research Recipient as detailed in (3) of these Conditions.
- 10.2. At the point of course conversion, where the consumed period of support in the previous Research Doctorate exceeds the maximum period of support available to a Masters by Research Recipient as detailed in (3) of these Conditions,
- 10.2.1. the Recipient may be required to pay the course tuition fee applicable at the time; and
- 10.2.2. the Scholarship RTP Stipend payments will terminate.

11. Suspension of Scholarship

- 11.1. Recipients may apply for a suspension of their Scholarship for up to 12 months. The approval of suspensions will be at the discretion of the University.
- 11.2. In exceptional circumstances, Recipients may apply for suspensions of their Scholarship beyond 12 months, and the Associate Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research Excellence will be satisfied that the exceptional circumstances are beyond the Recipient's control and warrant a further suspension of the Scholarship.
- 11.3. Recipients are not normally allowed suspension of their Scholarship within six (6) months of taking up the Scholarship or prior to having their candidacy approved.
- 11.4. Where relevant, periods of suspension approved pursuant to clause 11.1 will be covered by a Leave of Absence.
- 11.5. The University may suspend the Scholarship if the Recipient:
- 11.5.1. has been placed on Conditional status by the University, and has failed to meet those conditions within the specified timeframe;
- 11.5.2. has failed to obtain approval for overseas travel; and/or
- 11.5.3. has failed to resume study at the University on the return date specified after a period of approved research off-campus and/or outside Australia as detailed in (14).
- 11.6. The Scholarship stipend will not be back paid during the suspension period, per clause 11.5, if a Recipient is re-instated to Good Standing.

12. Transfer of a Scholarship to another Higher Education Provider (HEP)

- 12.1. The decision to approve a transfer of a Recipient to another HEP is assessed on a case-by-case basis, and is at the discretion of both HEPs in question.
- 12.2. The HEP accepting the transferring Recipient is responsible for funding the Recipient's RTP Scholarship.
- 12.3. The period of support for the transferring Recipient will be calculated based on the initial course commencement date at the originating HEP.
- 12.4. Recipients seeking to transfer their Scholarship to Curtin from another HEP will be required to provide evidence of:
- 12.4.1. the scholarship award at the originating HEP;
- 12.4.2. course commence and withdrawal at the originating HEP; and
- 12.4.3. the equivalent full-time student load consumed in the course at the originating HEP.
- 12.5. Recipients transferring to Curtin University will be subject to:
- 12.5.1. the provisions of (3) where the period of support is concerned; and

12.5.2. the provisions of (5) where the value of the scholarship is concerned.

13. Employment

- 13.1. The University does not require Recipients to undertake employment.
- 13.2. In agreed circumstances, the University may permit a Recipient to undertake a limited amount of University teaching or other work which is unrelated to their research topic, as long as these activities do not interfere with progress in the HDR course, and where relevant are consistent with the conditions of the Recipient's student visa.
- 13.3. There is no limit on the income a Recipient can receive from part-time employment which is unrelated to their research topic. Recipients are expected to seek independent taxation advice relating to such employment.
- 13.4. A Recipient is permitted to undertake no more than 8 hours per week of paid employment between the work hours of 9.00am to 5.00pm, Monday to Friday. This excludes university holidays. Part-time Scholarship Recipients seeking paid employment exceeding 8 hours per week between the work hours of 9.00am to 5.00pm, Monday to Friday, are required to obtain permission from the Associate Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research Excellence.
- 13.5. Full-time Recipients are expected to dedicate four days a week to study.
- 13.6. Fractional-time or casual academic-equated appointments will not be permitted unless there is compliance with clause 13.4.
- 13.7. Volunteer work or service to University committees will not be permitted unless there is compliance with clause 13.4.
- 13.8. Remuneration from income received directly related to a Recipients research topic should not be greater than 75% of the Recipient's RTP Stipend rate.

14. Research Off-campus and/or outside Australia

- 14.1. The University may approve Recipients conducting up to 12 months of their research off-campus and/or outside Australia if:
 - 14.1.1. the research is essential for completion of the thesis;
 - 14.1.2. appropriate risk management is undertaken;
 - 14.1.3. there is adequate supervision;
 - 14.1.4. the Recipient remains enrolled; and
 - 14.1.5. the candidacy has been approved and the appropriate ethics clearance has been obtained.
- 14.2. In the situation where Recipients have to conduct more than 12 months of their research off-campus and/ or outside Australia, Recipients will require approval from the Enrolling School.
- 14.3. Part-time Scholarship Recipients seeking to conduct research outside of Australia will require approval from the Associate Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research Excellence.
- 14.4. For research outside of Australia, International Recipients on a student visa will contact Student Services, International Student Visas to seek advice to ensure that their student visa remains valid for their return to Australia.

