

2010 Scholarship Conditions of Award

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Australian Postgraduate Award (APA), Monash Graduate Scholarship (MGS), Monash Silver Jubilee Postgraduate Research Scholarship, Sir James McNeill Postgraduate Research Scholarship, Monash Indigenous Research Award (MIRA) & Monash Equity Scholarship (MES).

1 Eligibility

1.1 General

Australian Postgraduate Awards (APA) and Monash Graduate Scholarships (MGS) are offered for full-time research at postgraduate level. Persons intending to undertake, or who are currently enrolled for a research masters degree, PhD or research professional doctorate, are eligible to apply. A very small number of part-time awards may be available (see 16.1).

Applicants must hold an Australian or New Zealand bachelors degree with first class honours or qualifications and/or research experience deemed equivalent by the university. Special requirements apply to MIRAs, please refer to details below.

Awards will not be available to those who:

- are in receipt of another equivalent award/scholarship/salary to undertake the research higher degree, providing a benefit greater than 75% of the APA/MGS rate;
*Note: (i) "Salary" refers to time release for full-time candidature on salary
(ii) Where an award or salary offering similar benefits is to be used to meet course fees for international students, a case may be made to the Research Graduate School Committee.*
- would be entitled to a maximum tenure of less than 12 months as a result of prior candidature and/or prior scholarship (see 2.1).

1.2 Australian Postgraduate Awards (APA)

Only Australian citizens, New Zealand citizens and Australian permanent residents are eligible for these awards.

Awards will not be available to those who:

- have already completed a PhD or research professional doctorate or equivalent;
- have already completed a research masters degree or equivalent unless intending to undertake a PhD or research professional doctorate (ie a scholarship holder cannot hold an award for a second research masters);
- have previously held an APA, APA (Industry), or an Australian Government-funded Postgraduate Research Award unless it was terminated within six months of commencement of the award.

An award may be made available for enrolment as a research candidate under Monash's external mode regulations, however the support of the relevant academic unit and faculty will be required. The awardee must also reside in Australia.

1.3 Monash Graduate Scholarships (MGS)

Australian citizens, permanent residents and overseas students are eligible for these awards.

Awards will not be available to those who:

- have already completed a PhD or research professional doctorate or equivalent, unless the proposed research area for the second PhD or professional doctorate is significantly different to the prior PhD or professional doctorate;
- have already completed a research masters degree or equivalent, unless intending to undertake a PhD or research professional doctorate (ie a scholarship holder cannot hold an award for a second research masters);
- have previously held a Monash Graduate Scholarship for more than six months. An exception may be made for a PhD or research professional doctorate candidate where the prior award was for a masters degree;
- are enrolled or are intending to enrol as a research candidate under Monash's external mode regulations.

2 Duration and conversion of award

2.1 Duration of award

The maximum duration of a full-time award is three years for PhD or research professional doctorate studies and two years for masters studies. The maximum duration of a part-time award is six years for PhD or research professional doctorate studies and four years for masters studies.

The duration of an award will be reduced by any periods of study undertaken towards the degree prior to the commencement of the award or taken during the suspension of the award. Periods previously funded by an Australian Postgraduate Course Award (APCA) will also be deducted from the tenure of an APA.

A doctoral candidate making satisfactory progress may apply for a maximum extension of up to six months. 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. Masters candidates are not entitled to an extension.

The award should be taken up by 31 March of the year for which the offer is made. Where employment commitments or circumstances beyond the awardee's control prevent an awardee from taking up the scholarship by this date, the holder may be permitted to commence the course/scholarship later, but must begin by 30 June, or the offer will be withdrawn. Formal approval for a late start must be sought from the Research Graduate School Committee.

The duration of an award will be increased by any periods of approved paid maternity leave, additional sick leave and parenting leave.

Tenure is always subject to satisfactory progress and terminates upon withdrawal from the course of study, completion of the prescribed course of study, or on the submission of a thesis for examination.

2.2 Conversion between masters and doctoral studies

If a masters candidate is permitted to upgrade candidature to a PhD or research professional doctorate the award, upon application by the holder (and prior to its termination) will be extended to the maximum duration for a doctoral degree. Similarly a PhD or research professional doctorate award may be converted to a masters research award in circumstances deemed appropriate by the Research Graduate School Committee. The maximum duration then becomes that for the new degree.

An awardee completing a masters degree may continue on his/her scholarship for doctoral studies (for the total maximum period allowed ie 3.5 years including the period of support while a masters candidate) provided there is no interval between masters and doctoral candidature, or that such interval is covered by suspension of the scholarship. As a scholarship expires on submission of a thesis for examination, the awardee must ensure that the progression to a doctorate or suspension of the scholarship is arranged before the masters studies are completed.

The maximum duration of a converted award becomes that for the new research degree minus periods of study undertaken towards the related degree prior to the conversion.

3 Stipend and allowances

3.1 Stipend

The APA/MGS currently carry an annual stipend of \$A20,427 (2009 rate). The part-time rate (2009) is \$A10,957 (taxable). Payments are made in fortnightly instalments. The stipend rates are indexed for subsequent years.

Under Australian Taxation Law full-time awards are presently considered to be non-taxable by the Australian Government. Nevertheless, the university cannot give advice regarding taxation and it is the responsibility of individual students to seek their own taxation advice. Part-time awards are TAXABLE.

Scholarship holders are permitted to:

- obtain funds for fieldwork, equipment or other expenses not covered by the award;
- obtain funding for overseas travel costs from other Australian Government awards or any other source;

- receive income derived from part-time work within the guidelines set by the university (see *5 Employment* below); and
- receive a concurrent award, scholarship or salary to undertake their research provided that:
 - the concurrent award, scholarship or salary provides a benefit less than 75% of the APA/MGS stipend rate; or
 - the APA/MGS is suspended for the tenure of the concurrent award, scholarship or salary and the period of study undertaken towards the degree during suspension is deducted from the maximum period of tenure.

3.2 Relocation allowance (travel and removal expenses)

3.2.1 General

Awardees who relocate their place of residence to take up their scholarship may claim for a relocation allowance for themselves, their spouse and any dependants, subject to the eligibility criteria for each award listed below.

A spouse (for the purpose of relocation entitlements) is defined as another person who is married to or in a de facto relationship with the awardee. An eligible child (for the purpose of relocation entitlements) is defined as a natural or adopted child of the awardee or their spouse, who is less than 18 years of age; or less than 25 years of age and is undertaking full-time study.

Original receipts/tax invoices must be supplied. Relocation allowances must be claimed within a year of commencing the award.

3.2.2 Australian Postgraduate Award (APA)

The actual cost of travelling to Melbourne (from within Australia or overseas) to commence the award, up to a maximum equal to the economy class or student airfare, may be paid to the awardee, spouse and any dependants. Reimbursement of fuel expenses (up to the equivalent airfare) may also be payable to award holders who travel by car. Awardees cannot claim for accommodation or meal costs if they elect to travel by car.

Removal expenses (eg cartage or storage) of up to \$A530 (2009 rate) per adult and \$A262 (2009 rate) per child (with a maximum entitlement of \$A1,530 - 2009 rate) may also be provided on production of receipts.

3.2.3 Monash Graduate Scholarship (MGS)

The actual cost of travelling to Melbourne from within Australia (NOT from overseas) to commence the award, up to a maximum equal to the economy class or student airfare, may be paid to the awardee, spouse and any dependants. Reimbursement of fuel expenses (up to the equivalent airfare) may also be payable to award holders who travel by car. Awardees cannot claim for accommodation or meal costs if they elect to travel by car.

Removal expenses (eg cartage or storage) to Melbourne within Australia of up to \$A530 (2009 rate) per adult and \$A262 (2009 rate) per child (with a maximum entitlement of \$A1,530 – (2009 rate) may also be provided on production of receipts.

3.3 Thesis allowance

Subject to the production of original receipts/tax invoices, awardees may claim reimbursement of up to \$A420 (2009 rate) for a masters thesis and up to \$A840 (2009 rate) for a PhD or research professional doctorate thesis towards the cost of thesis preparation. The allowance is a contribution to the costs of production of the thesis and does not include costs such as purchase of computer equipment.

The allowance must be claimed within one year of submission of the thesis for examination and no more than two years after termination or expiry of the award.

