This document outlines the Macquarie University Research Training Pathway Scholarship Scheme for 2015.

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.

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

Subject to funding availability, allocations are made on the basis of the funding categories outlined below to support both domestic and international BPhil/MRes and MRes research training pathway students.

Research Training Pathway scholarship holders must meet the minimum level of eligibility as outlined in the Macquarie University Research Training Scholarship (RTP and iRTP) Conditions of Award 2015.

The Research Training Pathway scholarship funding categories for 2015 are as follows:

**Macquarie University Domestic Research Training Pathway (RTP) scholarship:** All full-time enrolled domestic students eligible for enrolment 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 2015.

**Macquarie University International Research Training Pathway (iRTP) scholarship:** The University will offer a number of iRTP scholarships to international students based on academic merit and competitive ranking. To be considered for an iRTP scholarship candidates would be expected to have a High Distinction average, or equivalent.

The University offers a limited number of scholarships to international MRes candidates through the competitive [IPRS (International Postgraduate Research Scholarship)](IPRS) round each year. Applicants will have to complete an [HDR Application form for Candidature and Scholarship](HDR Application form for Candidature and Scholarship).
Assessment
All applications for admission and scholarships are assessed through the Macquarie University Higher Degree Research Office (HDRO) and nominations for scholarships are subject to review by the HDRC delegate to ensure the applicant meets current eligibility requirements.

Applications may be subject to competitive assessment and ranking where scholarship allocations are limited.

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)
http://www.hdr.mq.edu.au/information_about/Scholarships/hdr_scholarships_domestic_and_international

Macquarie University HDR Application form for Candidature and Scholarship
http://hdr.mq.edu.au/information_about/forms

Macquarie University Research Training Scholarship (RTP and iRTP) Conditions of Award 2015

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