

## Confirmed Candidate Scholarship Scheme Allocation Guidelines

### 1.0 Introduction

A limited number of merit-based scholarships are available to current HDR candidates who have successfully confirmed their candidature. The Confirmed Candidate Scholarship Scheme is designed to provide financial support to outstanding HDR candidates with the purpose of accelerating progress to thesis submission. These guidelines are in addition to the [Higher Degree Research Scholarship Procedure](#), and should also be read in conjunction with the [Griffith University Postgraduate Research Scholarship \(GUPRS\)](#) and [Griffith University International Postgraduate Research Scholarship \(GUIPRS\)](#) Conditions of Award.

### 2.0 Eligibility

Applicants for the Confirmed Candidate Scholarship Scheme will be considered who:

- 2.1 are enrolled in a doctoral program at Griffith University and are able to enroll full-time for the duration of the scholarship;
- 2.2 have completed a minimum of 12 months equivalent full-time doctoral candidature; and no more than two years equivalent full-time doctoral candidature at the applicable scholarship commencement date;
- 2.3 are confirmed in their candidature;
- 2.4 meet the criteria for scholarship consideration as set out in section 3.2.6 (stage one) of the [Higher Degree Research Scholarship Procedure](#), including completion a Bachelor Degree with Class 1 honours (H1) or equivalent. Applicants who did not meet the H1 or equivalent requirement at admission will need to be able to provide evidence of additional research, publications or other research outputs or experience sufficient to allow assessment as [equivalent to H1](#) and
- 2.5 will not be receiving income from another source to support general living costs that provides a benefit greater than 75% of the GUPRS stipend rate to undertake the HDR program. Income unrelated to the candidate's HDR program, or income received for the candidate's HDR program but not for the purposes of supporting general living costs, is not taken into account.

### 3.0 Selection and Award

Eligible applicants will be ranked into a Confirmed Candidate Scholarship Scheme order-of-merit list and considered by the Scholarship Selection Committee. Scholarships will be awarded to the highest ranked candidates who best meet the following selection criteria:

- 3.1 Criteria as set out in section 3.2.7 (stage two) of the [Higher Degree Research Scholarship Procedure](#).
- 3.2 Progress up to the time of application and quality of work at confirmation.
- 3.3 Strength of the recommendation from the supervisor(s) and their assessment of completion by or prior to the expiration date of the scholarship.

#### **4.0 Application Procedure**

Applicants will be required to submit an Expression of Interest (Eoi) to their HDR Convenor outlining their academic basis for scholarship eligibility, confirming that they have met all other eligibility criteria, as well as providing a referee report from their current principal supervisor(s).

Upon notification from the HDR Convenor that the Eoi was successful, applicants must submit a Confirmed Candidate application form and supporting documents to GGRS via myGriffith / My Program.

Please see the [Confirmed Candidate Scholarship Scheme](#) web page for application details.

#### **5.0 Commencement of Scholarship**

This date will be within the commencement period for the relevant application round, and upon acceptance of the scholarship offer. Please see the [Confirmed Candidate Scholarship Scheme](#) web page for details.

#### **6.0 Tenure**

6.1 A GUPRS tenure is up to three years with the possibility of a six-month extension in the case of doctoral candidature.

6.2 Current candidates will have their full-time equivalent enrolment period (as at the commencement date of the scholarship) deducted from the maximum tenure of the scholarship.

#### **7.0 Conditions of Award**

Refer to the [GUPRS](#) and/or [GUIPRS](#) Conditions of Award for more information.