
PROJECT- FOCUSSED POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH STIPEND SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION GUIDE

Privacy preserving and data utility in outsourced systems

Doctor of Philosophy OR Masters by
Research

Newly commencing Australian residents (all domestic students including Australian citizens, Australian permanent residents, New Zealand citizens and holders of a permanent Australian humanitarian visa)

Newly commencing International applicants

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Acknowledgement of Country

Victoria University (VU) acknowledges the Ancestors, Elders and families of the Boonwurrung, Woiwurrung (Wurundjeri) and Wathaurung (Wadawurrung) on our Melbourne Campuses, and the Gadigal and Guring-gai people of the Eora Nation on our Sydney campus. These groups are the custodians of University land and have been for many centuries.

We acknowledge that the land on which our campuses stand is the place of age-old ceremonies of celebration, initiation and renewal. The Kulin and Eora people's living culture had, and has, a unique role in the life of these regions. VU supports the aim of Reconciliation Australia to build better relationships between the wider Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples for the benefit of all Australians.

Key Details

This guide is for applicants interested in a postgraduate research scholarship commencing Semester 1, 2023 at Victoria University. This scholarship is for the purpose of undertaking a graduate research degree related to the project outlined in Table 2. Project Outline.

Projects: Project summaries are available during the application period at Victoria University's [graduate research scholarships website](#).

Table 1. Application due date

a. Application Due Date	2 October 2022 (International applicants) 23 October 2022 (Domestic applicants)
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Table 2. Project Outline

Item	Detail
a. Expected Commencement Date	Semester 1, 2023
b. Project Title	Privacy preserving and data utility in outsourced systems
c. Funding Agency	Australian Research Council (ARC)
d. Funding Agency ID	DP220103991
e. Chief Investigator	Professor Hua Wang
f. Special Conditions	Intellectual Property Assignment Required No Working with Children Check Required No Police Check Required No Other conditions Not applicable

Table 3. Stipend Value and Included Benefits

Item	Detail
a. Value of stipend per annum	\$33,000 p.a. (2023 rate)
b. Fixed rate or incremented	Incremented
c. Fee offset included	RTP Fee Offset
d. Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC)	OSHC Included - Single
e. PhD and/or Master Research Degrees available	PhD or Masters
f. Part-Time Available	No

Domestic Applicants

Eligibility

To be eligible for this scholarship, applicants must:

- Australian residents (all domestic students including Australian citizens, Australian permanent residents, New Zealand citizens and holders of permanent Australian humanitarian visas)
- Meet the minimum academic entry and English language requirements for admission to the degree - click [here](#) for further details
- Not already have completed a research degree at the same or higher Australian Quality Framework (AQF) (or equivalent for overseas institutions)

Domestic Conditions and Benefits

Successful applicants will receive a full guide to the conditions and benefits of the Scholarships at the time of offer. The following is a summary of the main benefits and conditions.

Scholarship Value

Stipend Value

The annual value of the stipend is provided in Item (a) Value of Stipend per Annum in *Table 3. Stipend Value and Included Benefits* and are currently exempt from taxation.

If Item (b) of *Table 3. Stipend Value and Included Benefits* is marked as “Incremented” then stipend payments are indexed annually.

Fee Offset Value

In 2021, the value of this the Fee Offset component of a Scholarship is between \$14,850 and \$17,400 depending on the course.

Additional awards, allowances and stipends

Holders of Scholarships may:

- Be in receipt of minor award, allowances or other earnings which are supplementary to a scholarship, or derived from part- time work within the policies of Victoria University
 - a. student must not be receiving income from another source to support that student's general living costs while undertaking their course of study if that income is greater than 75 percent of that students VU HDR or RTP Stipend rate;
 - b. income unrelated to the course of study or income received for the student's course of study but not for the purposes of supporting general living costs is not to be taken into account.

Period of Support

All candidates are expected to complete their study in the timely duration for their degree as per *Table 4 Stipend durations for full-time Higher Degrees by Research at Victoria University*

Table 4. Stipend durations for full-time Higher Degrees by Research

	Stipend Duration	Timely Duration
Master of Applied Research	2 years	2 years
Master of Research Practice	1 year	1 year
Master of Research	1.5 years	1.5 year
Doctor of Philosophy	3.5 years	4 years

Periods of study already undertaken towards the degree prior to the commencement of the award will be deducted from the normal period of award tenure. Similarly, periods of study undertaken during suspension of the award, or undertaken during the tenure of a previous Research Training Program Stipend or Australian Postgraduate Award, will be deducted from the maximum period of tenure.

A Scholarship holder may be required to pay tuition fees for any period of enrolment in excess of the timely duration.

