Higher Degree by Research

Scholarships for 2023

Advice for Applicants

Graduate Research School
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Introduction

The University of Western Australia (UWA) is committed to providing postgraduate research scholarships that support the training of domestic and overseas students to undertake a Higher Degrees by Research (HDR) and to deliver graduates with the skills required to build careers in both academic and non-academic employment.

The allocation of scholarship is the outcome of a competitive selection process in which applications are ranked according to academic achievement and research potential, on the basis of evidence provided.

UWA usually holds two postgraduate research scholarship rounds per year:

- The International round is typically open in July/August, with offers in mid-October
- The Domestic and UWA International UWA graduates round is typically open in September/October, with offers in mid-December

Scholarship rounds for 2023

International Scholarships Round for commencement in 2023

Applications open from 1 July 2022 until 31 August 2022 for commencement by 30 June 2023.

Domestic and International UWA Graduates Round for commencement in 2023

Applications open from 1 September 2022 until 31 October 2022 for commencement by 31 March 2023.

Eligibility

To be eligible, applicants must:

- meet the requirements for entry to the nominated degree including satisfying the requirements of the UWA's [Policy on Adequate Research Preparation](#) and [English language requirements](#);
- be eligible to enrol or be enrolled in a HDR with at least 66% research component, at UWA;
- not expect to receive another equivalent award or scholarship to undertake the proposed study which is greater than 75% of the stipend rate; and
- be available to take up the scholarship if offered, by the advertised date. Special approval may be granted on written application, for a later commencement date for those candidates with unavoidable commitments. However any award or scholarship offered will lapse, if not taken up before the advertised date (see Key dates).

English language requirements:

All applicants to the HDR program, including Australian applicants, must satisfy the requirements for English language competence set down by the Board of the Graduate Research School.

Scholarship applicants need to meet the English language requirements by the scholarship document deadline.

All submitted English tests need to remain valid as of the proposed date of enrolment.

UWA does not accept statements of English proficiency from employers, other tertiary institutions or GRE tests as evidence in meeting the above requirements. UWA does not home based/home edition tests or TOEFL "MyBest" scores.

Degrees where the language of instruction is in English are not typically accepted as meeting the English requirement (unless that degree was taken in Australia, United Kingdom, New Zealand, Canada (except Quebec) or the United States of America).

Selection criteria

Scholarships are awarded by the UWA Higher Degree by Research Scholarships Committee to eligible applicants after a competitive selection process on the basis of:

   a) academic achievement as evidenced by their academic record; and
   b) research potential as evidenced by relevant research experience, research output, other research-related achievements and publications, if applicable.

In the competitive selection process, priority may be given to students who are enrolling as internal students in an HDR for the first time, and students who have not:

   a) previously completed a Research Doctorate or equivalent;
   b) previously completed a Research Masters degree or equivalent, unless intending to undertake a Research Doctorate;
   c) previously held an Australian Postgraduate Award, Australian Postgraduate Award (Industry) or an Australian Government-funded Postgraduate Research Award (excluding an IPRS and International RTP) previously, unless it was terminated within six months of the commencement of benefits;
   d) previously been awarded, or currently be in receipt of, a current scholarship stipend; a UWA International Fee Scholarship (UIFS); a Scholarship for International Research Fees (SIRF) or other scholarship designed to offset HDR fees.

Scholarships are usually awarded to applicants who intend to enrol as full-time internal students based on a campus of UWA, for most or all of their candidature and scholarship tenure. Approval may be given for a part-time award (domestic students only), where an applicant is able to demonstrate compelling social reasons, such as a medical condition or primary care commitments, which would prevent full-time study.

How to apply

Step 1: Apply

Scholarship applications at UWA are submitted via the University's online portal - iAthena.

Detailed system instructions and application requirements are located in Appendix 1.

Please refer to the website for scanned document requirements:
https://www.ask.uwa.edu.au/app/answers/detail/a_id/1494/~/scanned-document-requirements-when-applying-for-a-course-online

Note: Hard-copy original transcripts and degree certificates from previous studies may be requested at any time as part of the process of verifying the authenticity of any documents provided with your application.

Once the application is submitted, it is not possible for the applicant to make changes or upload additional documents and your application will be considered on the evidence provided.

Step 2: Check

Applicants can access iAthena to check the status of their application, via the "**Application status from previous rounds**" field.

SUBMITTED	Application has been submitted
REFEREE REPORT	Once a referee report is received, the date of receipt is recorded. If there is no date recorded, this means that the referee has not yet submitted their report.

Step 3:   Results

Both successful and unsuccessful applicants will be notified at the email address provided.

Successful scholarship applicants will receive an offer for scholarship and candidature. A separate application for candidature is not necessary.

Scholarship applications are applicable at UWA only and remain the property of UWA. Applicants who wish to apply at other Australian universities should seek information from the university concerned. Scholarships awarded at UWA cannot be taken up at another university.

Contact and further information

Email:

- Pre-candidature Support: applications-grs@uwa.edu.au

Web:

- Research Scholarships: https://www.uwa.edu.au/study/research/research-scholarships
- English language requirement: study.uwa.edu.au/PG-lang-req
- Adequate research preparation: governance.uwa.edu.au/policy/UP11/25
- iAthena: iathena.grs.uwa.edu.au
- Referee report for scholarship applicants: word version / fillable pdf version

iAthena system instructions

1. User registration

If you are currently enrolled at UWA, select **Current UWA Students** and enter your UWA Student Number and UWA Pheme Password.

If you are not currently enrolled at UWA, select **Non-UWA Students and Former UWA Students**. Enter a valid email address. All future correspondence will be sent to this email address.

2. System requirement

It is recommended to use either Chrome, Firefox, Edge or Safari web-browsers.

Do not copy and paste directly from Word, either type directly into the space or paste from a text editor, such as Notepad.

3. Transfer from a previous round

An application from a previous round can be transferred into the current round. Request this via email to applications-grs@uwa.edu.au. The transferred application will include all uploaded documents and referee reports. The application is then available to edit and re-submit.

4. Completing the online application

Q. 1	Scholarship selection
	Select one of the following:
	Scholarships & Enrolment in a Higher Degree by Research (HDR) - if you are not already enrolled in a HDR and you want to apply for enrolment and scholarships.
	Scholarships Only (current UWA Doctoral and Masters students only) - if you are already enrolled and want to apply for scholarships.
Q. 2	Personal details
	Enter your UWA student number if you are a current or former UWA student, or you have previously received an offer but not enrolled.
	Applicants who have completed a degree with a previous name must upload documentary evidence of their change of name.
	Upload your passport bio page/birth certificate and visa grant notice/citizenship certificate (if applicable).
Q. 3	Address
	Enter your permanent home address, postal address and current residential address and indicate if you will need to move to Perth to take up the scholarship.
	Check if the following is required - If you do need to move to Perth from within Australia,

		you may be eligible for an Establishment Allowance, subject to proof of your move to Perth and on production of receipts for travel and removal expenses.
	Q. 4	Course selection
		Select the course for which you are applying. HDR scholarships are only available for the research degrees listed.
		If applying to transfer candidature from a HDR at another university, you will need to upload a UWA Research Proposal and Coversheet.
	Q. 5	English proficiency
		Indicate how you have satisfied the requirements for English language competence.
		If you are seeking assessment on an individual basis, or a waiver, you will need to upload a statement explicitly requesting this.
		UWA does not accept statements of English proficiency from other universities or employers to meet this requirement. Previous study in English does not automatically meet this requirement, unless that study has been in Australia, New Zealand, Canada (except Quebec), United States of America or United Kingdom.
		English tests must be valid at the anticipated date of enrolment.
	Q. 6	Education history
		List all previous and current tertiary studies (completed and incomplete) and upload electronic copies of your official academic transcripts and degree certificates for each program. This applies to all including current and past UWA students. More details about electronic document requirements can be found at: https://www.ask.uwa.edu.au/app/answers/detail/a_id/1494/~/scanned-document-requirements-when-applying-for-a-course-online
		Documents in a language other than English, must include an official electronic certified translated version.
		Note: Hard-copy original transcripts and degree certificates from previous studies may be requested at any time as part of the process of verifying the authenticity of any documents provided with an application.
	Q. 7	a) Proposed school and supervisor
		You should be aware which school the proposed research and supervisor belongs. You can confirm this by visiting the UWA Profiles and Research Repository web-site. A scholarship awarded in one school may not be transferable to another school.
		b) Proposed research topic
		Provide a title and 1 paragraph summary of your proposed research.
		Upload a PDF summary of no more than 2 pages of your proposed research. The summary should include background to the topic, aims of research, significance of the research, methodology you will use and a brief reference list.
		c) Research through employment
		Provide a summary of any research experience gained through employment or internship.

Q. 8	a) Publications
	List any peer reviewed research articles published in academic journals, within the last five years. Do not list papers which are not yet published.
	Include the paper's title, sequence of authors as shown in the paper, first and last page numbers, name, volume and date of journal. Upload the abstract or first page of each publication. If you are not the sole author, upload a brief statement from the publication's first author outlining your contribution to the paper. A template can be found here: https://www.postgraduate.uwa.edu.au/__data/assets/word_doc/0008/3663143/Authorship-Contribution-Statement.docx
	b) Conference participation
	List any peer reviewed conference papers presented at academic conferences, and subsequently published in full (not abstract), within the last five years
Q. 9	Prizes, patents and grants
	If you been awarded any prestigious international or national prizes within the last five years, include them here.
	Do not include scholarships or university and other local awards
Q. 10	Formal professional qualifications
	List any professional qualifications obtained and upload evidence of membership with professional bodies, if applicable.
Q. 11	Resume
	Upload a resume that details your educational qualifications (including any incomplete degrees) and full employment history.
	If applying for the Doctor of Philosophy and Master of Clinical Neuropsychology (01890/54590), Doctor of Philosophy and Master of Clinical Psychology (01870/54570), or Doctor of Philosophy and Master of Industrial and Organisational Psychology (01880/54580), upload a curriculum vitae that details your educational qualifications (including any incomplete degrees) and full employment history, summarising any occupational or practical experience of relevance to the program.
	Reference letters
	Upload reference letters from employers detailing dates of employment (within the last five years), the research undertaken and research output achieved during the period of employment. Do not include references for non-research related employment.
Q. 12	Personal statement
	If new to UWA, provide a statement (no more than 300 words) of your personal aims. Why do you want to come to UWA? What do you hope to achieve? How will the qualification gained at UWA help you?
	If applying for the Doctor of Philosophy and Master of Clinical Neuropsychology (01890/54590), Doctor of Philosophy and Master of Clinical Psychology (01870/54570), or Doctor of Philosophy and Master of Industrial and Organisational Psychology (01880/54580), provide a statement (no more than 300 words) outlining your reasons for applying for the program.

Q. 13	Referees
	Applicants need to nominate two academic referees who are willing to provide a reference. Referees should have informed, personal, and professional knowledge of your academic ability and be able to exercise judgement of your research potential.
	If applying for the Doctor of Philosophy and Master of Clinical Neuropsychology (01890/54590), Doctor of Philosophy and Master of Clinical Psychology (01870/54570), or Doctor of Philosophy and Master of Industrial and Organisational Psychology (01880/54580), you must also ask two academic referees to provide reports using the Reference Request System administered by the Heads of Departments and Schools of Psychology Australia (HODSPA).
	When your iAthena application is submitted, an automated email request, will be sent to your nominated referees at the email addresses provided.
	It is the applicant's responsibility to follow up missing referee reports.
	If in the event, the referee does not receive the email request, a form can be downloaded from the GRS website (word / fillable pdf). The completed form should be emailed to applications-grs@uwa.edu.au.
Q. 14	Prior education statistical details
	Provide details of all previous education program attempted and the final year of enrolment.
	We would like to know how you found the information about the available scholarships at UWA.
Q. 15	Declarations and authorisation to access academic transcripts
	By submitting your application, you are agreeing to these declarations, be sure you read these carefully and seek advice if you do not understand the content.
	When you are ready to submit your online application, enter your UWA Student ID or email address and iAthena password and press the Submit button.
	Note:
	(i) All schools require a soft copy of the thesis from your qualifying degree, regardless of which language the thesis is written. Email this directly to your supervisor, clearly identifying your name & marked iAthena application.
	(ii) If you are applying to the domestic round, and you are NOT a UWA student, and you do not have your final marks listed on your available transcript (i.e. you are still completing your degree), please ask your university to release your final mark to us as soon as possible (email to applications-grs@uwa.edu.au). Note that results received after the 7th of December will not be considered.
	(iii) Once the scholarship round closes, no additional documents will be accepted to be loaded to your application, aside from English which has its own specific cut-off date.
	(iv) For all important dates, please see the Research scholarships page: https://www.uwa.edu.au/study/research/research-scholarships