

## Rozetta Institute Scholarship Award | Winter 2026

### Australia's Energy Transition

*Getting the energy transition right will determine Australia's industrial competitiveness for decades.*

The Rozetta Institute is an independent, not-for-profit organisation that invests in collaborative initiatives to solve systemic challenges facing Australian industry. Rozetta works at the intersection of market design, emerging technology and industrial policy — convening researchers, industry leaders and policymakers to identify and advance initiatives that can make a material difference to Australia's economic capability.

The Rozetta Institute Scholarship Award (RISA) reflects Rozetta's belief that the next generation of researchers will play a critical role in addressing the challenges that matter most to Australian industry. RISA is designed to bridge the gap between high-level academic inquiry and practical impact — supporting outstanding doctoral and research masters students whose work is strategically aligned with Rozetta's mission, and creating the conditions for that research to translate into real-world change.

#### ABOUT THIS AWARD

Australia's energy system is at an inflection point. The shift to renewables is underway — but the pace, design and governance of that transition will shape the competitiveness of Australian industry for a generation. The institutions, rules and pricing mechanisms that govern Australia's energy markets were not designed for the system we are building. Getting them right matters enormously — for investment, for industry, and for consumers.

Rozetta is seeking students working at the intersection of market design, industrial demand and energy governance. We are particularly interested in research that surfaces actionable insights for market participants, regulators and policymakers navigating the transition.

#### RESEARCH TOPICS

Rozetta is interested in supporting research to answer the question:

*What are the innovative market design, institutional arrangements, and/or other measures that could be introduced to deliver abundant, lower-cost, renewable energy for Australia?*

Your research may draw on any of the following topics:

- **Market Design and Efficient Pricing:** How could Australia's electricity markets — including wholesale settings, pricing mechanisms, and investment signals — be redesigned to deliver lower-cost, reliable energy at scale in a renewables-dominated grid?
- **Forward Markets:** How can well-designed forward markets reduce investment uncertainty, lower the cost of capital for new generation, and provide the long-term price signals that energy-intensive industries need to commit to Australia?
- **Dynamic Industry Demand:** How can large industrial loads be actively integrated into the transition pathway — and what demand response mechanisms and flexible pricing models would make that participation viable and valuable?

- **Institution Design and Governance:** What organisational, regulatory and policy innovations are needed to ensure Australia's energy institutions can support a faster, lower-cost transition — including the mandates, incentive structures, and accountability mechanisms of AEMO, the AER and related bodies?

### THE AWARD

Recipients of the Rozetta Institute Scholarship Award receive a \$15,000 top-up scholarship paid over 12 months, in addition to their primary research funding. Recipients also gain access to Rozetta's network of industry leaders, researchers and policymakers, and will be matched with a mentor from Rozetta's Research and Innovation Advisory Committee.

### WHAT WE ASK IN RETURN

In addition to their scholarship, recipients will be asked to produce an impact assessment of their research and an implementation plan. The purpose of this output is to connect the recipient's research to a real-world initiative that Rozetta can support. Recipients will work with a Rozetta-nominated mentor to develop this output. The specific scope, format and deliverables of the impact assessment and implementation plan will be mutually agreed between the recipient, their host institution, and Rozetta.

### ELIGIBILITY

The Rozetta Institute Scholarship Award is open to students enrolled in a PhD or Masters by Research program at an Australian university. Applicants must be undertaking research that is aligned with one or more of the focus topics listed above. All applications must be endorsed by the applicant's academic supervisor.

Applications will be assessed on merit by a selection committee established by the Rozetta Institute.

Selection criteria include:

- Strategic alignment with the focus identified in the EOI
- Potential for significant, real-world impact that can be implemented at scale
- Demonstrated academic excellence and potential for innovative research
- Supervisor endorsement

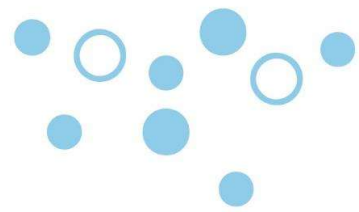
We welcome and encourage applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

### HOW TO APPLY

Your application should comprise of:

1. A 2-page (maximum) cover letter that outlines your academic and career experience.
2. A 2-page (maximum) proposal that outlines your research proposal, its alignment with the topics outlined in the current round of RISA Expressions of Interest, and how it might contribute to improving Australia's future productivity and competitiveness.
3. Supervisor endorsement.

Applications should be submitted to [scholarships@rozettainstitute.com](mailto:scholarships@rozettainstitute.com) by the closing date. Shortlisted applicants may be invited to discuss their proposal with the selection panel.



## **DISCRETION**

The Rozetta Institute retains full discretion over the award of all scholarships. This includes the number of awards made in any given round, the assessment of applications, and decisions regarding the continuation of funding in subsequent years.