Summary

This document outlines the Macquarie University Return to Research Scholarship (MQRR) Scheme. It is consistent with Macquarie University Workplace Gender Equity Strategy, to assist PhD candidates in resuming their studies after return from parental leave.

The eligibility requirements, entitlements and other requirements for the award and retention of a Macquarie University Return to Research Scholarship. These conditions apply only to PhD candidates previously awarded a scholarship who wish to return from parental leave on a part time basis.

This scholarship is not transferable to any other institution.

Details

1. Application of Conditions of Award

The Conditions of Award for a candidate’s substantive scholarship apply to the MQRR Scholarship, except where stated below.

2. Eligibility

The MQRR scholarship has two components – MQRES stipend (living allowance) and MQRTP Tuition Fee Offset. The letter of offer to the successful scholarship applicant will specify the individual availability of each component, and is based on applicant eligibility and scholarship availability.

To hold an award a person must:

- a) Be enrolled as a domestic candidate for a Doctor of Philosophy degree at Macquarie University;
- b) Be in receipt of a current Macquarie University scholarship, with at least 6 months FTE (0.5 EFTSL) remaining tenure of award seeking to enrol on a part-time, internal attendance basis and onsite;
- c) Have a completion plan reviewed by the Associate Dean Higher Degree Research for their Faculty, and endorsed by the supervisor; and
- d) Provide documentary evidence of the birth/adoption of a child and a statement demonstrating they are the primary care-giver.

2. Period of Support

The period of support for MQRES Stipend and RTP Tuition Fee Offset for a PhD program is 6 months part-time. Normally, an applicant may apply for only one period of extension of 6 months part time.

3. Scholarship components

Direct payments relating to scholarship components will be made following commencement, subject to completing the appropriate forms and supplying supporting paperwork where required.

3.1 MQRES Stipend (living allowance)

The MQRES stipend rate is set by the Commonwealth Government, information located here; https://www.education.gov.au/research-training-program. The rate is indexed annually. The rate of stipend will not be reduced during the tenure of the award.

- a) The MQRES Stipend as a part-time award is taxable under Section 51-10 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997. This tax status is determined by the Australian Government and no
guarantee can be given by the University on this matter. It is the responsibility of individual award holders to seek their own taxation advice.

3.2 RTP Tuition Fee Offset (Domestic Candidates Only)
The University will provide a tuition fee offset for the approved program for the scholarship duration to extinguish the liability of the candidate to pay tuition fees, unless otherwise specified in the letter of offer.

9. Termination of the Scholarship
a) The scholarship will naturally expire on the end date of award and stipend payments and tuition fee offset for the MQRR scholarship will cease and scholarship holders will be automatically transferred back to their substantive full-time scholarship and stipend payments if applicable; and
b) Periods of enrolment undertaken while in receipt of the MQRR scholarship will be deducted from the maximum tenure of award of the candidate’s substantive scholarship.

12. The University
The University reserves the right to amend these Conditions of Scholarship for commencing scholarship holders.

Related Plans/Resources/Documents

Macquarie University Strategic Research Framework 2015-2024

Macquarie University Research Integrity http://www.research.mq.edu.au/research_integrity

Macquarie University Research Training Program Scholarship (MQRTP) Scheme 2017

Macquarie University RTP and MQRES Conditions of Award

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