Financial Assistance

Financial assistance for postgraduate courses is available from a number of sources including: scholarships; government assistance through various rural research and development corporations and cooperative Research Centres; and private funding of research students.

Scholarships

Scholarships available to postgraduate research students are administered by the Centre for Research and Graduate Training:

Administrative Assistant
(Research Scholarships)
Telephone: (02) 6933 4162
Facsimile: (02) 6933 4161
Email: pgscholars@csu.edu.au

CSU Postgraduate Research Studentships

Criteria: Studentships are available each year to students commencing or continuing a full-time research higher degree program. Part-time awards are only made to students who have heavy care commitments and are not made to students who wish to work full-time or on a substantial part-time basis.

Award: a stipend of $18,484 (2004 rate) (full-time) per annum for two years for a master candidate and three years for a doctoral candidate; exemption from HECS liability; limited relocation and removal expenses; and an allowance for research costs.

Applications close: 31 October.

Australian Postgraduate Awards

Criteria: up to nine awards are available each year to students commencing or continuing a research higher degree program. Applicants must be Australian citizens or have permanent resident status in Australia. Part-time awards are only made to students who have heavy care commitments and are not made to students who wish to work full-time or on a substantial part-time basis.

Award: a stipend of $18,484 (2004 rate) (full-time) per annum for two years for a master candidate and three years for a doctoral candidate; exemption from HECS liability; limited relocation and removal expenses; and an allowance for research costs.

Applications close: 31 October.

Policing Scholarships

Students who apply for admission to the Diploma of Policing Practice course are invited to apply for a Policing Scholarship. Five types of scholarships are available.

Basic Scholarship:
A $8,000 scholarship for Trimester 1 and 2, awarded on merit to students who meet the professional and academic criteria for admission in the Diploma of Policing Practice course and demonstrate financial need.

Higher Value Scholarship:
A $12,000 scholarship for Trimester 1 and 2, awarded on merit to students who meet the professional and academic criteria for admission to the Diploma of Policing Practice course and who demonstrate that they would otherwise not be able to do the course without the support of a scholarship.

Graduate Scholarship:
A $4,000 scholarship for Trimester 2, awarded on merit to students who meet the professional and academic criteria for admission to the Diploma of Policing Practice course with credit for Trimester 1 of the course.

Trimester 2 Basic Scholarship:
A $1,760 scholarship for students who commenced the Diploma of Policing Practice course via the distance education stream and for internal students who were not awarded a Trimester 1 scholarship. Trimester 2 Basic Scholarship is awarded on merit to students who demonstrate financial need, are
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enrolled in Trimester 2 and who continue to meet the professional and academic criteria for admission into the course.

**Trimester 2 Higher Value Scholarship:**
A $4,000 scholarship for students who commenced the Diploma of Policing Practice course via the distance education stream and for internal students who were not awarded a Trimester 1 scholarship. Trimester 2 Higher Value Scholarship is awarded on merit to students who demonstrate financial need, are enrolled in Trimester 2, continue to meet the professional and academic criteria of the course and who demonstrate that they would otherwise not be able to complete the course without the support of a scholarship.

Students awarded a scholarship will have the scholarship paid into their bank or credit union account fortnightly. Students living on campus at Richmond or Goulburn can have their accommodation costs paid directly from their scholarship. Scholarship payments commence on the Thursday after the course commences. A scholarship may be withdrawn if the student fails to meet the professional and academic criteria of the course.

Application forms are available from:

Admissions Office  
Charles Sturt University  
Locked Bag 676  
Wagga Wagga  2678  
Telephone: (02) 6933 4334  
Facsimile: (02) 6933 2063  
Email: admissions@csu.edu.au

**Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID)***
This program is open to individuals from specified countries for any field of study in specified Australian universities. The number and level of scholarships available depends on several factors (eg, country of origin). Details of the scheme are available from Australian embassies.

**CSU Residential Awards**
CSU Residential Awards are awarded to students on the Albury-Wodonga, Bathurst, Dubbo and Wagga Wagga Campuses who live in the student residences as residential staff. The awards are based on academic performance, demonstrated leadership ability, motivation to succeed and contribution to life at CSU.

Residential Awards comprise a living allowance paid fortnightly. Application forms and information are available from the Residential Support Manager

Albury: (02) 6933 3800  
Bathurst or Dubbo: (02) 6338 6985

**PELS**
The Postgraduate Education Loans Scheme (PELS) is an interest-free loans facility for fee paying postgraduate students undertaking non-research courses. It is similar to the deferred payment arrangements available under HECS.

You are eligible for a PELS loan if you are:
- enrolled in a fee paying postgraduate non-research course in an eligible higher education institution
- an Australian citizen or a holder of an Australian permanent visa (who meets eligibility requirements)

It is strongly advisable that you read the information booklet PELS, Your Questions Answered and other relevant information booklets available from the Australian Tax Office and Centrelink for further details about your potential HECS and PELS obligations.

Contact:  
PELS enquiry line: 1800 020 108  
Website: www.hecs.gov.au/pels.htm