



Commonwealth Scholarships Guidelines Amendment (Research) 2021

I, Stuart Robert, Minister for Employment, Workforce, Skills Small and Family Business, make the following instrument.

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1 Name

This instrument is the *Commonwealth Scholarships Guidelines Amendment (Research) 2021*.

2 Commencement

- (1) Each provision of this instrument specified in column 1 of the table commences, or is taken to have commenced, in accordance with column 2 of the table. Any other statement in column 2 has effect according to its terms.

Commencement information		
Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Provisions	Commencement	Date/Details
The whole of this instrument	The day after this instrument is registered.	

Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this instrument as originally made. It will not be amended to deal with any later amendments of this instrument.

- (2) Any information in column 3 of the table is not part of this instrument. Information may be inserted in this column, or information in it may be edited, in any published version of this instrument.

3 Authority

This instrument is made under section 238-10 of the *Higher Education Support Act 2003*.

4 Schedules

Each instrument that is specified in a Schedule to this instrument is amended as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned.

5 Application

The amendments made by this instrument only apply in respect of grants payable under Part 2-4 of the *Higher Education Support Act 2003* on and from commencement.

Schedule 1—Amendments

Commonwealth Scholarships Guidelines (Research) 2017

1 Paragraph i.v.ii

Insert (alphabetically into the existing list):

eligible research internship means a *research internship* which fulfils the requirements set out at paragraph 1.4.13.

research internship means a position with a research end-user where a student has undertaken *R&D* related to their *HDR*. A *research internship* can be either paid or unpaid, and can form part of the enrolment or be undertaken during an *HDR* period of suspension.

2 Paragraph 1.4.5 (definition of *WSC*)

Repeal the definition, substitute:

$WSC =$ For *Grant Years* prior to the 2024 *Grant Year*, weighted *HDR* student completions specified in paragraph 1.4.10, or for 2024 and future *Grant Years*, weighted *HDR* student completions specified in paragraph 1.4.12.

3 Paragraph 1.4.10

Repeal the paragraph, substitute:

1.4.10 Weightings applying to *HDR* student completions for *Grant Years* prior to the 2024 *Grant Year*

- (1) This provision deals with how amounts of grants to an eligible scholarship provider are to be determined for *Grant Years* prior to the 2024 *Grant Year*.
- (2) For all *Grant Years* prior to the 2024 *Grant Year*, *HDR* student completions reported in the *HESDC* are to be weighted according to:
 - a) each student's *Indigenous* or *non-Indigenous* status;
 - b) the level of the *HDR*; and
 - c) the cost type of the *HDR*.
- (3) A *HEP*'s weighted student completions for a year is equal to the sum of the number of completions for each student type multiplied by the *HDR* cost type as specified in the following table:

	<i>non-Indigenous student</i>	<i>Indigenous student</i>
High-cost <i>Research Doctorate</i>	4.70	9.40
High-cost <i>Research Masters</i>	2.35	4.70
Low-cost <i>Research Doctorate</i>	2.00	4.00
Low-cost <i>Research Masters</i>	1.00	2.00

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- (4) High-cost and low-cost completions are determined in accordance with high-cost and low-cost fields of education identified in Part 1.7.

4 After Paragraph 1.4.10

Insert:

1.4.12 Weightings applying to *HDR* student completions for 2024 and future *Grant Years*

- (1) This provision deals with how amounts of grants to an eligible scholarship provider are to be determined for 2024 and future *Grant Years*.
- (2) For 2024 and future *Grant Years*, *HDR* student completions reported in the *HESDC* are to be weighted according to:
- each student's *Indigenous* or *non-Indigenous* status;
 - whether the student completed an *eligible research internship*;
 - the level of the *HDR*; and
 - the cost type of the *HDR*.
- (3) For the purposes of (2)(b) and the table in (4) of this paragraph, a student has completed an *eligible research internship* where they have met the requirements about duration, days, hours and commencement as set out in paragraph 1.4.13, even where they continue engaging in the *eligible research internship* after they have already met those requirements.
- (4) A *HEP*'s weighted student completions for a year is equal to the sum of the number of completions for each student type multiplied by the *HDR* cost type, as specified in the following table:

<i>HDR level</i>	<i>Cost type</i>	<i>Completed an eligible research internship</i>	<i>Non-Indigenous student</i>	<i>Indigenous student</i>
<i>Research Doctorate</i>	High	No	4.70	9.40
		Yes	6.70	11.40
	Low	No	2.00	4.00
		Yes	4.00	6.00
<i>Research Masters</i>	High	N/A	2.35	4.70
	Low	N/A	1.00	2.00

- (5) The weighting for completion of an *eligible research internship* is to only be applied:
- to *Research Doctorate* student completions on or after 1 January 2022;
 - to a student once per *Research Doctorate* completion; and
 - where the requirements of an *eligible research internship* set out in paragraph 1.4.13 have been met prior to a student completing their *Research Doctorate*.
- (6) High-cost and low-cost completions are determined in accordance with high-cost and low-cost fields of education identified in Part 1.7.

1.4.13 Requirements of an *eligible research internship*

- (1) For the purposes of paragraph 1.4.10, an *eligible research internship* must:
 - a) be undertaken by a *Research Doctorate* student;
 - b) be a minimum of three calendar months in duration;
 - c) include 60 full-time equivalent days of engagement in *R&D* activities undertaken by the student; and
 - d) be related to the student's *Research Doctorate* area of research.
- (2) The *HEP*, student and research end-user must agree, in written form, to the:
 - a) *R&D* activities to be undertaken by the student with the research end-user; and
 - b) duration of the internship.
- (3) For the purposes of subparagraph (2), the agreement must be made:
 - a) if the student is undertaking a *full-time student load*—within 18 months from the commencement date of the student's *Research Doctorate*; and
 - b) if the student is undertaking a *part-time student load*—within 36 months from the commencement date of the student's *Research Doctorate*.
- (4) For the purposes of (1)(c) of this paragraph, a full-time equivalent day is:
 - a) the number of hours in a standard working day for the industry associated with the research end-user; or
 - b) if there is no standard working day—7.6 hours.
- (5) For the purposes of determining the commencement date and completion date of an *eligible research internship*, a *Research Doctorate* student:
 - a) commences an internship on the first day the student engages in *R&D* activities which count towards the full-time equivalent days of engagement with a research end-user; and
 - b) concludes the internship on the last day the student engages in *R&D* activities which count towards the full-time equivalent days of engagement with the same research end-user.
- (6) An *eligible research internship* may be undertaken:
 - a) on-site with a research end-user, on-campus and online; and
 - b) part-time or full-time.

5 Subparagraph 1.6.45(11)

Omit “*research internships*”, substitute “*research internships*”.