

**Information for Applicants**  
**2021 iRTP/iMQRES ROUND**  
**Applications close: 31 JULY 2020**

International Research Training Program Scholarship (iRTP)  
and International Macquarie University Research Excellence Scholarship (iMQRES)

*While every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information in this leaflet as at May 2020, guidelines for these awards may be subject to change.*

## GENERAL INFORMATION

The Research Training Program (RTP) scheme is administered by individual universities on behalf of the Department of Education and Training. Applications for RTP Scholarships need to be made directly to participating universities. Macquarie University has its own application and selection process, as outlined in the [Macquarie University Research Training Program Scholarship Policy](#). The number of international candidate places funded through the RTP ([International Research Training Program Scholarships](#), iRTP) varies from year to year.

The Macquarie University Research Excellence Scholarship (MQRES) scheme is a Doctoral (PhD) scholarship program that aims to support exceptional research students enrolled in research priority areas aligned with the University's [Strategic Research Framework 2015 to 2024 World - Leading Research with World - Changing Impact](#), as well as the broader University.

Macquarie also offers a limited number of scholarships to international Master of Research (MRes) candidates. They must be applying for an 'MRes/PhD 1+3 bundle' (i.e. MRes Year 2 and 3-year PhD) through this competitive iRTP round. Successful candidates will be awarded a provisional PhD offer, and they will be considered for a 3-year PhD progression scholarship on a competitive basis upon successful completion of MRes Year 2. Candidates applying for admission to the PhD program, who have accepted a (counter) offer for entry to the MRes Year 2 with provisional 3-year PhD, and who rank competitively for a scholarship, may be offered a scholarship to cover their MRes Year 2 program.

## Selection Process

Macquarie University offers available awards to eligible candidates in accordance with the [MQ Research Training Program Scholarship Policy](#), and the [Macquarie University HDR Scholarship Rating Criteria](#).

Selection processes for candidates to be awarded the International Research Training Program Scholarship (iRTP) and International Macquarie University Research Excellence Scholarship (iMQRES) will also include considerations of the Research Environment. This may include an evaluation of the alignment of the candidate's project with Macquarie University's research strategy and research priorities, the quality of the supervisory team and the international standing of the research area.

**iRTP/iMQRES Round:** offers will be made within the last quarter of 2020, with candidates expected to commence their scholarship in 2021.

## PRIOR TO APPLYING

Applicants must contact the relevant Department/Centre/Research Area with which they wish to study prior to submitting their application. Communication with the relevant area, prior to application, will be considered part of the application process.

## HOW TO APPLY

### New Applicants to Macquarie University

For new\* applicants, the Office of HDR Training and Partnerships at Macquarie University uses a single online application to apply for both candidature and scholarship. The application process is as follows for new\* applicants:

- Go to the [How to Apply Entry Requirements – Entry Requirements webpage](#) and follow the steps to complete an application
  - [How to Submit a Candidature and Scholarship Application Guide](#)
- In the eApplication portal, you must select 'International HDR Main Scholarship' in the scholarship question.

\*Current MQ HDR Candidates and applicants that have received a valid Macquarie University letter of offer for a Higher Degree Research program within the last 6 months (dated between 1 November 2019 to May 2020) need to refer to the application process for '[Other applicants](#)'. Offers received prior to 1 November 2019 will need to submit as a [New Applicant](#) above.

'**Other applicants**' - Current MQ HDR Candidates (Enrolled) and applicants that have previously received a valid Macquarie University letter of offer dated between 1 November 2019 to May 2020.

**Applicants who are current MQ HDR Candidates or hold a Macquarie University candidature offer LESS than 6 months old must:**

- Complete and submit a [HDR Application for Scholarship Only](#)
  - [How to Submit Scholarship Only Application Guide](#)
- Include relevant supporting documentation such as:
  - any additional information or **\*\*[research output](#)** since original application and commencement
  - updated CV
  - letter of offer and/or research student profile
- Indicate iRTP/iMQRES under the scholarship details question
- Request approval from the Faculty to defer the candidature commencement to Session 1 or Session 2 2021 and include the approval with their application (**Only for applicants who hold a Macquarie University candidature offer LESS than 6 months old who are not currently enrolled**)

While current candidates are eligible to apply, any consumed prior enrolment will be counted as advanced standing and will reduce the maximum scholarship duration offered.

#### **English Language Requirements:**

Each applicant must provide evidence of their English language proficiency. The minimum criteria can be located at [How to Apply – English Language Requirements](#). Evidence of English language proficiency must be provided directly to the University **no later than Friday, 31 July 2020**. Please note if you do not meet the English requirement by this deadline, you are **ineligible** for the scholarship.

***Applications will not be considered if all required documentation is not received by the application deadline (midnight on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2020, Australian Eastern Standard time)***

#### **GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS**

This information provides a general overview, and should be read in conjunction with the [MQ Research Training Program Guidelines](#). Applicants should always review the terms of their individual award offer and conditions in their letter of offer of scholarship.

All successful [iRTP](#) applicants for a PhD will receive up to 3 years of tuition fee coverage and a travel allowance (applied to the OPAL travel card). Additionally, successful iRTP applicants will receive a stipend (living allowance), currently valued at \$28,092 pa, tax exempt (2020 rate).

The fully internally funded iMQRES offers the same stipend plus tuition fees for up to 3 years for students enrolling in 2021.

#### **Overseas Student Health Cover:**

Please note that eligible candidates that have been offered an iRTP or iMQRES scholarship will need to purchase overseas student health cover for the full visa period. Note that overseas student health cover must be purchased upfront at the time of acceptance as per Australian Government requirements. The student visa (subclass 500) requires students to purchase an additional 8 months OSHC after the course end date for research programs. Eligible candidates will have the overseas student health cover fee confirmed at the time of offer.

Overseas student health cover estimates with the [Macquarie University chosen provider can be obtained here](#). Dual-family and Multi-family quotes are available upon request.

Neither the iRTP, the iMQRES or MRes/PhD 'bundle' cover relocation costs, establishment allowances or thesis allowances.

## FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT SCHOLARSHIPS

Information about currently available HDR scholarship opportunities is published on the Office of HDR Training and Partnerships website.

For enquiries regarding conditions of award, or the scholarship application process contact:

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Office of HDR Training and Partnerships

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## APPEAL PROCEDURES

If you consider that your application has been incorrectly assessed in the application process, then you may appeal in writing to the Director, Office of HDR Training and Partnerships on [hdschol@mq.edu.au](mailto:hdschol@mq.edu.au) within 4 weeks of the notified outcome.

### **\*\* Guidelines for submitting research output**

Please attach to your application, a bibliographic summary of all relevant research presentations and publications. Items should be categorised by type: conference presentation, conference proceedings, academic journal, book, book chapter, or creative work. Bibliographic information should be presented in the academic style appropriate to your discipline and should include the names of all authors (in order of contribution/publication), the year of publication, the title of the work, the name of the conference or journal, and the volume, issue and page numbers (as appropriate).

**IMPORTANT:** Any claimed publications or conference presentations must be supported by documentary evidence (e.g. a copy of the published abstract or appropriate pages from the conference syllabus). For books and book chapters, please include a copy of the cover or title page, publication information page, table of contents and the first page of your chapter (as appropriate). For creative works, equivalent evidence should be presented if possible. For articles which have been accepted for publication, but are not yet published, a letter from the editor on official letterhead acknowledging acceptance of the article or other equivalent evidence will be required. Please DO NOT submit full articles or books unless specifically requested to do so.

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