FACULTY OF ENGINEERING

POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH SUPPORT SCHEME FACULTY RANKING CRITERIA

FACULTY OF ENGINEERING PRSS SELECTION GUIDELINES The Faculty of Engineering Post-Graduate Research Support Scheme (PRSS) aims to *enhance our research visibility* by supporting high-impact dissemination. Funding is supported through an open call to HDR students currently enrolled in a full-time or part-time degree. Applications are submitted to the Higher Degree by Research Administration Centre (HDRAC) and assessed by the Faculty of Engineering.

ELIGIBILITY AND PRIORITISATION OF APPLICANTS

- As per PRSS eligibility requirements (see https://sydney.edu.au/students/postgraduate-research-support-scheme/eligibility.html).
- MPhil students in year 2 (Equivalent Full Time) and PhD students in years 2 or 3 (Equivalent Full Time) will be given preference.
- As per the University PRSS eligibility requirements, at the minimum students must have completed preliminary appraisal activities and have these endorsed in RECS by their lead supervisor. Students who have completed probation may be prioritised by the outcome in their most recent progress review.
- If a 2nd round is held, eligible students not funded in the 1st round will have priority but successful applicants in round 1 can apply again.
- Students may be enrolled or on suspension at the time of submitting the application.

CATEGORY FUNDING PRIORITIES

Highest Priority Funding Category

- **Presentations at high-impact conferences, online or in-person attendance** (Select **Conference expenses** on the application form).

Other PRSS funding categories:

- **Publication expenses** (support to pay for publication fees including cover pages - *Select **Thesis production expenses** on the application form*).
- ***Specialist services*** *(such as English proof-editing for publication manuscripts - Select **Specialist Services** on the application form).*
- **Thesis production expenses** (Select **Thesis production expenses** on the application form).
- **Equipment and lab consumables** (this must be essential to the research project and outside the normal infrastructure provided by the School i.e. requests for computers will not be funded. These require a detailed justification and a prior discussion with the School's Associate Head Research Education. *(Select **Computers or other equipment** on the application form).*
- **Specialist software** (Select **Specialist books, periodicals or software items** on the application form).

All the above are considered in light of the **student's School strategy** and the completeness of the evidence submitted.

FUNDING TIMELINE

- Applications for expenses incurred from the 1st of January 2026 will be considered.
- It is possible to request funding for conference registration for conferences held until 31 December 2026.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- Potential to disseminate research through high-quality avenues and/or to enhance the student's research.
- A **letter** from supervisor stating and justifying their support, and, if applicable, whether they will provide supplementary funds.
- A copy of the most recent PEM outcome.

AWARD AMOUNTS

- Maximum award amount is $3,500 AUD (taking into account both rounds).
- Schools may offer top-ups (up to the maximum award amount) based on internal funding sources availability.