



Scholarships

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Dear Miss Yekanians,

POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP OFFER 2013

Course: L12 Doctor of Philosophy
(School of WAAPA)

I am pleased to advise you that your application for a postgraduate research scholarship for 2013 has been successful. You have been allocated an **Australian Postgraduate Award (APA)**.

This offer of scholarship is subject to you becoming and remaining enrolled as a full-time and on-campus student in the Doctor of Philosophy and maintaining Satisfactory Progress in that program. The tenure of your scholarship will be 1.5 years.

Commencement of Scholarship

You are expected to commence your scholarship as soon as possible in 2013. If you do not commence study in 2013 this scholarship offer will lapse.

Expectations of Scholarship Awardees

It is expected that the Doctor of Philosophy is completed within the scholarship tenure.

Step 1: Acceptance of Scholarship Offer

The conditions of acceptance of the scholarship are outlined on the enclosed document entitled **Australian Postgraduate Award & ECU Postgraduate Research Scholarship: Scholarship Conditions**. Two (2) copies of this document have been enclosed. Please read the document carefully, complete and sign *both* copies of the **Response Form** (on the final page of the document) and **return ONE copy of the Scholarship Conditions and Response Form intact** in the enclosed reply paid envelope or to the below address by **Monday 15 July 2013**. If you do not reply by this date your offer will lapse. You should keep the second copy of this document for your own records.

Step 2: Acceptance of Course Offer (if applicable)

You are required to complete **separate** steps to accept your course admission offer. Refer to the documentation provided by Research Admissions and return the appropriate paperwork by the date indicated in that letter.

Step 3: Stipend

The Australian Postgraduate Award (APA) provides a living allowance (stipend) currently valued at \$26,000 tax-free per year. Your stipend will be paid to you fortnightly in arrears through the University's payroll system. To initiate payment, please complete and return the enclosed **Starting Advice** (green) and **Authorisation to Commence** (blue) forms via the enclosed reply paid envelope as soon as you have determined the exact date on which you plan to commence your studies. This date should be agreed mutually between yourself and your supervisor and needs to be confirmed by the signature of your Principal Supervisor.

Continuation of Scholarship Payments

The continuation of a scholarship is subject to the awardee maintaining Satisfactory Progress (SP). Towards the end of each semester, a *Progress Report* is sent to the student's Principal Supervisor. This report must be completed by the student and the Principal Supervisor and submitted by the due date. The Principal Supervisor will advise Research Assessments if he/she considers a student to be achieving Satisfactory Progress (SP) towards his/her Doctor of Philosophy goals. Students who do not maintain satisfactory progress may be awarded a grade of Marginal Progress (MP) and will be required to complete and submit a *Progress Contract* in the following semester in conjunction with their Principal Supervisor. In the event that a scholarship recipient is awarded the grade of Marginal Progress (MP) then their stipend may be suspended and remain suspended pending review and feedback by the Research Students and Scholarships Committee (RSSC) as to the continuation of the scholarship. For more information regarding Academic Progress please refer to the enclosed *Australian Postgraduate Award & ECU Postgraduate Research Scholarship: Scholarship Conditions*.

Postgraduate Research Scholarships are highly competitive and your success in receiving an award reflects a high level of academic and research achievements. Congratulations and best wishes for your studies.

Yours sincerely



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