The Commonwealth Government provides funds to support research commercialisation training for a limited number of domestic Higher Degrees by Research (HDR) students. The objective of the Commercialisation Training Scheme (CTS) is to provide high quality research commercialisation training for the next generation of Australian researchers as a means of equipping them with the skills, knowledge and experience necessary to bring research-based ideas, inventions and innovations to market.

Under the scheme, research commercialisation training must result in the award of a Graduate Certificate. RMIT University together with its ATN partners, has developed a Graduate Certificate in Research Commercialisation which meets the requirements of the Scheme. The Graduate Certificate is conducted online, via the ATN e-Grad School http://www.egradschool.edu.au with the partner universities sharing the delivery of units. It is offered twice a year (once every semester) over a period of 13 weeks.

Students enrolled in the Graduate Certificate may be required to take leave of absence from their research degree dependent on the group option by fall into.

Under the Scheme, the University will support selected students by:

- Paying applicable student tuition fees ($9,200 for the Graduate Certificate).
- Providing a stipend as follows:
  - A stipend at Australian Postgraduate Award scholarship rates for students who undertake the Graduate Certificate full time (with leave from their research degree).
  - A part-time stipend at APA rates for students who undertake the Graduate Certificate part-time with part-time concurrent enrolment in their research degree (completing the Graduate Certificate in 12 months).
  - Please note that those who are already in receipt of a stipend under an Australian Postgraduate Award scholarship will not receive the CTS stipend until the completion of the Graduate Certificate in Research Commercialisation.
  - Stipends will be provided for the 13 weeks of the Graduate Certificate course.

1. Eligibility

1.1 To be eligible to receive benefit under the CTS, a student must:

   a) be enrolled in a Higher Degree by Research;
   b) be a domestic student, as defined in the Higher Education Sector Act, or be an international offshore student only1;
   c) not have previously completed CTS training or training consistent with that described in Section 2 below; and
   d) enrol in the Graduate Certificate at RMIT University.

1.2 Students who, under any circumstances, are entitled to receive credit towards the CTS qualification from prior studies can only receive benefit under the CTS for the remaining period of study necessary to complete CTS training.

1.3 Students who fail to complete CTS training within 24 months from the date of commencement (plus any periods of suspension or leave approved by the University) are ineligible to receive further support under the CTS.

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1 International onshore students are not eligible for the CTS Graduate Certificate in Research Commercialisation scholarship.
1.4 Students who have commenced CTS training prior to submitting their HDR thesis may be exempted from 1.1 a) for a period of 6 months from the date of submission of their HDR thesis (subject to 1.3) only to allow them to complete CTS training.

2. Interruptions

2.1 Suspensions: Students may apply to the University for a suspension of their CTS training. The approval of suspensions will be at the discretion of the University.

2.2 Leave: Students may apply to the University for leave of absence during their CTS training. The approval of leave will be at the discretion of the University.

2.3 Transfer to another University: Students who transfer to another University may continue to receive CTS training from the new University and associated assistance only if their new University agrees to its continuation and subject to the new University having sufficient CTS grant amounts of its own available.

3. Termination

3.1 A University must terminate a student’s CTS training:

   a) if the student ceases to meet the eligibility criteria specified in Section 1, other than during a period in which the CTS training has been suspended or during a period of leave under Sections 2.1 or 2.2; or when the student completes the course of study; or
   b) if the University determines that: the CTS training is not being carried out with competence and/or diligence* by the student or in accordance with the offer of CTS training (*failure in a unit will activate this clause); or
   c) the student has committed serious misconduct, including, but not limited to the provision of false or misleading information.

3.2 If CTS training is terminated, it cannot be re-activated unless the termination occurred in error.

4. HDR Obligations

4.1 Undertaking CTS training will not be accepted as grounds for the extension of any other scholarship or award.

4.2 Students are expected to satisfactorily complete their Doctoral/Masters assessment and provide all reports required by the University including progress reports. If the University does not consider that progress is satisfactory the award will be terminated.