This document outlines the Macquarie University Research Training Pathway Scholarship Scheme for 2016.

The goal of the Macquarie University Research Training Pathway Scholarship scheme is to promote and support excellence and growth in research training and support a pathway to HDR at Macquarie University.

The international-standard two-year research training pathway program leading to Master of Research (MRes) is Macquarie's core pathway to Higher Degree Research (HDR) study.

- For domestic students, this program is packaged as Bachelor of Philosophy/ Master of Research (BPhil/MRes) to meet regulations for Government funding. Domestic students pay a HECS contribution in the first year and are supported under the Research Training Scheme in the second year.
- International students will be enrolled in the Master of Research (MRes) program throughout the two years as full-fee paying students.

In both cases, students who successfully complete the two year full time (or part time equivalent) program will be awarded the Master of Research (MRes) degree.

Subject to funding availability, allocations are made on the basis of the funding categories outlined below. Research Training Pathway scholarship holders must meet the minimum level of eligibility outlined in the Macquarie University Research Training Scholarship (RTP and iRTP) Conditions of Award 2016.

The Research Training Pathway scholarship funding categories for 2016 are as follows:

**Macquarie University Domestic Research Training Pathway (RTP) scholarship:** All full-time enrolled domestic students in Year 1 will be awarded the RTP merit based scholarship in first semester of Year 1. Ongoing eligibility is based on academic merit as outlined in Macquarie University Research Training Scholarship (RTP and iRTP) Conditions of Award 2016.

**Macquarie University International Research Training Pathway (iRTP) scholarship:** The University offers a limited number of bundle scholarships (1 yr MRes iRTP scholarship and provisional 3 yr PhD 1+3) to international MRes candidates through the competitive IPRS (International Postgraduate Research Scholarship) round each year. Applicants will have to complete an HDR Application for Candidature and Scholarship.

**Assessment**
All applications for admission and scholarships are assessed through the Macquarie University Higher Degree Research Office (HDRO). Nominations for scholarship are subject to review by the HDRC delegate to ensure the applicants meet current eligibility requirements.
All applications are subject to competitive assessment and ranking. The total number of scholarships awarded will depend on the scholarship budget approved by the University.

**Scholarship Administration**
Allocations are administered by the Higher Degree Research Office (HDRO) on behalf of the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research) and Higher Degree Research Committee (HDRC).

HDRO is responsible for officially notifying applicants of scholarship outcomes. Any informal notification to an applicant does not commit the University to making a scholarship offer.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) reserves the right to amend the Macquarie University Research Training Pathway Scholarship (RTP and iRTP) Scheme and RTP and iRTP Conditions of Award.

**Related Plans/Resources/Documents**

- Macquarie University Strategic Research Framework 2015-2024  

- IPRS (International Postgraduate Research Scholarship)  

- Macquarie University HDR Application information for Candidature and Scholarship  

- Macquarie University Research Training Scholarship (RTP and iRTP) Conditions of Award 2016

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