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## FACULTY OF ENGINEERING

### POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH SUPPORT SCHEME FACULTY RANKING CRITERIA

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#### 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 must also have a 'meets/exceeds' outcome in their most recent progress review.
- If a 2<sup>nd</sup> round is held, eligible students not funded in the 1<sup>st</sup> round will have priority but successful applicants in round 1 can apply again.

#### CATEGORY FUNDING PRIORITIES

- **Presentations at high-impact conferences, online attendance only** (*Select Conference expenses on the application form*).
- **Other PRSS funding categories:**
  1. Publication expenses: support to pay for publication fees including cover pages (*Select Thesis production expenses on the application form*).
  2. Specialist services, such as English proof-editing for publication manuscripts. (*Select Specialist Services on the application form*).
  3. Thesis production expenses (*Select Thesis production expenses on the application form*).
  4. Equipment and lab consumables essential to the research 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 Research Education Director. (*Select Computers or other equipment on the application form*).
  5. 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**.

#### FUNDING TIMELINE

- Applications for expenses incurred from the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2021 will be considered
- It is possible to request funding for conference registration for conferences held until 31 December 2021.

#### 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.

## **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.