

## PhD Scholarships and Grant Applications

### Information Sheet by Graduate Research School and Grants Connect JCU

This information sheet outlines JCU's position with regard to provision of PhD/MPhil Scholarships for inclusion in research grant applications. JCU via the GRS will guarantee scholarships for successful DECRA/Laureate/Future ARC Fellows, with all other grant type applicants strongly encouraged to request scholarships from the funding body via the grant application.

#### **ARC Discovery Early Career Researcher Awards (DECRA) Applications:**

The GRS will guarantee one full PhD scholarship for any successful ARC DECRA. Successful grant recipients can award the scholarship to a candidate of their choosing. The GRS must be informed by the applicant by email to [grs.staff@jcu.edu.au](mailto:grs.staff@jcu.edu.au) at the time of grant application so that the scholarship can be budgeted.

#### **ARC Future Fellowship and ARC Laureate Fellowship Applications:**

The GRS will guarantee one full scholarship for any successful Future Fellow/Laureate Fellow UNLESS the Future Fellow/Laureate Fellow application included and been funded by the ARC for two PhD stipends, in which case the GRS will match that by guaranteeing two scholarships. The GRS must be informed by the applicant by email to [grs.staff@jcu.edu.au](mailto:grs.staff@jcu.edu.au) at the time of grant application so that the scholarship can be budgeted.

#### **All other grant applications (including ARC Discovery Project Grants and Linkage Project Grants):**

Applicants for all other grant applications are strongly encouraged to include a request for HDR scholarships in the budget of their grant applications.

The reasoning behind this is that the GRS funded (RTP & JCUPRS) scholarship pool is finite, stationary, and increasingly competitive. External sources of scholarship funding are encouraged to be sought to expand the scholarship pool at JCU.

The standard scholarship value to be used is \$28,596 per annum (in 2021) over 3.5 years PhD/2 years MPhil if not specified in application guidelines.

**Applicants may find the below statement useful for inclusion in a grant application where it is beneficial to include evidence of in principle support by JCU:** "James Cook University pledges PhD stipend/s for a student/s whose project is aligned with the successful proposal, allowing recruitment of either a domestic or international HDR candidate. The stipend is valued at \$28,596 per annum (in 2021) over 3.5 years, (2 years MPhil) and is subject to the university's HDR admissions and scholarship policy requirements. This means that JCU will give a scholarship to anyone who is successfully awarded a scholarship based on merit by our scholarship application and scoring process."

Please contact [grs.staff@jcu.edu.au](mailto:grs.staff@jcu.edu.au) with any further queries.