A thesis allowance is also payable for costs associated with the re-submission of a thesis or lodgement of hard-bound and digital copies of the thesis following notification that the awardee has met the requirements of the degree. The allowance must be claimed within one year of re-submission or lodgement of hard-bound copies.

The combined total of allowances for submission, re-submission or lodgement of hard-bound copies must not exceed the maximum amounts specified above.

4 Leave entitlements

4.1 Annual leave

Awardees are entitled to 20 days paid recreation leave a year, calculated on a pro rata basis.

Leave must be taken during the tenure of the award (ie the awardee cannot extend the award by taking leave entitlement after the due termination date, and there is no payment in lieu on termination). The supervisor's agreement must be obtained before leave is taken and the academic unit should be notified.

The maximum amount of annual leave that may be accumulated before it is taken in part or full is 30 days. Accumulated leave in excess of 30 days will be relinquished. There is no provision for recreation leave loading.

4.2 Sick leave

Awardees are entitled to ten days of sick leave each year of the award, calculated on a pro-rata basis. Sick leave may be accrued over the tenure of the award.

An awardee may have an additional entitlement of up to 12 weeks of paid sick leave within the tenure of the award. An award may be extended to compensate for periods longer than two weeks if a medical certificate is provided by the awardee. Applications for sick leave must be made during the period of sick leave or no later than two weeks after the awardee has returned to study.

4.3 Maternity leave

An awardee may have an entitlement of up to 12 weeks paid maternity leave within the tenure of the award. Paid maternity leave may not be taken within the first 12 months of the award. Periods of paid maternity leave are in addition to the normal duration of the award. Paid maternity leave is to be taken **within** the period commencing six weeks prior to the expected date of delivery and concluding 12 weeks after the actual date of delivery.

Awardees may apply for an additional 40 weeks of unpaid maternity leave over the duration of their scholarship. Maternity leave is a separate leave entitlement and will not diminish an awardee's entitlement for intermission or sick leave from their candidature/scholarship. Any periods of approved maternity leave will be reflected in a variation to the end date of candidature/scholarship.

Applications for maternity leave endorsed by the supervisor and head of department are made to the Research Graduate School Committee via the Monash Research Graduate School.

4.4 Parental leave

An awardee who is a partner of a woman giving birth may have an entitlement of up to five days parental leave within the tenure of the award. Parental leave may **not** be taken within the first 12 months of the award. Unpaid parental leave may be accessed through the suspension provisions. Periods of paid paternity leave are in addition to the normal duration of the award.

5 Employment

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 six 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 eight hours if the employment is limited to one weekday.

The candidate's supervisor/s must be satisfied that any part-time work undertaken does not interfere with the candidate's study program and progress.

International students need to be aware that the employment restrictions outlined above apply even though a student visa permits students to work up to 20 hours a week.

There is no limit on how much income an awardee can receive from part-time work.

An awardee currently employed at Monash cannot be on a fractional appointment exceeding 0.4.

6 Residency

Awardees are required to reside within daily commuting distance to a Victorian campus to allow frequent and systematic use of university facilities, including use of physical resources, formal research training and daily face-to-face contact with supervisors if required (unless awarded an APA for external studies). If the research program requires study away from the university for protracted lengths of time, the same conditions as *Study Away from Monash* will apply.

7 Study away from Monash

If the head of the department or the dean of the faculty certifies that it is necessary to pursue fieldwork or undertake research which is an integral part of the research program, the award may be tenable away from Monash for up to 12 months, or for other special cases, 18 months for doctoral students. A shorter period of study away may be approved for masters by research students. At all other times, awardees are expected to reside at a location that will allow daily attendance on campus.

7.1 Research overseas

Approval of paid overseas study will only be granted if adequate supervision can be maintained and the awardee remains enrolled.

The award holder will not generally be allowed to undertake approved overseas study in the first six months of scholarship tenure. Candidature undertaken prior to the taking up of the scholarship will be taken into account in determining the earliest date on which the awardee may pursue overseas study on pay.

All absences overseas, for whatever period, need to be reported to the Research Graduate School Committee (except for approved annual leave).

7.2 Study away from Monash (within Australia)

Subject to the appropriate masters and PhD or research professional doctorate candidature regulations, an awardee may be permitted to conduct a strictly limited portion of the research at research sites, organisations and research institutions outside Monash.