Special Conditions

If item (f) of *Table 3. Stipend Value and Included Benefits* includes:

- the response “Yes” to the item “Intellectual Property Assignment Required” then the scholarship holder will be required to assign intellectual property they create while working on this Project (excluding copyright in the thesis) to the University through a formal agreement; or
- the response “Yes” to the item “Working Children Check Required” then the scholarship holder will be required to secure a Working with Children Check before commencing the Project and Scholarship; or
- the Response “Yes” to the item Police Check Required, then the scholarship holder will be required to secure a Police Check before commencing Project and Scholarship; or

- Other Special Conditions, then the Other Special Conditions must be met and abided by the scholarship holder throughout the Project.

Employment

Stipend candidates are expected to normally study and research full-time (minimum of 36.75 hours per week) between the hours of 8.00am – 6.00pm Monday to Friday with Stipend candidates limited to a maximum of eight (8) hours paid employment per week during these hours. Please refer to the [Higher Degree by Research Scholarship Procedure](#). Employment must not interfere with the candidate's progress.

Commencement

No deferrals of the Scholarship will be considered. All successful applicants are expected to commence study by the Commencement Date advised in the Letter of Offer. The Commencement Date will normally be the Expected Commencement Date in Item (a) of *Table 2. Project Outline* (see above), however the University reserves the right to change the Commencement Date in the Letter of Offer when offering a scholarship.

If an applicant cannot start by the Commencement Date, the offer of the Scholarship may be withdrawn.

Part-time Scholarships

If Item (f) of Table 3. Stipend Value and Included Benefits is marked “No” then Funding Agency requirements for the Project mean that the scholarship cannot be offered for part-time study.

If Item (f) of Table 3. Stipend Value and Included Benefits is marked “Yes” the Scholarship may be available for part-time study to those who are unable to study full-time for all or part of their candidature. Where Item (f) of Table 3. Stipend Value and Included Benefits is marked “yes” part-time scholarships can only be approved only in the following specific instances, where the scholarship holder has:

- A medical condition which limits the capacity to undertake full-time study (supported by medical certification), OR
- Care responsibilities for a pre-school child, OR
- Care responsibilities for a school aged child as a sole parent with limited access to support, OR
- Care responsibilities for an invalid or disabled spouse, child or parent

Part-time scholarships are **NOT** available to applicants who wish to study part-time in order to undertake full or part-time employment. Part-time scholarship holders are subject to the same restrictions on employment as full-time scholarship holders. Applicants wishing to be considered for a part-time scholarship must meet the criteria listed above. Applicants must provide evidence of the reason(s) they are unable to study full time. They also require the agreement of the supervisor and the University to the part-time arrangements.

International Applicants

Eligibility

To be eligible an International applicant must:

- Be a citizen of any country other than Australia or New Zealand.
- Meet the University's academic entrance requirements for enrolment into a research degree - see website: for further details.
- Meet the University's English language proficiency requirements for enrolment in a research degree. Click [here](#) for further details.
- Be a Doctoral degree or Masters by Research in 2023 on the Project.
- Enroll onshore (in person) as a full-time student.

You are **NOT ELIGIBLE** for if you:

- Have previously held an IPRS, VUIPRS or OPRS (unless it was for a Masters by Research degree, and you are applying for a scholarship to undertake PhD studies).
- Are currently studying, or have recently studied, on an AIDAB or AUSAID scholarship and are applying for an IPRS immediately following the AIDAB/AUSAID funded studies.

Priority will be given to:

- Applicants without an equivalent level degree.

You **MAY NOT** be eligible if you have already enrolled for more than one semester in the degree for which you are applying for scholarship funding. Please contact the Scholarships Coordinator via researchscholarships@vu.edu.au if this is your situation.

Conditions and Benefits

Successful applicants will receive a full guide to the conditions and benefits of the Scholarship at the time of offer. The following is a summary of the main benefits and conditions.

Scholarship Allowance

The annual value of the stipend is provided in Item (a) Value of Stipend per Annum in Table 3. Stipend Value and Included Benefits. If Item (b) of

Table 3. Stipend Value and Included Benefits is marked as "Incremented". The stipend payments are indexed annually and are currently exempt from taxation.

Tuition Fee Waiver

If Item (c) of Table 3. Stipend Value and Included Benefits is marked "Fee Offset" or "RTP Fee Offset" then international award holders will be granted a fee offset or Research Training Program fee-offset scholarship respectively, covering tuition fees for the duration of the course. In 2021, the value of this component of the Award is between \$14,850 and \$17,400.

Overseas Health Cover

If Item (d) of Table 3. Stipend Value and Included Benefits is marked “OSHC Included – dual/family” or “OSHC Included – Single” then International award holders of this project scholarship will be granted Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) for maximum duration of the degree in which they are enrolled and an additional two month of health cover. If Item (d) of

Table 3. Stipend Value and Included Benefits is marked “OSHC Included – dual/family” then dual cover or dual family cover will be provided as required by the scholarship holder. If Item (d) of

Table 3. Stipend Value and Included Benefits is marked “OSHC Included – Single” then the scholarship holder will receive single OSHC.

