

## 2020 HDR+ Student Grant Guidelines

In 2020, \$15,600 is available to support student-led initiatives intended to enhance the academic experience and outcomes of Higher Degree by Research (HDR) programmes.

The funding can be used to support a range of creative and innovative academic activities which enrich the HDR experience and contribute to the development of HDR communities at the University. In addition to the benefit of the activities themselves, the scheme processes are designed to support the development of skills in project management, proposal writing, project evaluation etc. The scheme is aimed at “**Bringing researchers together to solve difficult problems**”.

Creativity, collaboration, independence and personal initiative are all important outcomes of a PhD. Students are invited to apply these skills in conceiving suitable activities for funding under this scheme. Examples of possible initiatives include:

- Disciplinary or interdisciplinary seminars with guest speakers;
- Student run conferences;
- Weekend thesis writing ‘Boot camp’;
- Understanding the publishing landscape (ERA, quality metrics, digital identities);
- Seminars on how research can be re-made for different audiences (scholarly, professions, public, media);
- Postdoc mentoring schemes for PhDs;
- Developing a teaching and research portfolio for an academic job.

**Applications for HDR+ Student Grants will be assessed according to 2019 Guidelines outlined in this document**

### Value

Each grant is valued up to \$1,200.

For successful applications, the money will be transferred from the Office of the DVC (Education) to the nominated faculty account’s responsibility code (RC) as provided by you on the application form and the faculty/department will manage the reimbursement claims relating to your activity.

If you do not know the responsibility code that should be used, you should contact your [local finance officer](#) for advice.

### Timeline

- Applications open on 1 August 2019 and close on 30 September 2019
- The outcome will be announced in late October 2019
- Funds will be transferred in December 2019.
- Activities must be completed in six months, by 30 June 2020
- All activities will have an evaluation and reporting requirement against a standard framework and submitted by 31 July 2020

### Selection criteria

- Each application will be assessed according to the following selection criteria:
- The activity will enhance the academic outcomes for a significant number of HDR students;
- The activity supports disciplinary and/or cross-disciplinary collaborations amongst students;
- The activity is student initiated and led;
- The activity can be completed in one semester;
- There is no additional cost to participating students;
- Faculties/Departments support the proposed initiative.

### Eligibility

- All applicants must be currently enrolled HDR students at the University
- The lead applicant must have passed the probation stage of candidature
- One or more applicants on a proposal who were unsuccessful in previous rounds are encouraged to apply
- Applicants who were recipients of an HDR+ Student grant in previous rounds are not eligible to apply
- Funds may not be used to pay a salary or compensation to an awardee

### Application process

- All applicants must complete the online application form. The link will be on the [HDR+](#) page in Current Students.
- Applications including the grant proposal are to be collated or scanned into a single PDF document
- All applications must be submitted online by 30 September 2019 at 11:59pm

**Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.**

### Selection process

The Selection Panel will assess applications using the selection criteria.

Selection Panel will comprise:

- Academic Director, Graduate Research (Chair)
- Two academic staff members nominated by University Executive – Research Education (UE- RE)
- SUPRA Student Representative, nominated by UE- RE
- Deputy Vice Chancellor (Education) nominee

The Selection Panel will report outcomes and recommendations to UE RE and UE ED and any other relevant committees, as appropriate.

**All applicants and their faculties will be notified of the outcome in late October**

### Reporting requirements for successful applications

Grant recipients will be required to complete a project evaluation report.

Students will be supported in preparing the evaluation using an evaluation framework which will include:

- Details of the number and discipline backgrounds of participants;
- The academic benefits to participants arising from the activity;

- Recommendations for future activities;

### Advice

In the first instance discuss ideas about your proposed activity with your Supervisor and any students with whom you wish to collaborate.

Your Supervisor will be able to provide advice about consulting with the Postgraduate Coordinator, Associate Deans (Research, Research Education or Education) in your faculty.

### Questions

Any questions about the HDR+ Student Grants can be directed to: Professor Ross Coleman:  
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