



Abbreviations

CoE	Confirmation of Enrolment
DIISR	Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research
DEEWR	Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations
DIAC	Department of Immigration and Citizenship
HDR student	Higher degree by research student
HECS	Higher Education Contribution Scheme
IPRS	International Postgraduate Research Scholarship
RTS	Research Training Scheme
NH&MRC	National Health and Medical Research Council
OSHC	Overseas Student Health Cover
UniSA	University of South Australia
UPS	University President's Scholarship

Scholarship Benefits

Benefits:	IPRS	UniSA President's
Tuition fees	Covered	Covered
OSHC	Covered	Covered
Living allowance	Refer to letter of offer	Refer to letter of offer
Thesis allowance	Up to AUD\$840 (Doctoral degree) Up to AUD\$420 (Masters by Research degree)	No provision
Sick leave	Up to ten days paid sick leave in any one year. This leave entitlement may be accrued. HDR students may also receive additional paid sick leave up to a total of twelve weeks during their scholarship for periods of illness lasting longer than ten days for which a medical certificate has been provided.	
Carer's leave	Research HDR students who have completed twelve months of their award will be entitled to ten days paid carers' leave.	
Parental leave	Research HDR students who have completed twelve months of their award will be entitled to ten days paid parental leave when the partner gives birth or adopts.	
Maternity leave	Research HDR students who have completed twelve months of their award will be entitled to twelve weeks paid maternity leave.	

Note: No travel expenses from home country to Australia are provided

Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC)

All international scholarship holders studying in Australia will be covered by OSHC for the duration of their visa. A standard OSHC policy covers the costs of medical and hospital care in Australia and most prescription drugs and emergency ambulance transport. The family rate of OSHC is available to international HDR students accompanied by dependents, however, the additional cost of family cover, may not be covered by the scholarship.

International HDR students may wish to purchase extra OSHC if they require cover for ancillary services such as dental, optical, physiotherapy, etc.

The University's preferred health care provider is Worldcare Assist: <http://www.oshcworldcare.com.au>

Length of Living Allowance

The length of scholarship differs from the length of candidacy. Scholarships generally are payable for less time than the length of the program and/or visa expiry date.

HDR students need to plan their program of research to enable them to complete in the required timeframe, normally between 3 to 3.5 years (full-time equivalent) for a Doctoral degree or 2 years (maximum full-time equivalent) for a Masters degree.

The letter of offer will detail the duration of the living allowance. The scholarship (tuition fees and/or living allowance, as applicable) will cease:

- when the thesis is submitted or when the maximum period of candidature expires (whichever is earlier). The living allowance (if applicable) ceases at the pay period after the date of submission of the thesis to the Graduate Research Centre (GRC);
- if the course of study is not being carried out with competence and diligence or in accordance with the offer of candidature, and no suitable alternative arrangements can be made for continuation of the postgraduate degree;
- on the death, incapacity, resignation or withdrawal of the HDR student;
- if the HDR student does not resume study at the conclusion of a period of leave of absence or does not make arrangements to extend that period of leave of absence;
- on taking up full-time employment if granted Permanent Residency.

UniSA must advise DIAC in the event that candidature is suspended or terminated, or when HDR students completes prior to the expiry of candidature.

Extension to Scholarship - Doctoral degree HDR students who require longer than three years may apply to UniSA for an extension to the scholarship of **up to 6 months**.

UniSA must be satisfied that the grounds for extension are beyond the control of the HDR student and are related to his or her studies rather than of a personal nature such as illness.

Employment

HDR students who are granted a Student Visa with work rights will be permitted to work a strictly limited amount of part-time employment, with the approval of the University, and provided it does not interfere with the HDR student's study program.

Note: *DIAC's regulations and the University's regulations differ with respect to the number of hours HDR students are permitted to undertake paid employment.*

The University's Research Degrees Committee recommends that full-time HDR students undertake paid employment for no more than eight hours per week or for a total of the equivalent of eight hours per week over a twelve month period. The hours of employment include marking and preparation associated with part-time teaching duties.

HDR students will require the approval of the University, and provided it does not interfere with the HDR student's study program. HDR students shall notify the Graduate Research Centre (GRC) of any change in employment details. The University may not require HDR students to undertake employment at the institution.

Leave of Absence

Also refer to Candidature Information.

Scholarship holders are entitled to up to twenty days recreation leave in any year of candidature. Any periods of leave greater than 20 days should be applied for on the appropriate form and approved by the Graduate Research Centre (GRC).

Scholarship holders are entitled to up to ten days sick leave in any one year of candidature. This entitlement may be accrued. Claims for paid sick leave must be supported by a medical certificate from a registered medical practitioner. Applications for paid sick leave should be applied for on the appropriate form, with the attached medical certificate, and approved by the Graduate Research Centre (GRC). ***If leave exceeds 28 days, the HDR student is required to leave Australia, unless the application for leave is accompanied by a medical certificate confirming that the HDR student is unable to travel for medical reasons.***

Applications for leave should be made in advance of the leave being taken.

Extended leave - Suspension of Scholarship - Any extended leave may affect the HDR student's Student Visa status. DIAC only permits leave for illness, with evidence from a Registered Medical Practitioner, or exceptional compassionate circumstances beyond the HDR student's control.

UniSA must advise DIAC when extended leave is approved.

Change of Program

Also refer to Candidature Information.

UniSA must advise DIAC when a change of program is approved.

Permanent Residency in Australia

An international HDR student who is granted permanent resident status in Australia, after accepting the offer of a scholarship, may be liable to pay tuition fees.

Permanent resident status is recognised from the date stamped on the HDR student's passport, not the date on which the application for permanent resident status was lodged.

HDR students who obtain permanent resident status after 31 March for Study Period 2/Semester 1 and 31 August for Study Period 5/Semester 2, the HDR student will be classified as an international HDR student for the remainder of that Study Period/Semester and the University may charge tuition fees applying to the HDR student for that Study Period/Semester. From the following Study Period/Semester, the HDR student will be classified as a Permanent Resident and may apply for an Australian Postgraduate Award (APA) or University of South Australia Postgraduate Award (USAPA) scholarship and/or may be considered for a Research Training Scheme (RTS) place.

Thesis Allowance (Completion and President's Scholarships excluded)

The Thesis Allowance is payable to assist with the costs associated with the production and preparation of the thesis. Original receipts are required for the reimbursement of costs involved in the thesis preparation and production.

The maximum allowance is AUD\$420 for a Master's thesis and AUD\$840 for a Doctoral thesis.

Claims are to be lodged within 6 months of the final thesis submission and within 24 months of termination or expiry of the scholarship.

For more information visit: <http://www.unisa.edu.au/researchstudents/milestones/thesissubmit.asp>

Legal Advice

All students are strongly urged to seek their own independent legal advice regarding Intellectual Property and other contractual arrangements, both with the University and any external parties.

Enquiries: research.degrees@unisa.edu.au