

Professor Lowitja O'Donoghue Indigenous Student Postgraduate Research Scholarship

Conditions of Award



Please retain these Conditions of Award as this document forms part of your agreement with the University.

1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this scholarship is to enable an Indigenous student to undertake, under the supervision of a member of staff appointed by the College, a program of study at Flinders University leading to a higher degree by research.

2 ELIGIBILITY

2.1 To be eligible for consideration for the award of the Professor Lowitja O'Donoghue Indigenous Student Postgraduate Research Scholarship, applicants must:

- be of Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent; and
- identify as an Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander; and
- be accepted as an Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander by the community in which they lived; and
- be currently admitted or be eligible for admission and have applied for admission, to a higher degree by research at Flinders University.

2.2 The Professor Lowitja O'Donoghue Indigenous Student Postgraduate Research Scholarship will not normally be awarded to an applicant who:

- is in receipt of an award which directly duplicates the purpose of the Professor Lowitja O'Donoghue Indigenous Student Postgraduate Research Scholarship;
- is on paid study leave;
- holds a fractional academic appointment;
- is seeking the award to undertake a second higher degree at the same level of a previously awarded degree.

3 APPLICATION

Applications for the Professor Lowitja O'Donoghue Indigenous Student Postgraduate Research Scholarship will be called for in conjunction with the Higher Degree by Research Scholarship main round. An application submitted in the HDR Scholarship main round will ensure consideration for the Professor Lowitja O'Donoghue Indigenous Student Scholarship.

Applications are submitted via the student information system available via the Flinders University website: <https://www.flinders.edu.au/study/apply/apply-research-degree/how-to-apply>

4 SELECTION

Selection of award holders will be undertaken by the Scholarships Committee on the basis of academic merit and research potential. Applications will be ranked according to the University's *Guidelines for Ranking Postgraduate Research Scholarship Applications*.

The Professor Lowitja O'Donoghue Indigenous Student Postgraduate Research Scholarship will normally be offered to the highest-ranked eligible postgraduate research scholarship applicant.

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5 TENURE AND BENEFIT

The Professor Lowitja O'Donoghue Indigenous Student Postgraduate Research Scholarship provides an annual stipend, leave and allowances. The scholarship provides a Research Training Program Place (RTP).

The Professor Lowitja O'Donoghue Indigenous Student Postgraduate Research Scholarship is tenable at Flinders University for up to three years for a Doctorate by research, or up to two years for a Masters by research degree, subject to satisfactory progress.

Holders undertaking a Doctorate by research may apply for one six-month extension of the tenure of their award.

The tenure of the scholarship will be determined in accordance with the Flinders University Research Scholarship conditions of award.

Subject to availability, award holders may also be offered casual, part-time employment with Office of Indigenous Strategy and Engagement not exceeding eight hours per week.

6 STIPEND

In 2024, the stipend will be paid at the following rates:

	<i>Rates for 2024</i>
• Full-time	\$50,000 pa tax-free
• Part-time	\$25,000 pa taxable

7 OTHER CONDITIONS

Except where otherwise indicated in these rules, the Professor Lowitja O'Donoghue Indigenous Student Postgraduate Research Scholarship will be administered in accordance with the [Flinders University Research Scholarship conditions of award](#).