

APPLICATION FORM 2027

AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT RESEARCH TRAINING PROGRAM (RTP) SCHOLARSHIP STIPEND AND FEE-OFFSET

Please Note: Before completing this application form, you must read the **Information for Applicants** and the **Criteria and Scoring Guidelines** which can be found on the Graduate School website.

Please ensure all requested documents are attached and all questions must be answered. If you have insufficient space, please attach a separate sheet.

The form must be filled in electronically. Hand written forms will not be accepted.

It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure the proposed supervisors have signed this form **prior** to you submitting it to the Graduate School.

Once the full application has been received by the graduate school, the application will be forwarded to the Director Higher Degree Research and Associate Dean Research. The Associate Dean Research will make a recommendation on how the applicants research project aligns with both the University and Faculty's research strategy and its relevance to Australia.

Incomplete applications will not be assessed.

Applications are now due by midnight **31 October 2026**. Late applications will not be accepted.

ATTENTION MAC USERS: This form will be corrupted if opened in Preview.

SECTION A: APPLICANT DETAILS

Title:

Family Name:

First Name:

Former Name:

Date of Birth:

Email Address:

Telephone:

Home address:

Southern Cross University Student ID (if applicable):

In what country were you born?

Are you an Australian citizen?

YES

NO

Are you a New Zealand citizen?

YES

NO

Are you an Australian permanent resident?

YES

NO

SECTION B: ENROLMENT DETAILS

(i) Degree for which you are in/applying for:

(ii) Are you already enrolled at Southern Cross University? YES NO

If YES, on what date did you commence your studies?

If NO, what is your approximate start date?

NOTE: If you are awarded a scholarship, you must start Full-Time study and On Campus by 31 March 2027 unless prior permission is obtained. ([Refer to Information for Applicants](#))

(iii) In which Faculty do you propose to/currently undertake your research in?

(iv) What is your approved research title (if already enrolled), or (if not yet enrolled) the research topic you have discussed with the proposed supervisors and the Faculty Director, Higher Degrees Research Training?

(v) If already enrolled, please list your current Principal Supervisor and Co-Supervisor(s) for your candidature (minimum of two):

(vi) If you are not already enrolled, please list who the potential Principal Supervisor and Co-Supervisor(s) will be for your candidature (noting that you must have contacted them and have their agreement to supervise you should your application be successful):

(vii) Please confirm you have attached a 1-2 page research proposal YES NO

SECTION C: OTHER AWARDS

(i) Have you applied for any other awards or scholarships for 2026/2027?

YES

NO

If YES, please provide the following details:

Name of award/scholarship:

Institution to which you applied for the award/scholarship:

(ii) Are you currently receiving a postgraduate award or scholarship?

YES

NO

If YES, please provide the following details:

Name of award/scholarship:

Name of institution at which you hold the award/scholarship:

Annual value of the award (\$AUD):

What is the period for which you hold this award?

Have you attached a separate sheet briefly demonstrating:

The study or research financed by the award.

Allowances and benefits payable by the award, including frequency of payment (official papers etc., showing these, are preferred).

(iii) Have you ever received a postgraduate award before?

YES

NO

If YES, please provide the following details:

Name of award/scholarship:

Name of institution at which you hold the award/scholarship:

What is the period for which you hold this award?

SECTION D: ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

Please provide detail of all degrees as requested in the following tables:

NOTE: You must attach certified copies of your official academic records as proof of any qualification not obtained from Southern Cross University. These records must include a full transcript of subjects undertaken, including grades awarded and a clear statement that the award requirements were met. A letter from the University Administration will suffice. Most importantly, you must indicate the percentage of research, if any, contained in the award. If the space below is insufficient, please provide the information as a separate attachment.

Academic Qualifications (maximum of 3 points)

- Honours H1 – 3 points
- Masters by Research – 3 points
- Honours 2A – 2 points
- Coursework masters with research component – 1 point

Academic Merit (maximum of 1 point)

- GPA of 6.5 or more – 1 point

(i) Completed Undergraduate or Postgraduate Coursework and Honours Degrees:

Qualification	Year Completed	Institution	Points for Qualification	Points for GPA
Australian Research Hons (H1) or equiv.				

Qualification	Year Completed	Institution	Points for Qualification	Points for GPA
Masters by Research				

Qualification	Year Completed	Institution	Points for Qualification	Points for GPA
Australian Research Honours (H2A)				

Qualification	Year Completed	Institution	Points for Qualification	Points for GPA
Coursework Masters with reduced research component				

Total points	
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SECTION E: PUBLICATIONS

(i) Do you have any publications?

