

## Summary

This document outlines the Macquarie University Research Excellence Scholarship (MQRES) Scheme for 2018. It is consistent with the World-Leading Research World-Changing Impact Strategic Research Framework 2015-2024.

Macquarie University funds up to 200 Higher Degree Research (HDR) PhD and Master of Research (MRes)/PhD bundle scholarships each year through the Macquarie Research Excellence Scholarship Scheme (MQRES).

The goal of this scheme is to ensure that excellent researchers have the required support to expand their research and research training activities. In addition to new strategic research based appointments the scheme enables academic staff in other areas of the University to access research scholarship funding, for example as Competitive Research Grant awardees or international strategic HDR program participants.

## Details

Subject to funding availability, scholarship allocations are made based on the University's **four** funding categories outlined below to support both domestic and international Master of Research, MRes/PhD bundle offer candidates and PhD candidates. To be considered for a scholarship, MQRES applicants must meet a minimum level 3 PhD [scholarship rating](#) according to the University's approved rating guidelines. Additional criteria may be required for MRes/PhD bundle scholarships that will be advertised as required.

Faculties are encouraged to use their own funding or seek external funding opportunities and strategic partnerships to provide additional HDR scholarships to support academically qualified research students in areas of research excellence. These areas include those where MQRES allocations have already been made. Faculties are also encouraged to provide supplementary funding where possible to support scholarship holders.

Externally funded scholarships, such as government funded Research Training Program (RTP) Scholarships for international and domestic candidates continue to be available and, along with other externally funded scholarship opportunities, are advertised on the [University webpages](#).

MQRES allocations are not automatic and **MUST** be approved by the DVCR on confirmation of approved budget by submitting a request on the approved request form to the Higher Degree Research Office (HDRO).

The MQRES Allocation Model for 2018 is as follows:

Category 1	Macquarie University strategic research based appointments - new staff
	Minimum two domestic MQRES per new strategic research based appointment level B+ staff on commencement
	The scholarship must be filled in the first year of appointment or otherwise as agreed with the DVCR at the time of appointment.

Category 2	Competitive Research Grant awardees
2.1	<b>Australian Competitive Grant awardees (Pre-award)</b>
	One domestic MQRES OR one international tuition fee only MQRES where it has been possible to list a MQRES PhD or MQRES MRes/PhD bundle project as part of the grant application for a successful ARC Discovery, ARC Linkage or other grant listed on the <a href="#">Australian Competitive Grant Register</a> , and a minimum of the following research income being awarded and retained at Macquarie for at least 3 years.

	<p><b>Faculty of Arts, Faculty of Business &amp; Economics, Faculty of Human Sciences:</b>            \$60,000 pa – Domestic or International tuition fee only (PhD or MRes/PhD Bundle)            \$80,000 pa – International tuition fee and stipend scholarship (PhD or MRes/PhD Bundle)</p> <p><b>Faculty of Science &amp; Engineering, Faculty of Medicine &amp; Health Sciences:</b>            \$100,000 pa – Domestic or International tuition fee only (PhD or MRes/PhD Bundle)            \$120,000 pa – International tuition fee and stipend scholarship (PhD or MRes/PhD Bundle)</p>
	The allocation is to be approved by the Deputy Vice Chancellor Research (DVCR) prior to submission of the application. If less than the base value above per year is awarded the scholarship may be withdrawn. This process will be managed by Research Services and HDRO.
	<b><i>Australian Competitive Grant awardees (Post-award)</i></b>
	If Macquarie is not the lead partner, or it was not possible to list a pre-approved MQRES PhD project with associated scholarship as part of the submission, one domestic MQRES PhD or MRes/PhD bundle or one international tuition fee only MQRES PhD or MRes/PhD bundle may be allocated based on the minimum amounts detailed above being paid to Macquarie for at least 3 years.
	Post-award scholarship requests are to be submitted for DVCR approval via the Higher Degree Research Office on <a href="mailto:hdschol@mq.edu.au">hdschol@mq.edu.au</a> on the approved form.
2.2	<b><i>Future Fellows</i></b>
	A maximum of three domestic MQRES PhD or MRes/PHD bundles within 3 years (limit two pa).
2.3	<b><i>Other national funded Research Centres</i></b>
	MQRES, PhD or MRes/PhD bundle as approved by DVCR. These requests are to be submitted for DVCR approval via the Higher Degree Research Office to <a href="mailto:hdschol@mq.edu.au">hdschol@mq.edu.au</a> on the approved form.
2.4	<b><i>Other externally funded Grants</i></b>
	MQRES, PhD or MRes/PhD bundle as approved by DVCR. These requests are to be submitted for DVCR approval via the Higher Degree Research Office to <a href="mailto:hdschol@mq.edu.au">hdschol@mq.edu.au</a> on the approved form.
<b>NOTE</b>	In all cases, the Chief Investigator (CI) must nominate the calendar year in which the scholarship position will be filled (fill by session)