The award holder will not generally be allowed to undertake research at research sites, organisations and research institutions outside Monash in the first six months of scholarship tenure.

At all other times, with the exception of approved research overseas, awardees are expected to reside at a location that will allow daily attendance on campus.

When periods of inter/intra-state research/fieldwork exceed a consolidated six-week period, a request for study away from the university should be made.

8 Other courses

An award holder (whether enrolled full-time or part-time), may not engage concurrently in any academic course of study leading to a qualification which is not an essential part of the award holder's postgraduate program.

9 Suspension

The award holder will not generally be allowed to suspend in the first six months of scholarship tenure.

The total period of suspension (leave of absence) from the award during its tenure may generally not exceed 12 months.

However, in circumstances beyond the awardee's control (for example, equipment breakdown, lack of supervision, unavoidable delays between the submission of a masters thesis and commencement of PhD or research professional doctorate candidature, prolonged illness, etc) a suspension in the first six months of candidature may be permitted. In special cases, an additional period of suspension may also be sought beyond the 12 months normally permitted.

The total period of suspension is normally added to the original scholarship tenure, subject to the provision below.

Periods of study undertaken towards the degree during suspension of the award will be deducted from the maximum period of tenure.

An award will be terminated if the awardee does not resume study at the conclusion of a period of suspension or fails to make arrangements to extend that period of suspension.

10 Penalties

The Research Graduate School Committee will impose penalties for non-compliance with scholarship conditions. This may include for example, suspension of award and/or a reduction in the maximum tenure of the award.

11 Termination

The award will be terminated on the day the thesis is submitted for examination or at the end of the award; whichever is earlier. It is the awardee's responsibility to advise the Monash Research Graduate School if the thesis is *submitted for examination* prior to the expiration of the award.

Awards will be terminated before this time:

- if, in the opinion of the institution, the course of study is not being carried out with competence and diligence or in accordance with the offer of the award, and no suitable alternative arrangements can be made for continuation of the degree;
- if it is determined that the awardee has not fulfilled his/her obligations, has not met the eligibility criteria or fails to maintain satisfactory progress;
- when the awardee ceases to be a full-time student engaged in full-time research and when approval has not been obtained to hold the award on a part-time basis;
- on completion of the course, or the death, incapacity, resignation or withdrawal of the student;
- if the awardee has been found guilty of academic misconduct;
- if the awardee does not resume study at the end of a period of suspension, or does not make arrangements to extend that period of suspension;
- if the awardee does not resume study at Monash after a period of study away from the university or does not make arrangements to extend that period of study away;
- if the awardee accepts another equivalent award, scholarship or salary to undertake his/her research degree providing a benefit greater than 75% of the APA/MGS rate and does not comply with the criteria as outlined in section 3.1;
- if the awardee's probationary candidature is not confirmed;
- if the awardee converts to external candidature or writing up away;
- if the awardee fails to maintain their enrolment or fails to re-enrol.

If a scholarship is terminated, it cannot be re-activated unless the termination occurred in error.

12 Monash's obligations to awardee

12.1 Supervision

A code of practice for supervision of doctoral and research masters candidates has been drawn up by the Research Graduate School Committee in consultation with the Monash Postgraduate Association.

12.2 Right of appeal

Awardees have the right of appeal against decisions made in relation to the tenure of the award. Such mechanisms are in place and an awardee should consult with the supervisor or head of department in the first instance.

12.3 Entitlements

All entitlements under the award will be payable to the award holder.

12.4 Facilities

Awardees have adequate facilities to undertake the proposed research program.

13 Award holder's contract with the university

13.1 Pursuit of research program

The awardee shall diligently and to the best of his/her ability apply himself/herself to the successful completion of the degree.

13.2 Ethics and Occupational Health and Safety guidelines

The awardee shall abide by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) codes on human and animal experimentation, the Australian Government's Recombinant DNA Monitoring Committee, and rulings of the relevant university safety and ethics committees.

13.3 Social science data sets

Machine readable data arising from social sciences research should, within two years, be lodged with the Australian Consortium for Social and Political Research Inc (ACSPRI) or other appropriate repository.

