

Industry Scholarships for PhD & MPhil Candidates

Information for Industry Partners





At James Cook University (JCU) we are committed to building on our very strong record of working with industry. There are many ways that universities and industry can work better together, utilising the research power of a university to solve real-world business problems. This document provides information on how you can support a JCU graduate research candidate achieve their research goals, while receiving a high level research expertise to inform your organisation.

Why JCU?

The University conducts nationally significant and internationally recognised research in areas such as marine sciences, biodiversity, tropical ecology and environments, global warming, tourism, and tropical medicine and public health care in under-served populations. Since our establishment in 1970, JCU has expanded into a [multi-campus institution](#) with our main campuses in the tropical cities of Cairns, Singapore and Townsville. At our Singapore campus, areas of research strength include aquaculture and marine science, business, education, psychology and tourism. We aim to give graduates the qualifications and skills they need for the global workforce. We also recognise our special obligation to be relevant to our own region and have forged close linkages into the economy and social fabric of the northern Queensland.

Who is a graduate research candidate?

A graduate research candidate is someone who wishes to undertake self-directed research on a particular project culminating in a thesis. JCU offers a Master of Philosophy (MPhil) and a Doctorate (PhD).

How long does it take to complete an MPhil or PhD?

The MPhil program takes up to 2 years full time or part time equivalent. The PhD is 3.5 years full time or part-time equivalent.

What is a “Scholarship?”

At JCU we use the term to “Scholarship” to reference a ‘living allowance.’ Often graduate research candidates would be in receipt of such an allowance to allow full time focus on their research.

What about tuition fees?

MPhil and PhD tuition is supported by the Commonwealth Government or JCU.



Why consider supporting a JCU graduate research candidate with a Scholarship?

- ✓ Accessing a highly trained research candidate who can contribute new ideas and fresh perspectives into your business, and undertake research relevant to your industry
- ✓ Improving the leadership and supervisory skills of your staff as industry co-supervisors
- ✓ Identifying future employees
- ✓ Developing stronger connections with JCU and connecting with some of the latest research across a variety of areas
- ✓ Shaping future leaders of industry and research
- ✓ External sources of scholarship funding enable us to support and offer more scholarships to potential candidates.

How to support?

Fund a Full Scholarship

A full Scholarship allows HDR candidates to cover their living expenses while studying at JCU and may also be called living allowance or stipend. The minimum rate at

\$29,863.00 (2023) pa tax free for full-time study (PT scholarships are taxed upon payment to the candidate) for up to 3.5 years for PhD and 2 years for MPhil. This sets a minimum benchmark for considering costing of a HDR candidate. This amount is set by the Australian Government and usually increases slightly each year.

A Half Scholarship*

A half scholarship is a minimum investment of 15K per year for 3.5 years (2 for MPhil) and JCU would provide the other half. Both the Full and Half Scholarship options greatly assist in JCU to increase our pool of available scholarships. Providing a scholarship to a candidate that does not have a JCU funded scholarship assists in extending the cohort of scholarship supported HDR candidates. **There is a finite number and this needs to be checked with the Graduate Research School before going ahead*

Top up scholarships

Can be offered in addition to a base living allowance to support an additional amount for the candidate's day to day living costs. Top-up scholarships must be a minimum of \$5,000 per annum. Candidates must not be in receipt of an equivalent award, scholarship or salary related to their course of study that provides a benefit greater than 75% of their annual RTP stipend rate if they are receiving one.

Project Costs

You could consider Project costs to provide support for the project the candidate is undertaking. Examples of project costs include materials or equipment costs, travel, professional development through training and conferences and internships.

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