

## Higher Degree by Research Scholarship Conditions

## **2. Commencement and Tenure of Scholarship**

- 2.1 The maximum period of tenure of a Scholarship shall be 2 years for a Masters degree and 3.5 years for a PhD degree unless otherwise specified and even though there may be candidature time remaining. Extension of scholarship tenure will not be granted.
- 2.2 Periods of study already undertaken towards the degree prior to the commencement of the Scholarship or undertaken during suspension of the Scholarship will be deducted from the maximum period of tenure of the Scholarship.
- 2.3 If a scholarship holder commenced a higher degree by research at another university in Australia and are transferring their research project/course of study to JCU, they would be required to supply JCU with a "consumed EFTSL report" from the previous university, and the EFTSL consumed at the other university will be deducted from the maximum period of tenure of the Scholarship. Note that a candidate who was  
  
transferring from another institution would still have to apply for candidature and scholarship in the usual way.

## **3. Stipend and Allowances**

- 3.1 The stipend will be paid in accordance with the minimum allowable RTP Stipend amounts as published, unless otherwise specified at the discretion of the Dean, Graduate Research in the case of RTP funded stipends, or of the Head of College for College funded stipends or at the discretion of an external funding body.
- 3.2 The stipend will be paid as fortnightly instalments, directly into your nominated fully active Australian bank account, beginning as soon as possible after the date of commencement of study, for the tenure of the Scholarship. Full-time scholarship holders are exempt from taxation but part-time scholarships are required to be taxed.
- 3.3 A RTPS/IRTPS/JCUPRS/AIMS@JCU Scholarship holder is entitled to an allowance for costs associated with the production of a thesis upon production of receipts. The thesis allowance must be claimed within six months of submission of the bound thesis and no more than two years after termination of the Scholarship. The amount paid will be up to the maximum rate applicable at the time of submission of the thesis.
- 3.4 A RTPS/IRTPS/JCUPRS/AIMS@JCU Scholarship holder will not be required to pay tuition fees for up to 4 years full time equivalent (EFTSL) for doctorate and 2 year full time equivalent (EFTSL) for research masters candidates. RTPS and IRTPS recipient tuition fees are supported by a Research Training Program Fee Offset. JCUPRS and AIMS@JCU recipient tuition fees are sponsored by James Cook University. Recipients of all other types of scholarships will have their tuition fee requirements assessed on a case-by case basis.
- 3.5 IRTPS scholarships include the payment of Overseas Health Cover by JCU via the International Allowances Account. For Candidates in receipt of an IRTPS, Overseas Health Cover will be paid for the full 57 months required to obtain a visa.



5.2.2 The candidate discuss the arrangements of the paid employment with their  
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## 10. Termination

10.1 The Scholarship will be terminated:

- a) When the thesis is submitted (will be effective at the next pay cycle), at the end of the Scholarship tenure, or once it is recommended that the degree be awarded, whichever is earlier. If the thesis is submitted prior to the scholarship end date, the scholarship may be allowed to continue

11.5 A Scholarship holder is required to notify the Graduate Research School within seven days in writing if he/she:

- a) Discontinues full-time studies;
- b) Is absent for any reason for a period of fourteen days or longer from his/her place of study, without the approval of his/her Advisor;
- c) Is granted a Scholarship, Bursary or similar Scholarship for a course of postgraduate study.

11.6 Holders of scholarships funded by an organization external to JCU are also obligated to conform to all of the regulations and requirements of the external funding body.

11.7 A Scholarship holder must report any absence from studies to the Head of College as soon as possible. Short absences (eg. due to illness or attendance at conferences relating to postgraduate studies) which the Head of College considers would not interfere with the Scholarship holder's progress need not be reported to the Dean of Graduate Research Studies. However, longer absences (two weeks or more) should be reported to the Head of College and a request made through the Graduate Research School to the Dean, Graduate Research for suspension of the Scholarship.

11.8 An RTPS or IRTPS holder must acknowledge the Commonwealth's contribution, in a prominent place and in appropriate form when, at any time during or after completion of the degree, advisors or any other party, publishes or produces material such as books, articles, newsletters or literary or artistic works which relate to the research project carried out. The acknowledgement must mention of the candidate's support through an " **Australian Government Research Training Program Scholarship**".

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