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Research Training Program
The Federal Government’s Research Training Program (RTP) replaces the Research Training Scheme (RTS) from the 1 January 2017. These terms and conditions apply until RMIT University’s RTP policy will be published at the end of June 2017.

These terms and conditions apply to,
- RTP Stipend Scholarships (RSS) replaces the Australian Postgraduate Award (APA) from 1 Jan 17
- RTP International Tuition Fee Scholarship (RITFS) replaces the IPRS from 1 Jan 17
- RMIT PhD Scholarships (RPS), RMIT PhD International Scholarships (RPIS) and RMIT Research Masters Scholarships (RRMS) are all replaced by the RMIT Research Stipend Scholarship (RRSS) and RMIT Research International Tuition Fee Scholarship (RRITFS) effective from the 1 Jan 17
- RTP Fee Offset Scholarship which replaces the RTS Scholarship effective from 1 Jan 17
- Vice-Chancellor’s PhD Scholarships (VCPS)
- College Research Stipend Scholarship (CRSS)
- College Research International Tuition Fee Scholarship (CRITFS)
- All RMIT scholarships that indicate that these terms and conditions are applicable to the scholarship you have been provided

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1. Abbreviations and Definitions

ADR means an Appropriate Durable Record which is work submitted for the assessment of a project-based higher degree by research. It may take the form of visual materials such as film, animation, photographs etc, or various other creative media such as sound recordings, performances, and interactive web media, etc. It will also include a written document (exegesis or catalogue type text) to support the project work submitted.

APA means an Australian Postgraduate Award.

CRSS means College Research Stipend Scholarship.

CRITFS means College Research International Tuition Fee Scholarship.

Department means the Australian Government’s Department of Education and Training.

Doctoral degree has the meaning as described in the Australian Qualifications Framework.

Domestic student has the same meaning as defined in the Act.

Full-time student load in respect of a scholarship, is at least 75% of an equivalent full-time student load (EFTSL) in the scholarship period for which the scholarship is being paid, and full-time student means a student undertaking a full-time student load.

HDR means a higher degree by research. It can be a Research Doctorate or Masters by Research program for which at least two-thirds of the student load for the program will be devoted to research, research training and independent study.

HEP means a higher education provider.

International student means an overseas student as defined in the Act and who is an IPRS or RPIS holder commencing from 1 January 2016.

IPRS means an International Postgraduate Research Scholarship, as outlined in the Commonwealth Scholarships Guidelines (Research) 2012.

Masters by Research has the meaning as described in the Australian Qualifications Framework.

Part-time student load in respect of a scholarship, means a student who is undertaking a student load which is less than 75% of an equivalent full-time student load (EFTSL) in the scholarship period for which the scholarship is being paid, and part-time student means a student undertaking a part-time student load in respect of paid employment, has the meaning given to it in section 5.5.1.

Research Scholarships are defined as scholarships administered by the School of Graduate Research for HDR candidates.

RMIT and RMIT University mean the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology.

RPS means RMIT PhD Scholarship.

RPIS means RMIT PhD International Scholarships.

RRMS means RMIT Research Masters Scholarship.

RRSS - RMIT Research Stipend Scholarship.

RRITFS - RMIT Research International Tuition Fee Scholarship.

RTP means Research Training Program which was introduced by the Australian Government on 1 January 2017.

RITFS means RTP International Tuition Fee Scholarship.

RSS means RTP Stipend Scholarships.

VCPS means Vice-Chancellor’s PhD Scholarship.

Scholarship Entitlements means all payments and other benefits to which a scholarship awardee is entitled under the scholarship including but not limited to those payments set out in section 4 of these guidelines.

Suspension in respect of a scholarship means a period of time during which a scholarship holder is not receiving scholarship payments, e.g. a period of approved leave.

Terms and Conditions means these 2016 RMIT University Research Scholarship Terms and Conditions.
2. Eligibility
Research scholarships at RMIT are awarded to students of exceptional research potential undertaking a Higher Degree by Research at RMIT University. Presently are two types of research scholarships. These are stipend scholarships and tuition fee scholarships where tuition fees are applicable.

These terms and conditions apply to all research scholarships at RMIT, and recipients of a range of special/other/particular scholarships are advised that in addition to fulfilling these terms and conditions, they will need to fulfill any additional terms and conditions pertaining to their particular award.