An OSHC policy is ONLY issued to either: student visa holders, bridging visa holders (awaiting a student visa) & candidates who are applying for a student visa. As well, the criteria is very strict that claims ARE NOT to be made under the OSHC policy prior to the student visa being issued. We are to be notified that the student visa has been issued & Allianz will make the necessary changes to the OSHC policy to allow the correct cover and claims.

Excluded

The following are NOT included:

- travel costs
- the cost of English language testing
- the cost of bridging programs or English language programs

Special Conditions

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- the response “Yes” to the item “Working Children Check Required” then the scholarship holder will be required to secure a Working with Children Check before commencing the Project and Scholarship; or
- the Response “Yes” to the item Police Check Required, then the scholarship holder will be required to secure a Police Check before commencing Project and Scholarship; or
- Other Special Conditions, then the Other Special Conditions must be met and abided by the scholarship holder throughout the Project.

Duration of the Scholarship

All students are expected to complete their study in the timely duration for their degree per Table 5.

Table 5. Stipend durations for Higher Degrees by Research at Victoria University

	Stipend Duration	Timely Duration
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A Scholarship holder may be required to pay tuition fees for any period of enrolment in excess of the timely duration.

Employment

Stipend candidates are expected to normally study and research full-time (minimum of 36.75 hours per week) between the hours of 8.00am – 6.00pm Monday to Friday with Stipend candidates limited to a maximum of eight (8) hours paid employment per week during these hours. Please refer to the [Higher Degree by Research Scholarship Procedure](#). Employment must not interfere with the candidate's progress.

Commencement

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If an applicant cannot start by the Commencement Date, the offer of the Scholarship may be withdrawn.

Scholarship Selection Procedures

Eligibility

All applications are assessed against the Eligibility criteria for the scholarship scheme. Those applications deemed ineligible for a scholarship will not be processed any further and ineligible applicants will be notified of the result.

Ranking against the selection criteria

The Project Supervisor will rank eligible applications on the basis of academic merit, relevant research experience, publications, relevant work experience, referee reports and may identify applications which are not for further consideration (NFFC).

The Project Supervisor may contact an applicant directly for more detail regarding their application.

Final Ranking

The Institute Deputy Director will determine a final ranking of applications, identifying the preferred application.

Appeals

Appeals can only be lodged if an unsuccessful applicant believes there is a breach of process in the handling of their application. Appeals against the outcome of scholarship applications must be lodged in writing to dean.gradresearch@vu.edu.au within 10 University business days of the applicant being informed of the decision. Applicants must explain the basis of their appeal and provide relevant documentation and evidence to support the appeal. The Dean, Graduate Research will undertake or arrange a review, if there is a conflict of interest, of the decision and a written outcome will be provided within 10 University business days of the date that the request was received by Victoria University. If there are any delays to the timeline for the outcome, the Dean Graduate Research will advise the applicant the reason for the delay and the date that they may receive an outcome of the review. The review is final and cannot be appealed within Victoria University

Application Submission

Now Open.

International Applications close: 2 October 2022

Domestic Applications close: 23 October 2022

How to apply:

- carefully read the 2023 project guide to applicants
- refer to the instructions detailed on [apply for graduate research](#)

Then follow the below steps

Domestic Applicants

- start from step 1 – select a suitable study level. You will be directed to the course page
- choose 'apply direct to VU'
- choose 'create an account'.

In your application ensure you:

- select 'project-based research' and principal supervisor – Professor Hua Wang.
- use the project title as your Thesis title

International Applicants

- refer to step 5 – Submit your application
- go to 'submit your application through Victoria University International'
- refer to step 2 - read the entry requirements carefully to ensure you meet these requirements before you apply.
- refer to step 3 - register your details on the international application and enquiry system to apply to VU as an international student.

In your application ensure you:

- select 'project-based research' and principal supervisor – Professor Hua Wang
- use the project title as your Thesis Title.

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Victoria University (VU) values your privacy and is committed to handling your personal information in accordance with the Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014 (Vic) and other applicable privacy legislation. The personal information collected on this form will be used primarily for the purposes of assessing and processing this application. VU may also use and disclose your personal information to verify the information provided by you, to comply with government and other reporting requirements and/or to carry out associated activities connected with this application. Your personal information may also be disclosed to Commonwealth and State agencies such as the Department of Education and Training and the Department of Home Affairs in accordance with VU's obligations under the Education Services for Overseas Students Act 2000 (Cth) (**ESOS Act**), the National Code of Practice for Providers of Education and Training to Overseas Students 2018 (**National Code**) and other applicable legislation. Your personal information will not otherwise be used or disclosed without your consent, unless permitted by law. By completing and submitting this application, you agree to VU collecting, using and disclosing your personal information as described above and in accordance with VU's Privacy Policy and Student Information Privacy Collection Statement (which provides further detail about the types of personal information VU may collect from you and how it is managed) available on the Privacy page on our website vu.edu.au/privacy

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