



Faculty Postgraduate Research Scholarship (FPRS)

Conditions of Award 2010

- The award is offered to pursue internal, full-time candidature in a higher degree by research (HDR) program in the Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences, Monash University.
- The awardee must be eligible for admission as a candidate for a HDR program as above.
- The scholarship will be awarded on the recommendation of the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences.
- The award should be taken up by 31 March of the year for which the offer is made.
- The stipend of the scholarship shall be paid at the rate of \$22,500 per annum (2010 APA/MGS rate), and is indexed annually.
- The scholarship shall be tenable for a maximum of 3 years (doctorate) or 18 months (masters) subject to the scholarship holder making progress to the satisfaction of his or her supervisor and Head of Department. The duration of the award will be reduced by any periods of prior study undertaken towards the degree prior to the commencement of the award.
- The scholarship holder shall make regular reports on his or her work to his or her supervisor, and participate actively in the academic life of the academic department.
- A candidate making satisfactory progress may apply for a maximum extension of up to 6 months if both the Faculty and the academic unit are agreeable and if funding is available. An extension will normally only be approved where research has been delayed by circumstances beyond the candidate's control and where such delays could not have been reasonably anticipated at the commencement of candidature. The grounds for an extension must be related to study and not of a personal nature.
- Should the awardee subsequently be offered a Monash Graduate Scholarship or any other award which pays a similar stipend, the FPRS will be terminated. **The candidate is required to notify the Faculty's Research Degrees Office immediately of any change to their enrolment or scholarship which renders them ineligible to continue receiving the award. Failure to do so will result in the candidate being required to return any overpaid amounts to the Faculty.**
- An award holder is permitted, with the approval of his/her main supervisor, to undertake a strictly limited amount of paid employment throughout the year, being no more than 15 hours of work on average in any one week. Up to a maximum of 6 hours only on average of this employment may be undertaken during normal working hours (9 am – 5 pm, Monday to Friday). However, this may be extended to a maximum of 8 hours if the employment is limited to one weekday.
- An award holder is required to conform to Monash's regulations and statutes (see www.monash.edu.au/pubs/calendar/statutes). Attention is drawn in particular to Statutes 4.1 ('Discipline'), 5.2 ('The university library'), 5.3 ('The Computer Centre'), 6.3 ('Exclusion for health reasons') and 11.2 ('Intellectual property') and regulations made thereunder.
- While every effort has been made to comply with the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* (Cth) so that the stipend is not taxable in the hands of the recipient, no further guarantee can be given by the University. It is the responsibility of scholarship awardees to seek their own taxation advice.