2.1 Basic Eligibility Requirements
To be eligible for a research scholarship, a student must first meet the following requirements:

a) have completed a bachelor degree with first class honours, or be regarded by RMIT as having an equivalent level of attainment in accordance with section 2.2 of these terms and conditions; and
b) be currently enrolled in, or applying to undertake a HDR; and

c) be enrolled as a full-time student, unless RMIT has approved a part-time research scholarship for the student under section 2.3 of these terms and conditions; and
d) be a domestic or an international student.

e) An international student must additionally:

i. have received a place offer in a PhD or Masters program at an Australian RMIT campus commencing in 2017
ii. must hold a visa with the definition of an International student for the purposes of Australian Government regulations and remain compliant with the visa requirements, including maintaining a full-time enrolment.

iii. must have been offered a place that is not conditional on meeting English language requirements OR provide evidence of English language proficiency and meet the English language requirements by the closing date of scholarship applications.

f) The following restrictions apply to all research scholarships:

i. if undertaking a research masters, a scholarship applicant must not hold a research doctorate or a research masters or an equivalent research qualification;

ii. if undertaking a research doctorate, a scholarship applicant must not hold a research doctorate or an equivalent research qualification. The only exemption to this rule is that Australian and New Zealand candidates undertaking a second PhD are eligible for the RTP Fee Offset Scholarship only.

iii. a recipient must not be in receipt of an equivalent award, stipend scholarship or salary providing a benefit greater than 75% of the RSS full-time rate to undertake the HDR. Income from sources unrelated to the course of study is not to be taken into account;

iv. an applicant must have at least 12 months (or part-time equivalent) of scholarship duration remaining

2 Specific restrictions apply to the following scholarships:

i. RSS - an applicant must not previously have held a Commonwealth-funded postgraduate research scholarship unless it was terminated within six months of the scholarship’s payments commencing;

ii. RPS, RRMS, RPIS - an applicant must not have previously held an RMIT funded scholarship and voluntarily relinquished this;

iii. VCPS - an applicant cannot have any prior higher degree by research candidature undertaken in the last 3 years

iv. RITFS - an applicant must not have held an Australian Award/DFAT scholarship in the two years prior to commencing a research degree with an RITFS;

• not be receiving a scholarship for which any component receives funding from the Australian Government;

• not have previously received an RITFS for a research doctorate, unless upgrading from a research masters degree. To maintain ongoing eligibility for scholarship, students must continue to meet the above requirements.
2.2 Equivalent attainment to a bachelor degree with first class honours
Equivalent attainment to a bachelor degree with first class honours. If a student does not hold a bachelor degree with first class honours, then RMIT may determine that the student has demonstrated an equivalent level of academic attainment. In determining an equivalent level of academic attainment, RMIT may consider previous study, relevant work experience, research publications, referees’ reports and other research experience.

2.3 Approval of a part-time research scholarship
Approval of a part-time research scholarship. RMIT may approve a part-time research scholarship for a student only if the student is a domestic student and the student has exceptional circumstances.

2.3.1 For the purpose of this section, RMIT must be satisfied that the exceptional circumstances relate to significant caring commitments or a medical condition which limits the student’s capacity to undertake full-time study. These circumstances include:

- having primary carer responsibilities for a pre-school child;
- having primary carer responsibilities for school aged children as a sole parent with limited access to outside support;
- having primary carer responsibilities for an invalid or disabled spouse, child or parent;
- having a medical condition, which limits the capacity to undertake full-time study (this must be supported by medical certification from a qualified healthcare practitioner).

In considering applications for a part-time scholarship, RMIT must be satisfied that the applicant’s circumstances are such that it would not be reasonable to expect the student to study on a full-time basis. Part-time scholarships are not available to applicants seeking to undertake paid employment on a full-time, or on a substantial part-time basis, and recipients are subject to the same restrictions on employment as full-time scholarship holders.

2.3.2 A student who has a part-time research scholarship may revert to full-time study at any time with the permission of RMIT. RMIT may also require part-time scholarship holders to convert to full-time if the exceptional circumstances that made them eligible for a part-time scholarship no longer apply.

2.3.3 Stipends for part-time scholarships are not tax exempt.

3. Application, Selection and Offer Processes and Policies
RMIT is responsible for the research scholarship application, selection and offer processes and must make information about the processes, policies and conditions of scholarship readily and publicly available.

3.1 Applications
3.1.1 RMIT conducts a competitive application process for awarding research scholarships.
3.1.2 Applications for research scholarships must be submitted in the form approved and by the date determined by RMIT.