13.4 Regulations and statutes

An award holder is required to conform to Monash's regulations and statutes (refer to www.monash.edu.au/pubs/calendar/statutes). Attention is drawn in particular to Statutes 4.1, 5.2,

5.3, 6.3, and 11.2 and regulations made thereunder, including PhD or research professional doctorate and masters candidature regulations and intellectual property matters.

With specific reference to the postgraduate award the awardee must notify the Research Graduate School Committee of:

- an intention to leave Australia for reasons other than approved annual leave;
- discontinuance of studies in the approved postgraduate course;
- submission of a thesis for examination;
- absence for any reason for a period of 14 days or longer from study, except on approved annual leave;
- the award of another Commonwealth or other Government award/or other award offering similar benefits to APA/MGS.

13.5 Research evaluation project

The university is required to ensure that candidates and their supervisors are available to contribute to and participate in, any Australian Government Research Evaluation Program (REP) exercise relating to their projects during, and for a reasonable period after the conclusion of their project.

13.6 Acknowledgments, publications & publicity

Subject to commercial sensitivities or intellectual property considerations, the outcomes of research projects are expected to be communicated to the research community and, where appropriate and possible, to the community at large.

13.7 Scholarship overpayment

An awardee is required to repay scholarship overpayments within 30 days of being requested to do so by the university.

14 Annual progress reports

Awardees shall submit each year, through their supervisor and the head of the department or dean of the faculty, a report of their progress during the year.

15 Transfer of scholarship

Awards won in competition at one institution cannot be taken up at another.

15.1 Australian Postgraduate Award (APA)

The DEEWR guidelines that apply to students who commenced their APA from 2002 onwards do not allow the transfer of an APA to another institution. An institution may agree to award an APA to a student transferring provided the institution has APA grant amounts available.

15.2 Monash Graduate Scholarship (MGS)

An MGS award cannot be transferred to another institution.

16 Special awards

Extra conditions apply to the following awards:

16.1 Australian Postgraduate Awards (APA) and Monash Graduate Scholarships (MGS) (Part-time)

International students are ineligible for part-time awards.

A part-time award may be held by an awardee with a medical condition, which limits the capacity to undertake full-time study (supported by medical certification) or by awardees with significant caring commitments, including:

- caring responsibilities for a pre-school child; or
- caring responsibilities for school aged children as a sole parent with limited access to outside support; or
- caring responsibilities for an invalid or disabled spouse, child or parent.

Part-time awards are not available to applicants seeking to undertake paid employment on a full-time or a substantial part-time basis. The same employment conditions that apply to full-time awardees apply to part-time awardees.

An awardee holding a part-time award must be enrolled as a part-time candidate. Holders of part-time awards may convert to full-time at any stage.

Part-time APA and MGS awards are paid at \$A10,957 (2009 rate) and are taxable.

16.2 Sir James McNeill Postgraduate Research Scholarship

The Sir James McNeill Foundation Postgraduate Research Scholarship has been established in memory of the late Sir James McNeill. Sir James had a long association with Monash University and served for many years on Council and as a Chairman of the Finance Committee. The fund is administered by Perpetual Trustees Australia Limited.

One scholarship will be awarded annually to enable a PhD or Professional Doctorate candidate to pursue a full-time program of research in engineering, medicine, music or science and will be made on the basis of outstanding merit. A condition of the award is that the research undertaken shall be both environmentally responsible and socially beneficial. The scholarship shall be awarded by the Trustees on the recommendation of the University which shall draw up a short list of nominations for the consideration of the Trustees. As only PhD and Professional Doctorate students are eligible to hold this award, masters students MUST upgrade to PhD within 12 months in order to retain their scholarship.

16.2.1 Stipend

The award carries a stipend of \$A27,169 per annum (2009 rate).

16.2.2 Allowances

A relocation and thesis allowance, as per APA/MGS conditions of award may also be payable.

A research allowance of up to \$1500 per annum may also be payable. Research expenses are those consumable items such as journal subscriptions, expenses associated with conference attendance/study away from the university, lab expenses and thesis costs exceeding the maximum thesis allowance entitlement. In some cases, claims for non-consumable items such as books and computer equipment may also be approved. Normally such non-consumable items would become the property of the awardees academic department. All claims must be directly related to the awardees area of research.

