

APPLICANT APPLICATION FORM

AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT RESEARCH TRAINING PROGRAM (RTP) SCHOLARSHIPS - ACADEMIC PATHWAY SCHEME

The Australian Government Research Training Program (RTP) - Academic Pathway Scheme provides a limited number of prestigious scholarships to prospective Higher Degree by Research (HDR) candidates who demonstrate strong research potential, academic merit and the capacity to make an ongoing contribution to an academic career.

The scholarship includes an Academic Career Preparation (ACP) pathway, providing recipients with an academic development and training experience alongside their HDR research.

Application requirements

- The scheme is available to **domestic applicants only**.
- The completed form and all required supporting documentation must be uploaded with the applicant's application for admission to an HDR program by **30 November 2026**.
- Applicants must complete this form and obtain the signature of their prospective supervisor on page 5.
- Applicants awaiting their final Honours grade are eligible to apply.

APPLICANT DETAILS

Family Name:

Given Name:

Student Number (if applicable):

Email:

Discipline or Program of interest:

Domestic candidate:

Either an Australian citizen, New Zealand citizen (or dual citizenship holder of either Australia or New Zealand), Australian permanent resident or Australian humanitarian visa holder

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Are you a University of Newcastle medallist?

PROPOSED RESEARCH PROJECT

Title:

Part A: Applicant Credentials

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

Please list all of the applicant's academic qualifications (e.g. Bachelor/Undergraduate, Masters Degrees, Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma, PhD, etc.) commenced or awarded.

Degree	Country	Institution	Year of completion / expected completion

RESEARCH TRAINING / RESEARCH WORK EXPERIENCE

If applicable, please provide details of the applicant's most recent research training or research work experience over the last five years.

Experience	Organisation	Dates (start – end)	Full-time / Part-time / Casual

RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS / CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

If applicable, please provide links to the applicant's top peer reviewed research publications or conference proceedings (maximum of four).

Publication 1

Publication/Article Title:		
Publication Type:	Choose an item	
Weblink:		
Approximate percentage of contribution relative to other authors		
Explain your role in the research, analysis and preparation of the publication/article		

Publication 2

Publication/Article Title:		
Publication Type:	Choose an item	
Weblink:		
Approximate percentage of contribution relative to other authors		
Explain your role in the research, analysis and preparation of the publication/article		

Publication 3

Publication/Article Title:		
Publication Type:	Choose an item	
Weblink:		
Approximate percentage of contribution relative to other authors		
Explain your role in the research, analysis and preparation of the publication/article		

Publication 4

Publication/Article Title:		
Publication Type:	Choose an item	
Weblink:		
Approximate percentage of contribution relative to other authors		
Explain your role in the research, analysis and preparation of the publication/article		

Part B: Statement of Intent

Part B must be completed by the applicant only. Note that the statements will be used by the College Selection Committee as part of the shortlisting process.

Statement 1

What are the most impactful opportunities you have undertaken to prepare you for a higher degree research program and what have you learned from these experiences? (max. 300 words)

Statement 2

Please briefly describe how your proposed research would position you to make a significant contribution to your field and/or translate to a real world context (max. 300 words)

Statement 3

Outline how your proposed research topic aligns with one or more of the University's research priorities. See page 6 for further details. (max. 300 words)

Part C: Declaration and Nomination

APPLICANT'S DECLARATION

- I declare that the information provided in this form is true and correct and recognise that if it includes false or misleading information, my nomination may not progress.*

This form must be signed using an Adobe Digital Signature. Click on the box below to sign the document.

Applicant

SIGNATURE:

Date:

POTENTIAL SUPERVISOR NOMINATION

I nominate this prospective applicant subject to:

- the availability of School and College resources;*
- the subsequent submission and assessment of a full application by the candidate, and;*
- the appropriate School and College approvals being obtained.*

Potential Supervisor

Name:

School:

Potential Supervisor

SIGNATURE:

Date:

UNIVERSITY RESEARCH PRIORITIES

Hunter Medical Research Institute



Discoveries and Innovations in Healthcare

Delivering new medical breakthroughs by exploring innovative technologies, techniques and ideas that pave the way for the future of healthcare



Environmental Health and Disasters

Understanding how environmental factors, climate change, disasters and other hazards shape disease patterns, our physical and mental health, and community resilience.



Resilient Health and Wellbeing

Empowering our communities to live better, healthier lives with new knowledge and new resources that support lifestyle practices, health behaviours and health equity

Institute for Regional Futures



Regions in Transition

Supporting economic development, diversification and social infrastructure to create strong and resilient regions



Safe and Resilient Communities

Creating safer, more connected communities through the transformative power of education, collaboration and social justice



First Nations Collaboration

Embedding the knowledge, histories and methodologies of our First Nations people to benefit all

Newcastle Institute for Energy and Resources



Powering the Future

Unlocking new energy solutions, new economies and a net zero future through innovative technologies, materials and fuels



Next Generation Resources

Meeting the resource needs of the future through sustainable innovations that support our minerals, metals, food and water sectors



Environmental Sustainability and Security

Balancing environmental, economic and social priorities to protect regional resilience, sustainability and prosperity