COVID RESPONSE

POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH SUPPORT SCHEME SCHOOL RANKING CRITERIA

In response to this year’s highly challenging pandemic, the Sydney Law School will distribute the entire PRSS budget among all eligible HDR candidates in the School, without a formal application process. The purpose of this change is to provide a small amount of financial support for eligible candidates at this time.

Note this allocation arrangement of PRSS funding is for the 2022 round ONLY.

Eligibility

1. (a) At the closing date, the candidate:
   i. must be a currently enrolled HDR student in the Sydney Law School; or
   ii. expects to return from a suspension in the following research period and may receive PRSS if enrolment is recommenced prior to allocation of funding.

   (b) The candidate’s enrolment cannot have exceeded the following full-time (or part-time equivalent) periods:
      i. 3.5 years full time if you are a doctoral student
      ii. 1.75 years full time if you are a master’s by research student

2. Satisfactory progress
   Provided the candidate is making satisfactory progress:
   i. having met or exceeded the standards on their most recent progress evaluation (including probation reviews); and
   ii. have not exceeded the normal period of candidature (see 1(b) above).

   the candidate will be deemed eligible. A ‘Marginal’ result in a progress evaluation will make a candidate ineligible.

3. Part time students will receive half of the allocation provided to Full time students.

Each candidate will only be eligible for one allocation in any PRSS round. This is the only round in 2022.

Doctorate students
If you meet the eligibility criteria, you are allowed three successful applications during your candidature (3.5 full time years).

Masters by research students
If you meet the eligibility criteria, you are allowed one successful application during your candidature (1.75 full time years). If you progress to a doctorate, the total number of successful PRSS applications allowed will increase to three for the period of your candidature. This will include any successful application during your masters degree.
IMPORTANT
Excluding yourself from PRSS award 2022
In previous years, some HDR candidates have opted not to apply for PRSS, generously recognising that their financial circumstances did not necessitate PRSS support. As there will be no formal application this year, the School encourages those candidates who wish to opt-out of 2022 PRSS allocation to contact hdrac.ops@sydney.edu.au before the closing date below. The subject line of the email should read ‘SLS PRSS 2022 OPT-OUT’ and candidates should provide their name and SID number.

This allocation will then be included as part of the 2022 PRSS fund and equally distributed to the remaining eligible cohort.

International Travel
Candidates should be aware of the recent University restrictions on use of PRSS funds for international travel, as well as: https://www.sydney.edu.au/students/postgraduate-research-support-scheme.html