

# Short Term Accommodation Scholarship

Higher Degree by Research students in the final stages of their research project can live on campus with a short term accommodation scholarship. This opportunity allows students to engage with the Curtin Research community and undertake a period of intense writing to finalise their thesis for examination.

What's included:

- Independent living in a secure environment
- 4-12 weeks accommodation plus a living allowance of approx \$600 per fortnight
- Private room in a shared apartment (shared kitchen, living and bathrooms)
- Live with other post-graduates
- 5-10 minute walk from research facilities and the library
- Linen, cookery and utensils included
- Access to Curtin Wi-fi
- Quiet study areas
- Laundry facilities
- Close to shopping centre and food outlets
- Free parking available
- 24/7 security escorts from campus to your door



"I chose to live at Vickery House because of its location. It is close to my classes, the library and the local shops."

- Mubanga, current resident and post-graduate student.



**Erica Underwood House** Take a virtual tour



Vickery House Take a virtual tour

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# **Guidelines** Short Term Accommodation Scholarship



The Short Term Accommodation Scholarship has been introduced to support Curtin PhD students in the final stages of their research project, so they can engage with the Curtin Research community and undertake a period of intense writing, to finalise their thesis for examination.

The Curtin Short Term Accommodation Scholarship provides accommodation and financial support to PhD students who have successfully completed their M3 milestone and are preparing to submit their thesis for examination.

Applications should be made based on your intended thesis submission date. Please ensure you read the application eligibility criteria carefully and submit your application by the corresponding due date below.

# Benefits

Recipients of the Short Term Accommodation Scholarship will receive on campus accommodation for one (single occupancy only), and an allowance for a minimum of 4 weeks, and maximum period of 12 weeks. This means, successful recipients will receive free accommodation for the tenure of the scholarship and a living allowance of approx. \$600 per fortnight.

# Eligibility

The following eligibility criteria apply:

- 1. Applicants must be enrolled a PhD degree full time, PT applicants must convert to FT for the tenure of the scholarship
- 2. Applicants must be enrolled via an Australian campus
- 3. Applicants must have successfully completed the M3 milestone
- 4. Applicants must reside and agree to the terms and conditions of UniLodge
- 5. Successful applicants holding a scholarship of a similar benefit such as an RTP Scholarship at commencement of the Short Term Accommodation Scholarship will only be eligible to receive the accommodation benefit (not the allowance.)

The following students are ineligible:

- **1.** Students who are not in good standing (i.e. have an academic status of conditional, such as not yet met milestone requirements)
- 2. Students whose thesis examination has concluded

# **Selection Criteria**

Applicants will be assessed on the information provided in the application form and should provide tangible evidence of overall excellence as represented by the following criteria:

#### 1. Candidature length

Justification of delays in candidature provided by the supervisor may be considered by the Selection Panel, but will need to address exceptional circumstances.

2. Timeline

A detailed timeline demonstrating progress made throughout candidature and the work remaining to thesis submission should be documented. *The timeline is critical for the selection committee to determine the scholarship duration.* Students planning to submit their thesis during the tenure of this award, and wish to publish during the thesis examination period can request to have their scholarship converted to the Curtin Publication Grant for the remaining duration of the scholarship. Requests will be assessed on a case by case basis, and are dependent on the criterion of the Publication Grant being met.

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#### 3. Accommodation requirement

A short summary (max 100 words) is required to demonstrate how living on campus will support your thesis completion.

#### 4. Endorsement

All submissions should be endorsed by the Principal Supervisor and include a statement about the engagement living on campus will facilitate, and verify that the submitted timeline is achievable. Applicants who do not meet the selection criteria should not be supported by the supervisor and put forward for consideration.

#### Applications

Each application must be made via the application form; along with all supporting documents (eg: timeline) attached to the application. Max 2 pages.

## Due Dates

The Short Term Accommodation Scholarship will be open in accordance with the timeline below. All applications are to be submitted directly to the GRS via <u>HDRSCH-applications@curtin.edu.au</u>.

Outcomes will be communicated to all applicants within one month of the GRS selection committee's final assessment and determination.

## Conditions of the Award

All applicants will be notified via email. Successful awardees must abide by the following conditions.

#### Acceptance

• All awardees must notify the Graduate Research School within 5 working days if they wish to accept or declined the Short term Accommodation scholarship.

#### Commencement

• Student awardees must take up the award immediately and provide the Graduate Research School with the relevant payment details at the time of acceptance

#### Attendance

• Awardees must maintain regular contact with their supervisor(s) during the tenure of the scholarship

Compliance

- International students on a student visa must abide by ESOS requirements. For advice, contact the Department of Immigration and Citizenship at http://www.immi.gov.au/.
- The Short Term Accommodation Scholarship cannot be held concurrently with another award offering similar benefits.
- It is expected that recipients engage in on campus research related activities and commit to completing their thesis writing.
- Awardees must reside at either <u>Erica Underwood House</u> or <u>Vickery House during the tenure of the</u> <u>scholarship</u>.
- Awardees must reside in the one bedroom (cannot co-reside with dependents, significant others for example) and accept the conditions of <u>UniLodge</u>.

#### Employment

• Awardees cannot take either full-time or substantial part-time employment during the tenure of the scholarship. i.e. no more than 8 hours per week of paid employment between 9.00 am - 5.00 pm Monday to Friday.

#### Acknowledgements

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• Awardees should acknowledge in their thesis declaration the support received from the Curtin University scholarship.

## Timeline

Applications are to be submitted based on the criterion that M3 has successfully been met and the thesis submission date. Please ensure you read the application eligibility criteria carefully and submit your application by the corresponding due date below.

Rounds	Opening date	Closing date
Round one For applicants due to submit by October	Now	15 September 2021
Round two For applicants due to submit by December	September	15 October 2021