Recognising that the COVID19 pandemic continues to impact International travel and the ability to attend large scale conferences, the Faculty of Medicine and Health will again distribute the entire PRSS budget among all eligible HDR candidates in the Faculty, 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 currently for the 2022 round ONLY and we cannot guarantee funding availability or which distribution model will be used in subsequent years.

Eligibility

1. At the closing date, the candidate must be a currently enrolled HDR student in the Faculty of Medicine and Health and their candidature 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 review, this includes passing the Probation review,
   ii. and have not exceeded the normal period of candidature (see 1. above), the candidate will be deemed eligible. A ‘Marginal’ result in a progress review will make a candidate ineligible.

3. To ensure equity Full time and Part time candidates will receive the same amount irrespective of candidature occupancy.

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.

The 2022 allocation WILL count towards the total number of allowable successful applications as noted above. If you wish to opt-out, please see the following important information.
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 Faculty 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 ‘FMH PRSS 2022 OPT-OUT’ and candidates should provide their name and SID number.

Candidates who do not wish to use one of their successful PRSS applications in this round, can also opt-out by following the above guidelines.

These allocations 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 ongoing University restrictions on use of PRSS funds for international travel, as well as: [https://www.sydney.edu.au/students/postgraduate-research-support-scheme.html](https://www.sydney.edu.au/students/postgraduate-research-support-scheme.html)

**Opening Date & Closing Date for PRSS Applications 2022**

Applications Open: Monday, 11th April 2022

Applications Close: 11:59pm, Friday, 6th May 2022