15. Research at Other Organisations

- 15.1. The University may approve a Recipient conducting substantial amounts of research at organisations outside the higher education sector provided that adequate support, supervision, training, and research freedom for the Recipient is available at the other organisation and on the understanding that the University will still be responsible for the Recipient.
- 15.2. The rights to intellectual property should be resolved prior to commencement at the other organisation.
- 15.3. The required ethics approval from the University will be obtained prior to conducting this research.

16. Termination of Scholarship

- 16.1. The Scholarship will be terminated in the following circumstances:
- 16.1.1. on the day the thesis is submitted for examination or at the end of the Scholarship, whichever is earlier;
 - 16.1.2. if the Recipient ceases to meet the eligibility criteria specified per (1) of these Conditions, other than during a period in which the Scholarship has been suspended or during a period of approved leave;
 - 16.1.3. if in the opinion of the University, the course of study is not being carried out with competence and diligence or in accordance with the offer of the Scholarship;
 - 16.1.4. if the University has suspended the Scholarship per clause 11.5 and the Recipient fails to demonstrate progress within a reasonable time frame;
 - 16.1.5. on the death or incapacity of the Recipient, or course withdrawal;
 - 16.1.6. if the University determines the Recipient has committed serious misconduct, including but not limited to the provision of false or misleading information;
 - 16.1.7. if the Recipient does not resume study at the conclusion of a period of suspension or does not make arrangements to extend the period of suspension; and/or
 - 16.1.8. if the Recipient does not resume study at the University on the date specified for return after a period of approved research off-campus and/or outside Australia.
- 16.2. In the case of an International Recipient, termination of an RTP Stipend Scholarship may result in concurrent termination of the RTP funded fee offset scholarship.

17. Leave Entitlements

- 17.1. Recipients are entitled up to 20 working days paid annual leave and 10 working days paid sick leave for each year of the Scholarship. These periods of leave must be discussed with and approved by the Recipient's supervisor. These leave entitlements may be accrued over the life of the Scholarship but will be forfeited when the Scholarship is terminated. These leave will not extend the tenure of the Scholarship.
- 17.2. On provision of a medical certificate, Recipients are entitled to receive additional paid sick leave of up to a total of 60 working days during the duration of the RTP Stipend for periods of illness where the Recipient has exhausted the provisions of clause 17.1.
- 17.3. Sick leave entitlements (including additional sick leave) may also be used to cover leave for Recipients with family caring responsibilities. Recipients are required to take a Leave of Absence from their HDR course for periods of additional paid sick leave (17.2).
- 17.4. Recipients who have completed 12 months of their Scholarship are entitled to a maximum of 60 working days paid maternity leave during the duration of the Scholarship. This maternity leave may also be approved if the Recipient has adopted a child. Maternity leave must be taken no earlier than eight (8) weeks prior to the expected birth/adoption date and conclude no later than 80 working days after the actual birth/adoption date of the child. The maternity leave will be paid at the rate the RTP Stipend is administered to the Recipient i.e. part-time Recipients will be paid pro-rata for the 60 day duration.
- 17.5. Recipients who are partners of women giving birth while receiving a Scholarship and who have completed 12 months of their Scholarship are entitled to a period of 10 working days paid parenting leave at the time of the birth or adoption. This period of leave is to be taken anytime in the 80 working days immediately after the birth or adoption of the child. The leave will be paid at the rate the RTP Stipend is administered to the Recipient i.e. part-time Recipients will be paid pro-rata for the 10 day duration.
- 17.6. Where relevant, Recipients unable to pursue their studies will apply for a Leave of Absence in accordance with Rule No. 10 Made Pursuant to Statute No. 12 – Enrolment: Degree of Doctor by Research or Rule No. 11 Made Pursuant to Statute No. 12 – Enrolment: Degree of Master by Research.

18. Erroneous Overpayment of Scholarship

- 18.1. A Recipient who is taking leave from their HDR course is expected to submit the prescribed approval form in a timely manner and, where possible in advance in order to avail receiving an overpayment of their Scholarship. In circumstances where an overpayment does occur, reimbursement of the overpaid amount is required in accordance with the instructions of the University.
- 18.2. In the situation where a Recipient is overpaid an amount in excess of a full fortnightly Scholarship disbursement, the University may recover the overpayment by withholding future stipend payments at the same rate which the stipend was overpaid.

19. Confidentiality

- 19.1. The deliberations and decisions of authorised officers relating to allocation, selection and award of Scholarships are confidential.

20. Legal Advice

- 20.1. All Recipients are strongly recommended to seek their own independent legal advice regarding intellectual property and other contractual arrangements, both with the University and any other external parties.

21. Variation of Conditions

- 21.1. These conditions may be varied from time to time at the discretion of the Associate Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research Excellence, or at the request of the relevant statutory or legislative bodies.

22. Provision of False or Misleading Information

- 22.1. If the University knows or has reason to believe that a Recipient has provided false or misleading information to the University in relation to the Scholarship, the University will immediately:
 - 22.1.1. re-assess the Recipient's Scholarship entitlements; and
 - 22.1.2. where relevant, notify the Department of Education and Training or Department of Immigration and Border Protection of the suspected offence and provide where requested, a copy of the Recipient's application and any other relevant information.