<b>Category 3</b>	<b>International Strategic HDR programs</b>
3.1	<b><i>International HDR awardees and applicants</i></b>
	For HDR collaboration with international partners to expand our collaborative research profile. RTP (international) scholarships reserve list and exceptional opportunities.
3.2	<b><i>International HDR agreements</i></b>
	Cotutelle PhD, joint degree, CSC cofunded, cohort research MOU

<b>Category 4</b>	<b>Competitive Domestic HDR applications</b>
	RTP scholarships reserve list and exceptional opportunities.

## FOR ALL SCHOLARSHIPS

Failure to meet the following deadlines will result in forfeiture of the scholarship:

- PhD applicants must apply, have their application assessed and be enrolled and start their scholarship by 15 December of the nominated calendar year.
- Master of Research Year 2 applicants must apply and then be successfully offered and receive their scholarship through the structured main rounds of applications.
- Master of Research application due dates for 2018/19 are advertised on the [University webpages](#).

## MQRES Scholarship Administration

MQRES allocations are administered by Higher Degree Research Office (HDRO) on behalf of the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research) (DVCR) and Higher Degree Research Management Committee. The HDRO office requires all the details on the [Macquarie University Research Excellence Scholarship Funding Request Coversheet \(the coversheet\)](#) for the DVCR to consider and approve or confirm MQRES scholarship requests. **This coversheet is also used for any requests for variations to existing allocations. Carry forward requests will not generally be approved.**

MQRES scholarships pre-allocated under the model are notified to designated strategic research based staff or the Chief Investigator/staff member following confirmation of allocation by the DVCR. Scholarships will normally be allocated for a limited term of between 6-12 months. If not filled and/or offered, the scholarship will lapse unless a case (supported by a written request) for an extension to the deadline is approved by the Executive Director HDRO.

Unless otherwise specified at the time of allocation or, in the case of competitive research grant awardees, unless specified in the grant application and subsequently approved, MQRES are to be used to recruit suitably qualified domestic candidates. Awardees may seek a variation to this by way of a special case, written as a request to the Executive Director, HDRO for consideration by the DVCR which will be presented to the DVCR using the coversheet.

Designated academic staff may either nominate an eligible applicant to be considered for the award of an allocated MQRES PhD or Master of Research/PhD bundle scholarship, or alternatively request HDRO to advertise their PhD project. **All Cat 2 allocations should be advertised.** An advertising template will be sent by the HDRO to academics who have been allocated scholarships, advising their allocation number/s. Advertisements are displayed on the HDRO website.

All applications for admission and scholarships are assessed in the usual manner through the Higher Degree Research Office, and nominations for scholarships are subject to review by the HDRMC delegate to ensure the applicant meets current eligibility requirements (eg. a minimum 3 scholarship rating on the University's current rating guidelines for PhD applications and all applicants must meet the University's English language requirements). HDRO is responsible for officially notifying scholarship outcomes.

**Important:** Please note that any informal notification to an applicant does not commit the University to making a scholarship offer.

The DVCR reserves the right to amend the MQRES Allocation Scheme and MQRES Conditions of Award.

## Related Plans/Resources/Documents

Macquarie University Strategic Research Framework 2015-2024

[http://www.mq.edu.au/about\\_us/how\\_mq\\_works/executive/deputy\\_vice-chancellor\\_research/world-leadingresearch/](http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/how_mq_works/executive/deputy_vice-chancellor_research/world-leadingresearch/)

Australian Competitive Grant Register <https://education.gov.au/australian-competitive-grants-register>

Cotutelle and Joint PhD Programs: <http://www.mq.edu.au/research/phd-and-research-degrees/explore-research-degrees/cotutelle-and-joint-phd>

MQRES Conditions of Award 2018

<b>Contact Officer</b>	Executive Director, Higher Degree Research Office
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