
FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

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POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH SUPPORT SCHEME FACULTY RANKING CRITERIA

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible to apply for PRSS funding in FASS, the following criteria must be met:

- a. At the closing date, the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences HDR student's candidature cannot exceed the following full-time (or part-time equivalent) periods. Please refer to the [University PRSS guidelines](#):
 - 3.5 years full time if you are a doctoral student.
 - 1.7 years full time if you are a master's by research student.
- b. The maximum amount of funding which may be awarded to any applicant in any year is \$3500.

Assessment Criteria

FASS Research Education Sub-Committee-Awards-Grants and Scholarships will meet to determine the allocation of funding in each PRSS round. The committee membership will be as determined in the RE Award Sub-Committee Terms and Conditions School Associate Head Research Education (Lead) AHERs, and a higher research degree student representative who is currently enrolled in the research degree. Members of the committee who have identified conflicts of interest will recuse themselves from all or part of the assessment process. The committee will assess the applications according to the following criteria:

1. the relevance of the funding proposal to the thesis topic
2. the impact of the funding proposal on the timely completion of the project
3. the impact of the funding proposal on research training and career development
4. the quality of the budget proposal.

FASS Research Education Sub-Committee-Awards-Grants and Scholarships may also apply the following criteria:

1. caps may be imposed on funding for certain types of requests.
2. applications from students who have not been funded in previous rounds may be given priority.
3. the committee may use its discretion when deciding what percentage of the budget of the application will be funded.

The applicants who receive funds must spend the allocated funds by the end of the calendar year in which they are awarded. There is no provision to carry forward unused funds or for the lodgement of late claims. Unsuccessful applicants should write to the Associate Dean Research Education FASS for any feedback on the process. All deliberations of the selection committee are strictly confidential.

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