23. Acknowledgment of Commonwealth Support

- 23.1. Recipients are required to acknowledge the Australian Government's support in any published materials relating to their HDR by mention of support through an "Australian Government Research Training Program Scholarship".
- 23.2. This requirement will be exercised both during and after completion of the HDR. Materials include items such as books, articles, newsletters or other literary or artistic works which relate to the Recipient's HDR project.

24. Specific University Obligations

- 24.1. The University will abide by the Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research.
- 24.2. The University will be fair and equitable in the use of its discretionary powers.
- 24.3. The right of the Recipient to appeal decisions is recognised. The University will advise Recipients of appropriate appeal mechanisms for resolution of any disputes which might arise during their candidature.

25. Specific Recipient Obligations

- 25.1. A Recipient acknowledges and agrees that he or she :
 - 25.1.1. will diligently and to the best of their ability apply themselves to the successful completion of the degree;

- 25.1.2. will conform to the rules (including disciplinary provisions) of the University;
 - 25.1.3. will abide by the Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research;
 - 25.1.4. will provide all reports required by the University including an annual progress report submitted through the Graduate Research School. If the University does not consider that progress to be satisfactory, the Recipient will be placed on Conditional status and/or the Scholarship may be terminated; and
 - 25.1.5. will abide where relevant by the National Health and Medical Research (NHMRC) and Australian Research Council (ARC) Codes on Human and Animal Research Conditions and decisions of the Safety and Ethics committees of the University.
- 25.2. A Recipient will advise the University within ten (10) working days in writing if he or she:
- 25.2.1. leaves Australia for reasons other than approved overseas study, approved suspension or approved annual leave;
 - 25.2.2. discontinues full time study;
 - 25.2.3. is absent from full time study for a period of ten (10) working days or longer without prior approval; and/or
 - 25.2.4. is in receipt of additional income, surplus to the RTP Stipend Scholarship, which is for the purpose of supporting general living costs per the provisions of clause 1.1.6 and (13).

26. Related Links

Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research

<https://www.nhmrc.gov.au/about-us/publications/australian-code-responsible-conduct-research-2018>

Australian Statistical Geography Standard

<http://www.abs.gov.au/>

Curtin RTP Scholarship Policy webpage

<http://research.curtin.edu.au/postgraduate/rtp-scholarship-policy/>

Curtin Scholarships webpage

<http://Scholarships.curtin.edu.au/>

Family Law Act 1975

<https://www.legislation.gov.au>

HESA Act 2003

<https://www.education.gov.au/higher-education-support-act-2003-and-guidelines>

Research Training Program (RTP) Scholarship Procedures

<http://policies.curtin.edu.au/findapolicy/>

Rule No. 10 Made Pursuant to Statute No. 12 – Enrolment: Degree of Doctor by Research

http://policies.curtin.edu.au/legislation/statutes_rules.cfm

Rule No. 11 Made Pursuant to Statute No. 12 – Enrolment: Degree of Master by Research

http://policies.curtin.edu.au/legislation/statutes_rules.cfm

DO NOT DETACH SCHOLARSHIP ACCEPTANCE FROM CONDITIONS OF AWARD

2021 AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT RESEARCH TRAINING PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP ACCEPTANCE

- I have read, understood and accept the attached Australian Government Research Training Program (RTP) Scholarship – Conditions of Award governing the Scholarship and I agree to abide by these conditions and obligations outlined therein.
- I acknowledge and agree to be bound by the most current version of the Australian Government Research Training Program Scholarship Conditions of Award in effect for the duration of my enrolment.
- I have read and understood the Research Training Program (RTP) Scholarship Procedures as available on the Curtin Find a Policy webpage <http://policies.curtin.edu.au/findapolicy/index.cfm>.
- I accept Curtin University's offer of a Scholarship under the conditions specified.
- I understand if I fail to meet my obligations as outlined in the Conditions of Award, I risk my Scholarship being terminated. Should this occur, I understand I will not be eligible to receive the Scholarship for the remainder of my studies with the university.
- I consent to the collection, use, storage and disclosure of my personal information by Curtin University in connection with the Scholarship, including (without limitation) for the administration of the Scholarship, Curtin University's general administrative purposes which includes communications involving surveys, the availability of courses, alumni activity, newsletters and promoting the Scholarships program through any medium whatsoever (including, without limitation, through advertisements, posters, books, articles, social media websites and on the world wide web generally) for public relations, promotional, commercial and advertising purposes.

DECLARATION

- I declare I have not consumed any entitlement of a Commonwealth scholarship with Curtin or any other Higher Education Provider I have not previously disclosed during the application process.

Recipient's Curtin Student ID:

Recipient's Full Name:

Recipient's Signature:

Date:

Anticipated Thesis Enrolment Start Date

(if applicable):

Anticipated Scholarship Start Date:

Witness's Full Name:

Witness's Signature:

Date:
