

CSU Higher Degree by Research (HDR) Funding Arrangements

Purpose

This fact sheet provides a breakdown of Higher Degree by Research (HDR) student categories across CSU, the expenses associated with each and the funding source for these.

Scope

This information is relevant for Faculty Executive Officers, Heads of School, Faculty Finance Officers and School administrative staff.

Expenses

There are four main costs associated with HDR candidature, with funding for each being provided either by the Australian Government, or through operational areas of the University.

1. **Supervision costs** – salaries and related costs of supervisory and administrative staff of the Faculty and/or School. For the purposes of this document this includes overhead and infrastructure costs of these areas. These costs are funded through a variety of sources depending on the fee status of the student.
2. **Student support services and amenity costs** – costs of University centrally provided services and infrastructure.
3. **Operating cost/maintenance allowance** – funds provided to the student for use on travel, consumables and research equipment to assist with their chosen research. These costs are funded through a variety of sources depending on the fee status of the student.
4. **Stipends** – paid directly to the student to assist with their general living expenses. The stipend amount is variable and depends on the scholarship status of the student. Full fee paying students do not receive a stipend.

The table below explains the funding distribution for each category.

2017 changes to Australia Government Scholarships

At the start of 2017 the Australian Government consolidated the existing three streams of HDR Scholarships, the APA, RTS and IPRS into one scheme called the Research Training Program (RTP). Existing APA, RTS and IPRS students maintain an equivalent amount of support, now funded through the Research Training Program. New domestic and international students on Australian Government scholarships are funded from the Research Training Program.

Useful Links

- [Course Fees – Domestic Students](#)
- [Course Fees – International Students](#)
- [Department of Education – Research Training Program \(RTP\)](#)
- [Academic Staff Higher Degree by Research Workload Support Scheme](#)

Table of HDR funding distribution by student category

Category of HDR Student	Tuition Fees paid by	Supervision costs	Student Support Services and amenity costs	Operating cost/maintenance allowance for student use	Student Stipends
International and Domestic Students					
Full Fee Paying Student	Student or external sponsor	% of tuition fee received by Faculty via the standard University fee distribution model.	University retains % of tuition fee through fee distribution model.	At the discretion of the Faculty.	Not applicable
Domestic Student Scholarships					
Australian Research Training Program – Domestic (ARTP-D new 2017)	Australian Government via the Research Training Program (RTP)	RTP provides supervising school a fixed amount per EFTSL. In 2017 this is \$11,500 per EFTSL.	Costs are covered at a University central level.	RTP provides \$6,300 for high cost program \$2,500 for low cost program per year. Distributed by the Research Office.	RTP provides stipends at Australian Government specified annual RTP rate.
2017 continuing APA and RTS scholarship holders (closed for new enrolments)	Australian Government via the Research Training Program (RTP)	RTP provides supervising school a fixed amount per EFTSL. In 2017 this is \$11,500 per EFTSL.	Costs are covered at a University central level.	RTP provides \$6,300 for high cost program \$2,500 for low cost program per year. Distributed by the Research Office.	RTP provides stipends at Australian Government specified annual RTP rate.
Industry Supported Australian Research Training Program – Domestic (ARTP-D)*	Australian Government via the Research Training Program (RTP)	RTP provides supervising school a fixed amount per EFTSL. In 2017 this is \$11,500 per EFTSL.	Costs are covered at a University central level.	Industry partner provides operating funding at their discretion. RTP may fund operating if not provided, up to the levels above.	Industry partner provides stipend funding to minimum RTP level.
PART TIME ARTP-D	Australian Government via the Research Training Program (RTP)	RTP funds supervising school a fixed amount per EFTSL. In 2017 this is \$11,500 per EFTSL.	Costs are covered at a University central level.	RTP funding provides \$3,150 for high cost program \$1,250 for low cost program per year based on 0.5 FTE. Distributed by the Research Office.	Not applicable
CSU Faculty Scholarships (including Compact Scholarships)	Faculty	% of tuition fee received by Faculty via the standard University fee distribution model.	University retains % of tuition fee through fee distribution model.	At the discretion of the Faculty. Administered via the Faculty.	Faculty funded at their discretion. Administered via the Research Office.
Indigenous Academic Fellowship Program	Australian Government via the Research Training Program (RTP)	RTP funds supervising school a fixed amount per EFTSL. In 2017 this is \$11,500 per EFTSL.	Costs are covered at a University central level.	RTP funding provides \$6,300 for high cost program \$2,500 for low cost program per year. Distributed by the Research Office.	Not applicable
Indigenous HDR Student Tuition Fee Support	Australian Government via the Research Training Program (RTP)	RTP funds supervising school a fixed amount per EFTSL. In 2017 this is \$11,500 per EFTSL.	Costs are covered at a University central level.	RTP funding provides \$6,300 for high cost program \$2,500 for low cost program per year.	Not applicable

* Most common industry support models. Industry supported ARTP-D are available to full time domestic students. If an industry partner seeks to support an international student, please contact the Research Office to discuss alternative funding models.

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International Students Scholarships

Australian Research Training Program – International (ARTP-I new 2017)	Australian Government via the Research Training Program (RTP)	RTP funds supervising school a fixed amount per EFTSL. In 2017 this is \$11,500 per EFTSL.	Costs are covered at a University central level.	RTP funding provides \$6,300 for high cost program \$2,500 for low cost program per year. Distributed by the Research Office.	RTP funds stipends at Australian Government specified annual RTP rate.
2017 continuing International Postgraduate Research Scholarship (IPRS) (closed for new enrolments)	Australian Government via the Research Training Program (RTP)	RTP funds supervising school a fixed amount per EFTSL. In 2017 this is \$11,500 per EFTSL.	Costs are covered at a University central level.	RTP funding provides \$6,300 for high cost program \$2,500 for low cost program per year. Distributed by the Research Office.	RTP funds stipends at Australian Government specified annual RTP rate.
2017 continuing CSU Postgraduate Research Scholarship and International Tuition Payment (ITP) (closed for new enrolments)	DVC RDI	Supervising school receives \$11,500 a year per student. Funded from DVC RDI.	Costs are covered at a University central level.	Funded by DVC RDI; \$6,300 for high cost program \$2,500 for low cost program. Distributed by the Research Office.	Paid at the Australian Government specified annual RTP rate. Funded by DVC RDI.

Other Australian Government Scholarships

Australia Awards and Endeavour Recipients	Australian Government	% of tuition fee received by Faculty via the standard University fee distribution model.	University retains % of tuition fee through fee distribution model.	Funded by DVC RDI; \$6,300 for high cost program \$2,500 for low cost program. Distributed by the Research Office.	Australian Government funds directly to scholarship recipient.
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Academic Staff Higher Degree by research Workload Support Scheme

Academic Staff Higher Degree by Research Workload Support Scheme.	Nil, where all conditions are met. Refer to policy.	Nil	Nil	Value at the discretion of the Faculty or School.	Not applicable
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