

Scholarship Condition of Award

**Master of Research Assistance Scholarship
(MResAS)**

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Master of Research Assistance Scholarship (MResAS) - for Master of Research (MRes) graduate research students commencing from January 2026

Master of Research Assistance Scholarship (MResAS)

Master of Research Assistance Scholarships provide financial support to commencing domestic Master of Research students who are financially disadvantaged.

These conditions apply to recipients of the above-named scholarship only. However, all graduate research students must refer to their Letter of Offer for any specific benefits, entitlements, allowances or obligations which may apply.

1. Eligibility

To be eligible for scholarship consideration

- 1.1 Applicants must be either
 - a. An Australian citizen, or
 - b. A permanent residence visa holder, or
 - c. A protected Special Category visa (SCV) holder from New Zealand
- 1.2 Applicants must have an *Offer of Admission* for a full-time Master of Research (MRes) program at Adelaide University.
- 1.3 Applicants must be based in Australia; the scholarship is not available for remote candidates.
- 1.4 Applicants must have received Austudy or Youth Allowance in the year preceding enrolment into the Master of Research or be eligible to receive such student assistance if they were enrolled in a non-research program.

2. Benefits

2.1. Financial Support

- 2.1.1 The value of the scholarship is aligned to the previous year's support or the rate of the student assistance for which an individual would be eligible.
The value will depend on the individual's circumstances (i.e. individual, individual with partner, living at or away from parent's home, with or without children) and the income and asset test, with a maximum annual value of \$21,751.60 in 2026 (indexed annually).

- 2.1.2 An income and asset test for the scholarship will be completed at the time of application.
As part of the income test, applicants will be asked to provide most recent Notice of Assessment and income statements for the last 6-12 months.
- 2.1.3 Applicants should consult with their accountant or tax agent for tax advice.

3. Study Load

Scholarship holders are required to enrol full-time.

Half-time enrolment is not permitted. If a candidate in receipt of the Assistance Scholarship transfers to half-time enrolment, payments will be suspended.

Payments may re-commence if the candidate reverts to full-time study, however the total duration of the funding received shall not exceed 12 months.

4. Commencement

4.1. Payment

- 4.1.1. Payments begin from the date on which candidature commences, after submission of the completed Online Enrolment Form and Banking Authority to the Adelaide University Graduate Research School. Payments will cease after 12 months.
- 4.1.2. Where the awardee applies for the scholarship after enrolling in the Master of Research, stipend payments will only be backdated to the day on which the application was lodged. The duration of the scholarship (refer Section 5 Period of Support) will be reduced by the number of days enrolled between program commencement and application lodgement.
- 4.1.3. Graduate research students will be paid fortnightly in arrears, directly into the Australian bank account nominated by the graduate research student. No payments will be made into overseas bank accounts.

4.2. The University may withdraw the offer of a scholarship if an applicant

- Does not meet the admission criteria.
- Does not commence by the agreed date.
- Fails to provide documentation required after a provisional offer.
- Does not meet legislative requirements or conditions as outlined by the Australian Government and/or University.
- Provides false or misleading information or documentation.
- Is awarded a living allowance or stipend from any other source.
- Would no longer qualify for student assistance (Austudy or Youth Allowance).

5. Period of Support

Program	Master of Research Assistance Scholarship
MRes	Financial support: up to 1 year (12 months), payable in the first 12 months from commencement

There are no extension provisions.

5.1. Continuation

Scholarships are subject to satisfactory progress determined by the outcome of academic milestone reviews and/or other formal progress reviews undertaken throughout the year.

5.2. Conversion of Award

It is not possible to convert this award.

5.3. Deferral

An award must be taken up in the intake for which it was awarded.

6. Leave Entitlements

There are no paid leave entitlements.

7. Employment (Paid or voluntary work)

Graduate research students are required to maintain an appropriate level of contact hours in accordance with their enrolment. The expectation is that full-time enrolled graduate research students commit 40 hours per week to their research program. If graduate research students undertake employment, they must ensure that it does not impede academic progress. Graduate research students who do not meet requirement progress milestones will have their Assistance Scholarship payments suspended.

8. Top up Scholarships

- 8.1 The offer of this scholarship is contingent upon a student not receiving a living allowance or stipend from another source.
- 8.2 The University reserves the right to withdraw an offer of a scholarship at any time prior to enrolment if it is advised that an awardee has been offered another scholarship.

- 8.3 The University reserves the right to terminate the scholarship at any time if it is advised that an awardee has been offered another scholarship.
- 8.4 You must declare if you will be receiving a living allowance or stipend from any other source.

9. Suspension of Award

- 9.1 Non-Lodgement of Milestone: Graduate research students who do not meet required progress milestones will have their Assistance Scholarship payments suspended. No reimbursement for periods of suspension under these circumstances will be granted.
- 9.2 Graduate research students placed on administrative leave will have their Assistance Scholarship payments suspended.

10. Transfer of Award

Master of Research Assistance Scholarships are not transferable to another university.

11. Termination

Termination of the scholarship will take place in the following circumstances:

- a) Submission of the thesis.
- b) Scholarship expires or is no longer available.
- c) Graduate research student no longer meets the eligibility criteria to hold the award.
- d) The graduate research student has not fulfilled the obligations of the award.
- e) The graduate research student has not completed compulsory milestones by the due date or has not made satisfactory progress.
- f) The graduate research student withdraws from study, ceases to be enrolled or does not apply for approved leave or suspension of award.
- g) The graduate research student has provided false or misleading information.
- h) The graduate research student is guilty of serious misconduct in terms of the *University Student Code of Conduct*.

A graduate research student receiving benefits to which they are not entitled will be required to repay the University on receipt of an invoice.

12. Graduate Research Student Obligations

Graduate research students are subject to the University's policies, procedures and program requirements.

13. Grievance Procedures

The appropriate appeal procedures for graduate research students are those defined by the [Student Complaints Resolution Procedure](#).

14. Enquiries and Information

Enquiries about these conditions may be addressed to the Graduate Research School team at:

Email: research.scholarships@adelaideuni.edu.au

These Scholarship Conditions of Award may be changed without notice to comply with any legal or University requirements.