3.2 Selection policy
RMIT must maintain a research scholarship selection policy which accords with these terms and conditions and the fairness requirements in Subdivision 19-D of Part 2-1 of the Act. RMIT must select students for a research scholarship in accordance with the policy.

3.3 Offer process
3.3.1 RMIT will only offer a student a research scholarship as a result of:
   a) an application lodged as part of a competitive application process; or
   b) RMIT agreeing to continue a research scholarship for a student who is already in receipt of a research scholarship and is transferring from another Higher Education Provider under section 5.3 of these terms and conditions.
3.3.2 RMIT will offer a research scholarship to a student in writing and advise the student in writing of the assistance to which they are entitled and the terms and conditions of the research scholarship.
3.3.3 All domestic research scholarship recipients are allocated a RTP Fee Offset Scholarship.
4. Payments and Value of Scholarships

4.1 Payment

4.1.1 Each year, RMIT must pay each student the full value of their research scholarship stipend unless that student has commenced later or suspended their research scholarship, or the research scholarship has been terminated. Where a student is not enrolled over the full period of the year, because of a late commencement or periods of suspension, RMIT must pay at least the proportion of the annual stipend for the period in which study is undertaken for that year.

4.1.2 RMIT must make fortnightly payments to students in respect of their annual stipend. Payments must be made directly to students. To avoid doubt, payment into an account in the student’s name with an Australian bank (as defined in the Corporations Act 2001) is considered to be a payment directly to the student.

4.1.3 If, in the opinion of RMIT, a student has been overpaid any part of a scholarship entitlement (either through the failure of the student to comply with these terms and conditions or for any other reason whatsoever), the student shall repay the full amount of the overpayment, without deduction, within thirty days of being requested to do so by RMIT.

4.2 Scholarship Awards

4.2.1 Stipend Scholarships

In 2017, stipend scholarships will provide awardees with a stipend of AUD $30,000 per annum pro rata for full-time candidates and AUD $15,000 pro rata for part-time candidates. The VCPS scholarship provides a stipend of AUD $41,150 per annum for full-time candidates and AUD $20,575 for part-time candidates, only whilst enrolled.

4.2.2 The full-time research scholarship stipend rate for any particular year may be the same as that for the preceding year, indexed in accordance with the method set out in Part 5–6 of the Act, or it may be a different amount, as determined by the Minister for Education.

4.2.3 International Tuition Fee Scholarships

International candidates awarded an international tuition fee scholarship will have the following items covered by these scholarships:

- tuition fees for the standard scholarship duration, less any candidature consumed within the past 3 years
- the cost of an Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) policy (single, couple or family cover), for the program duration, less any candidature consumed within the past 3 years.

Fees related to visas and renewal of visas, and those fees not covered by the above OSHC policy, will not be covered by this scholarship.

4.2.4 RTP Fee Offset Scholarship

This Australian Government RTP Support Scholarship contributes to the costs incurred by the university in the provision of research training programs to Australian and New Zealand citizens and is provided for the maximum duration of the research program only. It is the allocation that is utilised by the university and is not a stipend that is paid directly to research candidates. In 2017 it is estimated that the average annual value of each scholarship is AUD $14,000

4.2.4 Scholarship Duration

The duration of all stipend and international tuition fee scholarships for PhD candidates is 3 years with the possibility of a 6 month extension. The duration of these scholarships for Research Master’s candidates is 2 years with no possible extension. The RTP Fee Offset scholarship is made available to Australian and New Zealand candidates for the maximum duration of the research program only.

4.3 RTP Allowances

The following items are additional allowances available to certain research scholarship awardees:

4.3.1 RTP Relocation allowance

a) Candidates awarded a stipend scholarship are eligible to apply for this allowance
b) Students may be eligible for a relocation allowance, in addition to the annual stipend, for the cost of relocating themselves, their spouse and dependants to a new place of residence where this is necessary to enable the student to
undertake the HDR. For students relocating their place of residence to take up their scholarship, the following payments will be made upon production of relevant receipts:

- Travel expenses up to a maximum amount equivalent to the economy class of student airfare for the scholarship holder, spouse and any dependants from their place of domicile to the new city; or
- Travel by car, for which they will receive a per kilometre allowance as determined by RMIT’s Use of Personal Vehicles Policy up to the equivalent airfare costs. Students cannot claim for accommodation or meal costs if they elect to travel by car; and
- Relocation expenses up to the approved maximum amounts, as follows:

  Travel expenses will be reimbursed up to AU$515 per adult and AU$255 per dependant child. The maximum amount of relocation and travel expenses will be AU$1,540 per candidate. For more information, refer to RMIT’s Travel Policy.

  c) Applicants who already reside or relocate to Melbourne prior to being offered their scholarship with RMIT will not be eligible to receive the relocation allowance.

  d) For the purposes of relocation entitlements, a dependant is defined as a person in respect of whom the scholarship awardee has assumed financial and/or legal responsibility and who moves residence with the scholarship awardee. A spouse who transfers employment to the city of the institution may be regarded as a dependant; a child continuing to reside at the former city and not intending to live on a permanent basis with the scholarship holder at the new location cannot be regarded as a dependant.

  e) Claims for the relocation allowance should be made no later than six months after enrolment in the research program.

  f) For scholarship holders who are relocating within Victoria, the relocation allowance is only payable where they are relocating from an area a minimum of 200 km outside of the Melbourne metropolitan area.

4.3.2 Leave allowance

  a) Candidates awarded a stipend scholarship are eligible to apply for this allowance

  b) Students are entitled to receive up to 20 working days’ paid annual leave and 10 working days’ paid sick leave for each year of the research scholarship. These leave entitlements may be accrued over the life of the research scholarship but will be forfeited when the research scholarship is terminated. These leave entitlements do not extend the end date of the scholarship. RMIT encourages students to take a period of annual leave each year for their own wellbeing.

  c) Students are entitled to receive additional paid sick leave, of up to a total of 12 weeks during the duration of the research scholarship, for periods of illness where the student has insufficient sick leave entitlements available under section 4.3.2, provided that a medical certificate has been provided by the student to RMIT. This additional paid sick leave extends the length of the scholarship. Sick leave entitlements (including additional sick leave) may also be used to cover leave for students with family caring responsibilities, subject to the usual practice of RMIT.

  d) Paid sick leave is only available after the annual 10 days of accrued sick leave has been consumed.

  e) Students due to give birth, who have completed 12 months of their research scholarship, are entitled to a maximum of 12 weeks paid maternity leave during the duration of the research scholarship. Subject to the usual practice of RMIT, paid leave may also be approved if the student has adopted a child. For further information refer to section 6.5 of the Higher degrees by research candidature procedure. This paid maternity leave extends the length of the scholarship.

  f) Students who are partners of women giving birth during a research scholarship and who have completed 12 months of their research scholarship may be entitled to 3 weeks of paid parental leave at the time of the birth. Subject to the usual practice of RMIT, paid leave may also be approved if the student has adopted a child. For further information refer to section 6.5 of the Higher degrees by research candidature procedure. This paid parental leave extends the length of the scholarship.

  g) Scholarship holders must notify the SGR of all approved leave of absences, before the leave of absence occurs. This will ensure scholarship payments are suspended in a timely manner or the correct paid leave entitlements are applied to the duration of the scholarship.
4.3.3 Research support allowance
VCPS recipients may be eligible to receive a research support allowance of up to $5,000 per annum for the duration of the scholarship to support research activities. The allowance will be paid for costs directly associated with the HDR (including but not limited to travel to conduct fieldwork/attend conferences or workshops, and the purchase of specialised equipment). Any travel undertaken must be booked in accordance with RMIT Travel Policy. Reimbursement for all other claims will be made upon providing original receipts. This allowance is managed via the school where the scholarship holder is enrolled.

4.3.4 HDR publication award
VCPS recipients may be eligible to receive a HDR publication award to the value of $10,000 upon the submission of their thesis/ADR. To be eligible, candidates must submit their thesis within three and a half years of candidature (or equivalent part-time). Recipients must comply with the terms and conditions of the HDRPG scheme.

4.4 Duration of a research scholarship
4.4.1 The duration of a full-time research scholarship is three years for a student undertaking research doctorate studies, and two years for a student undertaking research masters studies. The duration of a part-time research scholarship is six years for research doctorate studies and four years for research masters studies.

4.4.2 The duration of a research scholarship will be reduced by any periods of study undertaken:
   a) towards the degree prior to the commencement of the research scholarship; or
   b) towards the degree during suspension of the research scholarship (unless the study was undertaken overseas as part of a Commonwealth Government financially supported international postgraduate research scholarship or award – see section 2.1.f.iii); or
   c) previously while receiving an Australian postgraduate coursework award.

4.4.3 The duration of a research scholarship will be increased by any periods of paid sick leave greater than 10 days, or parental leave approved by RMIT.

4.4.4 RMIT may also approve an extension to the duration of a research scholarship for a research doctorate student of up to six months provided the student is making satisfactory academic progress and the grounds for the extension relate to the study and are beyond the control of the student. RMIT cannot approve extensions to the duration of a research scholarship for a research masters student.

4.4.5 If a part-time research scholarship is converted to a full-time research scholarship then the period of time that the student is regarded as having been in receipt of the part-time research scholarship immediately prior to the conversion will be halved for the purpose of determining the duration the student is regarded as having been in receipt of a full-time research scholarship immediately after conversion.

4.4.6 If a full-time research scholarship is converted to a part-time research scholarship then the period of time that the student is regarded as having been in receipt of the full-time research scholarship immediately prior to the conversion will be doubled for the purpose of determining the duration the student is regarded as having been in receipt of a part-time research scholarship immediately after conversion.

5. Conditions of Scholarship
5.1 Ongoing eligibility
5.1.1 A scholarship holder will promptly notify RMIT of any change in circumstances which may affect eligibility to continue to receive any scholarship entitlements, including, but not limited to:
   a) any proposed change to student load (fulltime/part-time)
   b) the receipt of an equivalent award or scholarship to the value of greater than 75% of the 2016 RSS base rate
   c) the receipt of an income, directly related to their research topic (such as being employed as a research assistant) which has a value greater than 75% of the 2016 RSS base rate.
5.2 Suspensions of a research scholarship

5.2.1 Students may apply to RMIT for a suspension of their research scholarship. The approval of a suspension will be at the discretion of RMIT.

a) If the proposed suspension is to commence after the first six months of tenure and is of less than twelve months’ duration, a School and College may, at its discretion, approve the suspension.

b) If the proposed suspension is to commence within the first six months of tenure or if the accumulated period of suspension(s) is of more than twelve months’ duration, the student must follow the process outlined in the Higher degrees by research – candidature instruction. Application for suspension under section 5.2.1 must be submitted to the School of Graduate Research at least one month prior to the date of proposed suspension.

5.2.2 Periods of study undertaken towards the degree during suspension of the scholarship will be deducted from the maximum period of its tenure.

5.3 Transfer to/from another HEP

5.3.1 RMIT PhD and Research Master Scholarships and any other RMIT-funded scholarship cannot be transferred to another HEP.

5.3.2 Students may request the transfer of their between HEP’s. The continuation of the RSS is at the discretion of the HEP the student is transferring to and will be subject to the new HEP having sufficient RSS grant amounts of its own available to fund the award. In any transfer process the new HEP must ensure that it has received information from the former HEP on any RSS payments the student has received and the duration of the RSS already consumed.

5.4 Conversion of degrees

5.4.1 Students who upgrade from a research master’s degree to a research doctorate degree will have their scholarship extended by one year (or part-time equivalent). Conversely students who downgrade from a research doctorate to a research masters will have their scholarship reduced by one year (or part-time equivalent).

5.4.2 A student who completes a research masters may continue to receive their research scholarship for a research doctorate provided there is no interval between the completion of the research masters and the commencement of the research doctorate, or that such an interval is covered by suspension of the research scholarship.

5.4.3 The maximum duration of a converted research scholarship becomes that for the new research degree minus periods of study undertaken towards the related degree prior to the conversion.

5.5 Employment

5.5.1 RMIT permits domestic scholarship holders to undertake a limited amount of part-time paid employment which is unrelated to their research topic. The University recommends that students enrolled in a higher degree by research on a full-time basis do not undertake more than eight hours of paid employment per week during normal working hours (9 am – 5 pm Monday to Friday). Anything over and above these hours must be approved by the senior supervisor/joint supervisor and Dean/Head of School. There is no limit on how much income an awardee can receive from part-time work which is unrelated to their research topic.

5.5.2 International students with a student visa who are receiving a stipend scholarship may undertake work unrelated to their course requirements:

a) consistent with the conditions of the student visa; and

b) by obtaining the approval of RMIT prior to undertaking such work.

5.5.3 RMIT may not approve a student undertaking work unless it is satisfied that the work will not interfere with the student’s study for their HDR. If the senior supervisor/joint supervisor determines that the amount of part-time employment has become detrimental to the candidate’s studies, this fact should be included in the next documented review of academic progress.

5.5.4 Work commitments cannot be accepted as grounds for an extension of the duration of the research scholarship.

5.5.5 Remuneration from salary directly related to your research topic should not be greater than 75% of the 2017 RSS full-time base rate.

5.5.6 Income from sources unrelated to the course of study is not subject to the above conditions.
5.6 Research at other organisations and overseas
5.6.1 RMIT may give approval for a scholarship holder to conduct substantial amounts of research at an organisation outside the higher education sector, but such approval will not normally be granted in the first six months of the scholarship. In such cases RMIT must provide adequate support, supervision and training.
5.6.2 Overseas research may be approved for up to twelve months if, in the reasonable opinion of RMIT, the research is essential for completion of a degree and if there is adequate supervision. In addition, the scholarship holder must remain enrolled at RMIT and the stipend is to be paid to an Australian bank account. At all other times the scholarship holders are to be located in Australia.

5.7 Termination of a research scholarship
5.7.1 RMIT must terminate a research scholarship:
a) if the student ceases to meet the eligibility criteria specified in section 2.1 of these terms and conditions, other than during a period in which the research scholarship has been suspended or during a period of leave in accordance with section 4.3.3 of these terms and conditions; or
b) when the student ceases to be a full-time student and approval has not been obtained from RMIT to hold the research scholarship on a part-time basis; or
c) when the student completes the course of study, unless completing a research masters and undertaking a research doctorate under section 5.4.2 of these terms and conditions; or
d) if RMIT determines that:
   i. the course of study is not being carried out with competence and diligence or in accordance with the offer of the research scholarship; or
   ii. the student has failed to maintain satisfactory academic progress, as outlined in the HDR candidate progress management procedure; or
   iii. the student has committed serious misconduct, including, but not limited to the provision of false or misleading information in terms of section 5.8; or
e) within 2 weeks of the student submitting their thesis/ADR for examination, to the School of Graduate Research.
5.7.2 If a research scholarship is terminated, it cannot be re-activated unless the termination occurred in error.

5.8 Provision of false or misleading information
If RMIT knows or has reason to believe that a student in receipt of a research scholarship has provided false or misleading information to RMIT in relation to the research scholarship, RMIT must immediately:
a) re-assess the student’s entitlement to the research scholarship; and
b) if the scholarship is an RSS, notify the Department of the suspected offence and provide a copy of the student’s application and
   c) any other relevant information requested by the Department.

5.9 Supervision and facilities
RMIT will:
a) ensure that adequate facilities and appropriate supervision are available for each student undertaking a HDR; and
b) establish, make publicly available, and abide by, a code of supervisory practice for students.
5.10 Research integrity at RMIT
All RMIT higher degree by research students are required to comply with the Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research (2007) and RMIT Research Integrity Policy and procedures, accessible at www.rmit.edu.au/policies/academic.
The Code of Conduct prescribes standards of responsible and ethical conduct expected of all researchers (academic staff, students, technical and other support staff) engaged in research at RMIT University.
The RMIT Research Integrity Policy aims to ensure that research undertaken by its staff and students is conducted with:
- honesty and integrity
- respect for human research participants and animals used for scientific purposes, and the environment
- responsible use of public resources
- appropriate acknowledgment of the role of others in the research undertaken, and
- accurate and responsible dissemination of research results.

5.11 Review of scholarship decisions
Current scholarship holders have the right to request a review of a decision made by RMIT in relation to the scholarship. In the event of a dispute arising, the student should first approach his or her research supervisor who will then direct the student through the appropriate channels within RMIT University.

The Dean, SGR has the authority to review the decision made on the allocation of a scholarship, from applicants who consider that their application has been incorrectly assessed. A review can be made of the application assessment based on process issues but not against committee decisions or assessor ratings and comments.

5.12 Acknowledgement of Australian Government Support
As part of the new arrangements there is a legislative requirement that you acknowledge the Australian Government’s support through the RTP in any published materials related to your HDR. This relates to any time, both during and after completion of your HDR. Materials include items such as books, articles, newsletters or other literary or artistic works which relate to your HDR project. The acknowledgement must include appropriate mention of your support through an “Australian Government Research Training Program Scholarship”.

6. Further Information and Contacts
6.1 These conditions have been based on the Department’s Commonwealth Scholarships Guidelines (Research) 2012.
6.2 The Department publishes the RSS guidelines, the annual stipend and allowance rates on their website.
6.3 All scholarships funded by the Australian Government and RMIT are administered by the University’s School of Graduate Research. Enquiries regarding research scholarships and these terms and conditions should be addressed to sgr-scholarships@rmit.edu.au