16.2.3 Conditions of award

Conditions pertaining to eligibility (with the exception that the award is made to a doctoral student pursuing a research program in engineering, medicine, music or science), duration of award, leave entitlements, employment, research overseas, research at other organisations, other courses, suspension, termination, Monash's obligations to the student, award holder's contract with university, annual progress report and transfer of scholarship, are the same as for the Monash Graduate Scholarship.

16.3 Silver Jubilee Postgraduate Research Scholarship

One Monash Silver Jubilee Postgraduate Scholarship is awarded annually. The scholarship will be awarded by rotation to faculties. Awards will be made as follows;

2009: Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences or Pharmacy

2010: Science

2011: Arts or Art & Design

2012: Law, Education, Business & Economics or Accident Research Centre

2013: Engineering or Information Technology.

16.3.1 Stipend

The award carries a stipend of \$A26,669 per annum (2009). The Silver Jubilee Top-Up Postgraduate Research Scholarship carries a stipend of \$A6,242 per annum (2009).

16.3.2 Allowances

A relocation and thesis allowance, as per APA/MGS conditions of award may also be payable.

Incidentals allowance of up to \$A550 per annum to assist in meeting research expenses. Research expenses are those consumable items such as journal subscriptions, expenses associated with conference attendance/study away from the university, lab expenses and thesis costs exceeding the maximum thesis allowance entitlement. In some cases, claims for non-consumable items such as books and computer equipment may also be approved. Normally such non-consumable items would become the property of the awardees academic department. All claims must be directly related to the awardees area of research.

16.3.3 Conditions of award

Conditions pertaining to eligibility (with the exception that the award is made in rotation on a faculty basis), duration of award, relocation and thesis allowance, leave entitlements, employment, residency, research overseas, research away from Monash, other courses, suspension, penalties, termination, Monash's obligations to the student, award holder's contract with university, annual progress reports and transfer of scholarship are the same as those applying to the MGS.

16.4 Monash Indigenous Research Award (MIRA)

Two Monash Indigenous Research Awards (MIRA) will be offered annually from 2010 to encourage and support promising Indigenous students to commence a postgraduate research degree on a full-time on-campus basis. The awards aim to attract Indigenous students who are eligible to enter directly into a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Master of Philosophy (MPhil) or masters by research. Current students already enrolled in a research program at Monash University are not eligible for these awards.

16.4.1 Eligibility

Applicants must be Indigenous Australians who meet all of the current eligibility requirements for entry into the relevant research degree (PhD, MPhil or masters by research). Current students already enrolled in a research program at Monash University are not eligible for these awards. Monash Indigenous Research Awards (MIRA) may be awarded for full time on-campus study only.

16.4.2 Stipend

The award carries a stipend of \$A35,000 per annum (2010). Cohort support including mentoring and academic and research skills development will be provided for recipients of these awards.

16.4.3 Conditions of award

Conditions pertaining to duration of award (with the exception that PhD awardees can apply for two six-month extensions), employment, residency, research overseas, research away from Monash, other courses, suspension, penalties, termination, Monash's obligations to the student, award holder's contract with university, annual progress reports and transfer of scholarship are the same as those applying to the MGS.

16.5 Monash Equity Scholarship (MES)

Monash University is offering two Equity Scholarships for HDR study undertaken at one of the University's Australian campuses.

16.5.1 Eligibility

Applicants must be an Australian or New Zealand citizen or Australian permanent resident at the closing date of 31 October 2009. Applicants must hold an Australian or New Zealand bachelors degree with first class honours or qualifications and/or research experience deemed equivalent by the university. Persons intending to undertake or who are currently enrolled for a research masters degree, PhD or research professional doctorate are eligible to apply.

Applicants must provide evidence to show they meet at least one of the following criteria:

- applicant's academic career has been adversely affected*, or
- applicant with a disability

** This category applies when a student's academic career has been severely interrupted, delayed or otherwise constrained by illness or family responsibilities e.g. child bearing, child rearing or other family responsibilities such as the sustained care of a dependant family member (who may, for example, be elderly, sick or a person with disabilities). This category does not apply when an applicant has opted to travel or pursue an alternative profession/discipline area before returning to study.*

16.5.2 Conditions of award

The conditions and benefits are the same as those applying to the Monash Graduate Scholarship.