YES

NO

If yes:

Refereed publications (maximum of 2 points)

- Applicant must be 1st Author, must be peer reviewed and in a reputable academic journal. 1 point per article to a maximum of 2 articles. Conference proceedings and other submissions will be considered but not weighted.
- Please note, if a copy of the output is not provided, then the output will not be considered.
- An English version of the publication/output must be provided along with this application.
- All publications must meet the eligibility criteria for one of the publication types below and will be verified to the [Excellence in Research for Australia \(ERA\) submission guidelines](#).

Important to note.

Please refer to the [RTP Scholarship Scoring Guidelines and RTP Scholarship - Information for applicants](#).

The publications listed below must be accepted for publication in its final form by the journal/publisher. Publications of up to ten years from their publication date will be considered. Publications older than ten years will not be counted.

Title of Publication	Details of Academic Journal	Points applicable (as per RTP scoring Guidelines)

SECTION F: SUPERVISORY TEAM

(i) The supervisory team **MUST** agree to supervise the potential Graduate Researcher and list their expertise in relation to the proposed research topic:

Proposed Principal Supervisor:

I have sighted the research proposal	Yes	No
I support the recommendation that this is a feasible research project	Yes	No
I agree to supervise the potential Graduate Researcher	Yes	No
I have the relevant expertise	Yes	No

Principal supervisor statement of support for applicant and research proposal:

Proposed Principal Supervisor:

Signature:

Date:

Proposed Co-Supervisor:

I have sighted the research proposal	Yes	No
I support the recommendation that this is a feasible research project	Yes	No
I agree to supervise the potential Graduate Researcher	Yes	No
I have the relevant expertise	Yes	No

Proposed Co-Supervisor:

Signature:

Date:

Please note:

ONCE THE FULL APPLICATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY THE GRADUATE SCHOOL, THE APPLICATION WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE DIRECTOR HIGHER DEGREE RESEARCH AND ASSOCIATE DEAN RESEARCH. THE ASSOCIATE DEAN RESEARCH WILL MAKE A RECOMMENDATION ON HOW THE APPLICANTS RESEARCH PROJECT ALIGNS WITH BOTH THE UNIVERSITY AND FACULTY'S RESEARCH STRATEGY AND ITS RELEVANCE TO AUSTRALIA.

SECTION G: INITIAL APPLICANT SCORE AND PRINCIPAL SUPERVISOR SCORE

Category of Points <i>NB: refer to guidelines for full details</i>	Max. points allowable	Graduate Researcher	Director HDRT	Graduate School	Final Score
Australian Research Honours (H1)	3				
Masters by Research	3				
Australian Research Honours (H2A)	2				
Coursework Masters with reduced research component	1				
Publications	2				
Research Proposal	3				
Supervisor support	1				
Recommendation from ADR	1				
TOTAL POINTS					

SECTION H: SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION

- (i) **Your application must be received by no later than midnight on the day stated as the closing date for applications to be received. Late applications will not be eligible to be assessed.**
- (ii) **Check carefully to ensure you have answered all questions and have prepared all necessary attachments, including certified copies of academic records.**
- (iii) **Ensure you have had your potential supervisory team complete the required section of this application form.**
- (iv) **When your application is complete, save it electronically and scan any additional documents required.**
- (v) **Attach all the required documentation.**
- (vi) **Forward the application and attachments by email to [hdrscholarships@scu.edu.au](mailto:hdrs@scholarships@scu.edu.au)**

You are advised to retain a personal copy of the full application and documents attached.

SECTION I: CHECKLIST

Please ensure you have attached all relevant documentation.

Scanned copies of original documents, or scans of certified copies of the originals, must be supplied by applicants. A certified copy is a copy which has been officially certified as a true copy of the original:

In Australia, by a Justice of the Peace

Details of local JPs can be obtained through the University administration, the Yellow Pages of a telephone directory, or a police station;

Overseas, by an Australian Government representative office

If this is not possible, a local magistrate or similar official may be used.

Checklist:-

Attached a 1 -2 page research proposal.

Copy of birth certificate or passport.

Copy of citizenship certificate or passport.

Copy of academic records.

Copy of English Language Proficiency documentation. (If International applicant)

Copy of foreign language documents: as well as a scan of a certified copy or original, you must submit a scan of an official certified translation into English. (If applicable)

Copy/evidence (i.e. link to publication/URL etc. of each publication in English. Please number these publication from 1 to 5.

SECTION J: APPLICANT DECLARATION

I declare that the information supplied on this form is complete, true, and current.

I am aware that it is my responsibility to provide all necessary material to support my application and to make my best case for an award.

I authorise Southern Cross University to obtain, from other education institutions and relevant authorities, at any time, details of my enrolment, academic record, and examination results, including details of enrolment variations, attendance, and addresses during the year in connection with my application for a University Scholarship.

I agree to abide by the Southern Cross University conditions of award as amended from time to time.

I understand that giving false or misleading information is a serious offence.

Applicant name:

Signature

Date: