

Postgraduate Research & Research Scholarship Application Form

Application for International Students



The University of Sydney

PART A - RESEARCH DEGREE APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Who should use this form?

You should use this form if you are an international applicant (not an Australian citizen or permanent resident or citizen of New Zealand (please note that temporary residents of Australia are also international students) and you wish to apply for admission to a Higher Degree by Research (HDR). An HDR can be a:

- Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)
- Professional Doctorate (a minimum of two-thirds of the course must be research)
- Masters by research

Are you academically qualified to apply for a HDR?

In general, to be eligible for admission to a HDR, you need to have undertaken a significant research project or thesis in your previous university level studies. For example, the equivalent of an Australian honours degree or a masters by research degree or a masters by coursework with a thesis component.

Specific entry requirements vary from course to course. You should check the entry requirements for your preferred course by contacting the graduate adviser in the relevant faculty or department. If you are not appropriately qualified, you should consider taking a postgraduate coursework program. If you wish to apply for a postgraduate coursework degree, please use the Postgraduate Coursework Application Form.

www.usyd.edu.au/internationaloffice/forms

How to apply for a research degree

Applying for and obtaining admission to a research degree is a process that requires time and preparation before submission of the application. You should read the instructions below carefully and ensure you follow the steps outlined. Incomplete or ill-prepared applications will take longer to process or may be rejected by the relevant faculty or department.

Before completing an application form

1. Identify and establish an academic contact/potential supervisor

The university requires that you contact a suitable member of the academic staff and present them with an initial outline of your proposed topic of research before submitting your application. The expectation is that an academic contact/potential supervisor will have:

- read and commented on your research proposal before you submit a formal application for admission to a HDR, and
- indicated that they are willing and available to supervise your proposed research.

You are required to provide the details of your academic contact/potential supervisor when you complete this application form.

To identify suitable members of the academic staff to contact, you should refer to the relevant faculty/department web site, which will provide details of academic staff, their areas of research interest & current work and their contact details. Alternatively, you can refer to the Faculty Contacts list provided on this form and contact the postgraduate enquiry service for the relevant faculty to enquire about appropriate members of the academic staff for you to contact.

When you contact a member of the academic staff, you should provide them with some initial details to help them advise you regarding your study plans, for example:

- Educational background – discipline(s) in which you have studied and previous research experience.
- Relevant work experience in the discipline or a research environment.
- Proposed area of study/research you are interested in undertaking.

If you have one prepared, you may also include a brief research proposal at this stage.

2. Develop and submit an initial research proposal

Once you have entered discussions with an academic contact(s), if you have not already done so, you should prepare an initial research proposal.

Your initial research proposal should include information showing that you have sufficient knowledge and training to undertake the proposed research program. In general, your proposal should be no more than 500 words in length. However, some faculties such as Law and Economics and Business prefer a more detailed written proposal. Your initial proposal should include the following information:

Title: Working title for the project.

Academic staff contact: Name(s) of the academic staff with whom you have discussed your proposal and, if relevant a potential supervisor.

Objectives: What aims does the work have?

Synopsis: Briefly describe the key aspects of what you will be investigating.

Background: Describe what research has already been done in relation to your topic.

Significance: Why is the topic important?

Methodology: Approach or methodology to be used in the research.

Resources: Provide details of the resources required for you to carry out your research project.

Work plan: An initial plan for completion with annual milestones.

3. Revise and finalise your research proposal

In conjunction with your academic contact(s) refine your research proposal ready for submission of your formal application.

4. Determine whether you meet the University's English language requirements.

If English is not your first language, you will need to provide documentary evidence that you meet the University's English language requirements. Please see relevant section next for further information about the English requirements.

Completing the application form

Once you have identified an academic contact/potential supervisor and prepared a research proposal, you should fill out this application form. When filling out the form, you should:

- Use an ink pen and write in clear CAPITAL LETTERS.
- Ensure you complete every section of the form including the final checklist.
- Read the applicant declaration and privacy statement at the end of the form carefully.
- Ensure you sign the applicant declaration – your application cannot be processed if the declaration is not signed.
- Attach one correctly certified* copy of all supporting documents.
- Include an Application Processing Fee (APF) of \$AUD100. The APF is non-refundable and your application will not be processed if the fee is not provided.

* Certification of copies

To be correctly certified, copies of supporting documents must each be stamped with the official seal of the institution/agency and include the name (printed clearly) and signature of the person issuing the certification. Copies of supporting documents can be certified by:

- the institution issuing the qualification (eg. the school or university).
- an Australian Diplomatic Mission overseas.
- an IDP Education Australia office.
- for applicants from the Peoples Republic of China, an official notary public.
- USYD registered educational agent.

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Completing the application form (continued)

Where documents were not issued in English, you must include a copy of the document in the original language of issue and an English translation, issued by an authorised translator (www.naati.com.au)

Supporting documents to be included with your application – refer also to the documentary evidence of research performance and experience referred to in the “Supplementary Information for Scholarship Applicants” section of this form if you wish to be considered for a scholarship.

You should provide the following supporting documents with your application:

- A copy of the personal details page from your passport.
- Evidence of any name change if any of your documents are in a name other than that shown in your passport.
- The transcript and testamur (completion certificate) for all previous tertiary (undergraduate and postgraduate but NOT pre-university) qualifications.
- An explanation of the grading schemes used for all previous tertiary studies. Wherever possible, please provide the actual numerical marks or GPAs achieved in your previous tertiary studies.
- Test reports for any English language test undertaken within the last two years.
- Statement from university registrar or equivalent regarding previous studies undertaken in English.
- Proof of any scholarly publications or output in the relevant field of research within the last five years eg. copies of journal articles, book chapters, exhibited works.
- Examiners' reports for any previous research theses/projects completed.
- Proof of any work experience since graduation for a period of two full-time years or more in a research environment or professional experience at a responsible level that is relevant to your proposed area of research/study eg. references from employers.
- Proof of communication with an academic contact/potential supervisor eg. print out of an email stating willingness to supervise your project.
- A complete resume or curriculum vitae (CV).
- Your research proposal.

You must also ask two academic referees to provide academic references. The Academic Referee's Report form is included with this application form. Your academic referees must complete the reference form and place it in a sealed envelope to be lodged with your application or return it directly to the International Office.

English language requirements

If English is not your first language, you will need to provide documentary evidence that you meet the University's English requirements through either:

- an internationally recognised English language test meeting the faculty's minimum requirements.
- a record of satisfactory achievement in tertiary studies in which the language of the institution, and the language of instruction, examination and assessment of the course was in English.
- successful completion of the course “English for Academic purposes” at the University's Centre for English Teaching.

For the specific requirements for each faculty and further details about the University's English requirements refer to:

www.usyd.edu.au/fstudent/international/postgrad/apply/english_res.shtml

Application closing dates

Semester 1 (March commencement) - 31 October of the previous year

Semester 2 (July commencement) - 30 April

Late or incomplete applications may be considered however, the University of Sydney cannot guarantee that late applications will be processed in time for the proposed start date. Quotas apply to some courses. Late applications for courses which are subject to quotas may not be considered.

Scholarship Applicants

Applicants who wish to be considered for either an Endeavour International Postgraduate Research Scholarship (EIPRS) or a University of Sydney International Scholarship (USyDIS) must submit their research application form at the earlier dates specified below:

Semester 1 (March commencement)

31 July of the previous year

(successful candidates will be notified in late October/early November)

Semester 2 (July commencement)

31 December of the previous year

(successful candidates will be notified in April)

Submitting your application

Direct to the university:

Completed application forms MUST be sent to:

International Admissions
International Office
Services Building G12
The University of Sydney
NSW 2006 AUSTRALIA

DO NOT send your application directly to your academic contact or the faculty or department in which you are applying to enrol. This will delay processing of your application.

Via a university representative:

You may lodge your application through any of the University of Sydney's registered representatives/educational agents. For the full contact details of all of our registered representatives in over 50 countries, refer to

www.usyd.edu.au/internationaloffice/agents

General application or admission enquiries

For general enquiries about admission to research degrees at The University of Sydney, contact the International Office:

Phone: +61 2 9351 4079

Fax: +61 2 9351 4013

E-mail: info@io.usyd.edu.au

Web: www.usyd.edu.au/internationaloffice

Faculty contacts (refer to page 8)

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PART B - RESEARCH DEGREE APPLICATION

1 Personal details

You MUST provide your personal details as they appear in your passport.
Please write CLEARLY & IN CAPITAL LETTERS.

Family/last name:

Personal/first names:

Date of birth: Sex: Male Female

Contact address for correspondence: House number & street + Suburb/town

Postcode / zip: Country:

Tel: Fax:
(Include Country code+Area code)

Mobile :
(Include Country code+Area code)

Applicant's Email:
(compulsory)

Country of citizenship:

Have you applied for permanent residency in Australia? No Yes

Visa status:

Do you hold dual citizenship with Australia? No Yes

Have you previously been known by another name?

No Yes If yes, what

Attach all relevant documentation.

2 Agent details

If you appoint a University of Sydney authorized agent to manage your application, you authorise the university to release personal information and visa documentation relevant to your application to the agent. If you submit your application through an agent, please provide the following:

Agency name:

Agent Number (code) :

Counsellor name

Agent Stamp

3 Previous applications

Have you applied to, or been enrolled at, the University of Sydney before?

No Yes If yes, what was your reference number / Student ID or

year of application?

4 Course choice - Check the website for course details: www.usyd.edu.au/courses You MUST enter an exact course name or your application cannot be assessed eg. PhD (Arts)

Name of academic contact/proposed supervisor Proposed Faculty

Research proposal attached? Yes No (Your application may not be able to be processed without a research proposal)

Preference (course name)

1st preference: Course name: Course code: CRICOS code:

2nd preference: Course name: Course code: CRICOS code:

Proposed course start date: 1st semester (Feb/March) 2nd semester (July) Year

Proposed reserch topic/project:

5 Application Processing Fee (APF)

A non-refundable Application Processing Fee (APF) of AUD\$100 must be paid with each application form submitted. Applications will not be processed unless accompanied by the APF. Please complete this section to submit your APF payment. You should either supply credit card details or attach a bank cheque. We do not accept personal cheques, company cheques or cash. For more details go to:

www.usyd.edu.au/fstudent/international/undergrad/apply/apfdetails.shtml

I attach a bank cheque for AUD\$100 made payable to the University of Sydney. Please write on the back: your name, contact details, date of birth and student ID or reference number (if applicable).

Please charge AUD\$100 to my credit card.

Name on card

Type of card: VISA Mastercard American Express Diners

Card Number

Expiry date:

Signature Date

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6 English language proficiency

Is English your first language? Yes (go to question 7) No

If no, have you taken an English language proficiency test within the last 2 years? Yes No

If yes, which test? Test date Score (Attach certified copy of your test report.)

If no, have you scheduled to sit an English language proficiency test? Yes No

If yes, which test? Proposed test date

Have you completed tertiary studies that were taught, examined and assessed entirely in English within the last 5 years? Yes No

If yes, which qualification? Country Date completed

Do you intend to undertake an English language program through a University of Sydney package program? Yes No

7 Academic qualifications

Provide details and supporting documents for all completed or current tertiary studies (undergraduate and postgraduate but NOT pre-university). Supporting documents must include transcripts and testamurs (completion certificates) and must include a guide to the grading system used.

Course	Start date	Completion date	Class or grade (e.g. honours 2/1 or your GPA)
Course 1 Institution: <input type="text"/> Country: <input type="text"/> Course: <input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="DD / MM / YYYY"/>	<input type="text" value="DD / MM / YYYY"/>	<input type="text"/>
Course 2 Institution: <input type="text"/> Country: <input type="text"/> Course: <input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="DD / MM / YYYY"/>	<input type="text" value="DD / MM / YYYY"/>	<input type="text"/>
Course 3 Institution: <input type="text"/> Country: <input type="text"/> Course: <input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="DD / MM / YYYY"/>	<input type="text" value="DD / MM / YYYY"/>	<input type="text"/>

Submitting your application :

Direct to the university: Completed application forms **MUST** be sent to:

**International Admissions,
International Office**

Services Building G12,

The University of Sydney, NSW 2006 AUSTRALIA

DO NOT send your application directly to your academic contact or the faculty or department in which you are applying to enrol. This will delay processing of your application.

Via a university representative:

You may lodge your application through any of the University of Sydney's registered representatives/educational agents. For the full contact details of all of our registered representatives in over 50 countries, refer to

www.usyd.edu.au/internationaloffice/agents

Application should be lodged:

For first semester (February/March) by 31 October.

For Second Semester (July) by 30 April.

Late or incomplete applications may be considered however, the University of Sydney cannot guarantee that late applications will be processed in time for the proposed start date. Quotas apply to some courses. Late applications for courses which are subject to quotas may not be considered.

Scholarship closing dates:

If you wish to be considered for an EIPRS or USydIS you **MUST** submit your Postgraduate Research and Research Scholarship application by:

Semester 1 (March commencement): 31 July of the previous year (successful candidates will be notified in late October/early November)

Semester 2 (July commencement): 31 December of the previous year (successful candidates will be notified in April)

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8 Academic qualifications (continued)

If you have completed a masters degree, did it contain a research component? If yes, what portion of the course did the research component entail? %
Attach a copy of the examiners report(s) for your thesis, if available.
What was the title of your research project(s)?

Provide details of any academic prizes or awards gained during your tertiary studies.

9 Research publications and output

List and attach summaries or abstracts of any scholarly publications or output in the relevant field of research **within the last five years** of which you were the author (either individually or with others).

Journal/Conference title	Publication volume	Date	Full author list (as published)	Title of article/paper

If you are engaged in the art or music fields, provide details of your direct input to exhibitions or performances **in the last five years**.

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10 Professional/work experience

Have you had work experience since graduation for a period of two full-time years or more in a research environment or professional experience at a responsible level that is relevant to your proposed area of research/study?

Yes No

If yes, please provide details such as name of employer, position, period of employment, nature of work carried out and attach references.

Provide details of any professional associations of which you are a member.

Name of association	Type/grade of membership	First year of membership

11 Academic referees

You **MUST** provide details of two academic referees who are familiar with your studies and are qualified to comment on your previous academic achievements and your capacity to undertake a research program. If you are basing this application on relevant work experience or training, at least one of your referees should also be able to comment on your work experience.

1. Provide details of your academic referees below.
2. Detach the Academic Referee's Report page and make one copy for each referee.
3. Fill out section 1 of the Academic Referee's Report with your personal details.
4. Forward a copy of the Academic Referee's Report to each of your referees.
5. Ask your academic referees to complete the Academic Referee's Report and return it to you in a sealed envelope OR send it directly to the International Office marked clearly 'Academic Referee's Report for <your name>'.

The university will not request academic referee reports or follow up on outstanding reports on your behalf.

	Referee 1	Referee 2
Title		
Name		
Position		
Institution		
Address		
Email address		
Telephone no(s)		

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PART C - RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS

You can use this application form to indicate that you wish to be considered for the following scholarships:

- Endeavour International Postgraduate Research Scholarships (EIPRS)
- University of Sydney International Scholarships (USydis)

This section of the form requires you to answer questions relating to your scholarship eligibility. The information and supporting documentation you provide in Parts A, B, and E of this form will be used in the scholarship selection process. Therefore, it is essential that you answer all questions in those parts of the form and attach complete, correctly certified, supporting documentation to aid your application.

Detailed information about scholarship eligibility & selection requirements is provided in the "Supplementary Information for Scholarship Applicants" at the end of this form. Applicants wishing to be considered for a scholarship should read this information carefully before submitting their application.

Scholarship details

Have you been awarded a scholarship or sponsorship to support your research studies? (This includes government or privately funded scholarships/sponsorships).

Yes No

If yes, what is the name of your scholarship/sponsor?

Attach supporting documentation showing the details of your scholarship/sponsorship.

Have you applied for a scholarship or sponsorship to support your research studies other than an EIPRS or USydis? (This includes government or privately funded scholarships/sponsorships).

Yes No

If yes, which scholarship/sponsorship have you applied for?

Scholarship closing dates

If you wish to be considered for an EIPRS or USydis you MUST submit your Postgraduate Research and Research Scholarship application by:

Semester 1 (March commencement)

31 July of the previous year
(successful candidates will be notified in late October/early November)

Semester 2 (July commencement)

31 December of the previous year
(successful candidates will be notified in April)

Have you previously held an AusAid scholarship or other Australian government scholarship?

Yes No

If yes, which scholarship?

Scholarship end date:

Are you currently enrolled in a research degree program?

Yes No

If yes, course name

Institution expected completion date:

Do you wish to be considered for an EIPRS or USydis?

Yes No

Will you be undertaking your research project with the university's areas of research strength?

(Refer to www.usyd.edu.au/research/about/areas_of_research.shtml)

Yes No

If yes, which area?

PART D - DECLARATION AND SIGNATURE

1 Application checklist

Please complete the checklist below to ensure that you have completed the application form and included all of the required supporting documentation. Have you:

- Communicated with an academic contact or potential supervisor and provided evidence of this contact (eg. copies of emails).
- Completed all questions in all relevant sections of the application form.
- Attached originals or certified copies of all relevant supporting documentation including:
 - The personal details page of your passport.
 - All certificates, transcripts and mark sheets (giving a complete list of the subjects studied and the results obtained) for any tertiary studies you have completed or in which you are currently enrolled. An explanation of the grading system used must also be provided with each transcript.
 - Supporting evidence of any professional experience since graduation for a period of two full-time years or more.
 - Supporting evidence of any English language qualifications.
 - Official/authorized translations of any documents not issued in English and original language version of those documents.
 - Examiners' reports for any research theses/projects completed.
 - Proof of any scholarly publications or output within the last five years listed in your application.
- Prepared and attached a resume/curriculum vitae.
- Developed and attached your research proposal.
- Contacted two academic referees and requested that they complete the 'Academic Referee's Report' section of the form to be included with your application in a sealed envelope or returned directly to the university.
- Read the applicant declaration and University of Sydney 'Personal information and privacy protection statement' carefully.
- Included the Application Processing Fee of AUD\$100

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PART D - DECLARATION AND SIGNATURE (continued)

2 Personal information and privacy protection statement

The University of Sydney is subject to the New South Wales Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 (the Act). The personal information you provide for this application will be protected in accordance with the University Privacy Policy. The information provided in the first instance will only be used by the university for assessing your application for a place in the program for which you have applied. The information provided is also used for administrative and statistical purposes including publicising the names, areas of research and other relevant details of successful applicants. If unsuccessful, the information will be retained in the records of the University of Sydney only for the University of Sydney's use for a period of 12 months and will not be disclosed except with your permission, in accordance with the University Privacy Policy. Under the Freedom of Information Act and the University Privacy Policy you have a right to access and correct any personal information concerning you held by the university in the student and financial databases. Routine corrections, changes and enquiries should, in the first instance, be directed to the International Office. By signing this application it is understood that you have read this statement and agree to the use and disclosure of your personal information as outlined above. Full details: www.usyd.edu.au/arms/privacy/policy.htm

Note: The information provided on this application form may be made available to Commonwealth and State agencies and the Fund Manager of the ESOS Assurance Fund, pursuant to obligations under the ESOS Act 2000 and the National Code.

3 Students with disabilities

If you have a disability you could be eligible for services offered by the University of Sydney for students with a disability. If you want this assistance, it is important that you apply for it as soon as you can, preferably before you commence study. A Disability Services Officer can help you with your registration. Refer to www.usyd.edu.au/disability

4 Declaration and consent

Please read these declarations carefully. By signing this declaration you declare that you understand and agree to these terms.

I understand that:

- > Giving false or misleading information is a serious offence under the Criminal Code of the Commonwealth Government of Australia.
- > The University of Sydney may vary or cancel any decision it makes if the information I have given is incorrect or incomplete.
- > The University of Sydney may obtain official records from any educational institution I have previously attended and currently attending.
- > All documents submitted become the property of the University of Sydney and will not be returned.
- > I am fully responsible for my educational and living expenses while studying at the University of Sydney.
- > The University of Sydney or the Australian Government cannot help me if I run short of funds.

I agree:

- > To comply with the rules on admission and enrolment of the University of Sydney.
- > To tell the International Office immediately if there is any change to the information I have given in this application.

I have read and I consent to the University's Privacy Statement.

The information I have given in this application is true and correct.

Your signature

Date:

Unsigned applications will not be processed. Applications must be signed by the applicant personally. Third parties must not sign on the applicants behalf.

Faculty contacts

Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources

Ph: +61 2 9351 2935 Fax: +61 2 9351 2945
Email: pg@agric.usyd.edu.au
Web: www.agric.usyd.edu.au

Architecture, Design and Planning

Ph: +61 2 9351 2686 Fax: +61 2 9351 5665
Email: pg@arch.usyd.edu.au
Web: www.arch.usyd.edu.au

Arts

Ph: +61 2 9351 3129 Fax: +61 2 9351 2045
Email: pg@arts.usyd.edu.au
Web: www.arts.usyd.edu.au

Dentistry

Ph: +61 2 9351 8308 Fax: +61 2 9351 8333
Email: pg@med.usyd.edu.au
Web: www.dentistry.usyd.edu.au

Economics and Business

Ph: +61 2 9351 3076 Fax: +61 2 9351 4433
Email: pg@econ.usyd.edu.au
Web: www.econ.usyd.edu.au

Education and Social Work

Ph: +61 2 9351 2634 Fax: +61 2 9351 5027
Email: pg@edfac.usyd.edu.au
Web: www.edsw.usyd.edu.au

Engineering and Information Technologies

Ph: +61 2 9351 2534 Fax: +61 2 9351 4654
Email: gse@eng.usyd.edu.au
Web: www.eng.usyd.edu.au

Health Sciences

Ph: +61 2 9351 9161 Fax: +61 2 9351 9412
Email: fhspginfo@usyd.edu.au
Web: www.fhs.usyd.edu.au

Laws

Ph: +61 2 9351 0351 Fax: +61 2 9351 0200
Email: pg@law.usyd.edu.au
Web: www.law.usyd.edu.au

Medicine

Ph: +61 2 9351 3132 Fax: +61 2 9351 3196
Email: info@med.usyd.edu.au
Web: www.medfac.usyd.edu.au

Nursing and Midwifery

Ph: +61 2 9351 0693 Fax: +61 2 9351 0508
Email: fon@nursing.usyd.edu.au
Web: www.nursing.usyd.edu.au

Pharmacy

Ph: +61 2 9351 2320 Fax: +61 2 9351 4391
Email: pg@pharm.usyd.edu.au
Web: www.pharm.usyd.edu.au

Science

Ph: +61 2 9351 3021 Fax: +61 2 9351 4846
Email: info@science.usyd.edu.au
Web: www.science.usyd.edu.au

Sydney College of the Arts

Ph: +61 2 9351 1104 Fax: +61 2 9351 1199
Email: pg@vetsci.usyd.edu.au
Web: www.usyd.edu.au/sca

Sydney Conservatorium of Music

Ph: +61 2 9351 1216 Fax: +61 2 9351 1287
Email: coninfo@usyd.edu.au
Web: www.music.usyd.edu.au

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Ph: +61 2 9351 2441 Fax: +61 2 9351 3056
Email: pg@vetsci.usyd.edu.au
Web: www.vetsci.usyd.edu.au

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PART E - ACADEMIC REFEREE'S REPORT

Instructions for applicant

All applicants for a research degree MUST obtain Academic Referee's Reports from at least two academics who are familiar with their studies and research potential. To do this you must:

1. Detach this section of the application form and make a copy for each academic referee.
2. Complete Section 1 – Personal details yourself.
3. Send a copy of the form to each academic referee you have asked to support your application and ask them to complete the remaining sections of the form.

Instructions for academic referees

Please complete this form and place it in a sealed envelope and return it to the applicant OR place it in a sealed envelope marked clearly 'Academic Referee's Report for <applicant's name>' and return it directly to the university at the following address:

International Admissions:
The International Office
Services Building G12
The University of Sydney
NSW 2006 Australia

1 Applicant's details (to be completed by applicant)

Family/last name:

Personal/first names:

Date of birth: Sex: Male Female

Applicant's permanent address (home number and street, suburb/town)

Country: Postcode / zip:

Contact address for correspondence (if different to the above)

Country: Postcode / zip:

Tel: Fax:
(Include Country code+Area code)

Mobile:
(Include Country code+Area code)

Email (compulsory):

Have you applied for permanent residency in Australia?

Yes No

Country of citizenship:

Visa status:

Have you changed your name since your study records were issued?

Yes No Attach all relevant documentation.

Course applied for:

2 Referee's report (to be completed by the referee)

In what capacity do you know the applicant?

For the course in which you taught or supervised the applicant, what is the final grade/level of honours was obtained by the applicant? If the applicant is currently completing the course, what overall grade/level of honours are they likely to obtain?

Are the results predicted or actual? Predicted Actual

If applicable, what was the applicant's overall GPA? %

If the applicant has completed a masters degree, what percentage of the degree course was the research/thesis component?

If applicable, what numeric mark or GPA did the applicant achieve for the research component of the course?

If applicable, how was the research component assessed? (eg. one or two examiners, internal or external examiners).

Please give your appraisal of the student in terms of the qualities listed below. Rate the applicant in comparison to other students you have supervised.	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Weak	Unable to judge
Ability to organize & express ideas						
Critical & analytical ability						
Initiative & motivation						
Perserverence in pursuing aim						
Ability to plan and complete work						
Technical competence in proposed field of research						
Intellectual capacity						
Imagination & creativity						
Capacity to work without close supervision						
Ability to write coherently in English						

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Supplementary Information for Scholarship Applicants

Endeavour International Postgraduate Research Scholarships (EIPRS) are funded by the Australian government as part of the wider Endeavour Awards Program. Information about the Endeavour Awards Program is available from the DEST web site at www.endeavour.dest.gov.au/default.htm

Information about the EIPRS is available from www.endeavour.dest.gov.au/individual_awards/iprs.htm

The EIPRS is available in all faculties and covers the tuition fees for the students. The university will award a living allowance to EIPRS recipients.

The University of Sydney awards EIPRS's in October/November each year for the following year. There is no 'mid-year' EIPRS award round.

University of Sydney International Scholarships (USyDIS) are funded by the University of Sydney and each individual faculty. Availability of the scholarships in each discipline in a given semester is therefore at the discretion of the dean of each faculty. The USyDIS covers the tuition fees and a living allowance for the students. Further information about the USyDIS program is available from www.usyd.edu.au/fstudent/international/postgrad/costs/scholarships.shtml

The University of Sydney awards USyDIS twice a year – in October/November in conjunction with the EIPRS for commencement in Semester 1 (March) and in early April for commencement in Semester 2 (July).

Scholarship Eligibility

To be eligible for an EIPRS or USyDIS, you must:

- Be an international student commencing full-time enrolment in a HDR at the University of Sydney.
- Be a student undertaking study in a subject area identified by the university as within the areas of its research concentration.
- Not hold a research qualification regarded to be equivalent to an Australian research doctorate or, if undertaking a research masters degree, not hold a research qualification regarded to be equivalent to an Australian research masters.
- Not be receiving a scholarship for which course tuition is a component under any other scholarship scheme to which the Australian government makes a substantial contribution.

For EIPRS applicants you:

- Must not have held an AusAid scholarship within the two years prior to commencement of the EIPRS.
- May have commenced enrolment in a HDR at the University of Sydney in the current academic year but, due to the timing of your application and subsequent enrolment, were not considered for an EIPRS in the previous year.

Scholarship Selection

There are a limited number of these awards available each year and selection is highly competitive. Admission to a course does not guarantee the award of a scholarship. To be considered for these scholarships you MUST:

- Have the equivalent of an Australian first class honours degree (80% or better) or, for doctoral applicants, a masters by research degree.
- Demonstrated capacity to carry out independent research through completion of a previous research thesis, relevant work experience, research publications etc. You must be able to provide evidence of academic research experience in the last five years.

All eligible applicants will be assessed and ranked according to their prior academic performance and demonstrated research potential as per the following process.

Each faculty shall prepare a ranked list, in order of final mark as described below, of all applicants that it wishes to support for the award of a scholarship. The faculty lists will then be checked by one of the three 'faculty cluster' Ranking Committees: Health, Humanities and Social Sciences, and Sciences and Technology. The checked faculty lists will be combined into a single list using the applicants' final mark.

The Academic Board's Postgraduate Awards Sub-Committee will consider the combined ranking list and determine the number of offers to be made. Offer of an award will depend upon an applicant's position on the list and for USyDIS, the discretion of the dean of the faculty on the availability of these scholarships.

The final mark is derived from the Undergraduate Weighted Average Mark (UG WAM) and/or Honours 1 (or Honours 1 equivalent) mark and Research Potential Indicator (RPI). The use of these components is based on whether the applicant has attained an Honours 1 degree or equivalent (refer to the section 2 below), and the extent of any relevant research/professional experience. A greater weight is given to the Honours 1 (or H1E) mark.

UG WAM: The undergraduate weighted average mark (average mark, weighted according to the relative credit point value of the individual units of study) is obtained by averaging the marks the applicant obtained in all second and third year units of study in the relevant degree. Some faculties will also calculate the WAM according to the year-levels (2 for second year, 3 for third year) of the units of study.

The UG WAM of combined degrees will normally be calculated from all units except those in the first year and the honours subjects.

H1 (or H1E) mark: This is the mark achieved in the Honours (or equivalent) degree. The criteria for ranking Honours 1 equivalent qualifications are detailed in section 2 below.

Research Potential Indicator (RPI): RPI points are awarded for relevant research and/or professional achievements as detailed in section 3 below.

1. Calculating the UG WAM and Honours Mark

It is the responsibility of applicants to provide numerical marks of their academic results wherever possible. If the mark is not available or is unobtainable, the result will be entered at the respective mid-point for the equivalent Pass (i.e. 57) and Credit (i.e. 69.5) grades at the University of Sydney. A mark at the lowest one-third (i.e. 78.33) will be entered for the equivalent Distinction and the lowest mark (i.e. 85) for High Distinction grades. If the results are ungraded, applicants should provide information on the overall position in the class and/or thesis examiners reports if available.

It is important to provide the grading system showing the range of marks or the minimum mark required for each grade and different levels of Honours. Discounting of marks will be made to account for a pass mark of e.g. 60 used in some overseas institutions compared to 50 in Australian universities. Scaling of Honours 1 marks will be made if the institution or faculty does not use 80 as the cut-off requirement for Honours 1.

2. Honours 1 Equivalence

Where applicants do not have an Honours 1 degree, they can be ranked as having an Honours 1 equivalent degree on the basis of an additional qualification under the following criteria:

- a) A completed Master of Philosophy (or equivalent) by thesis. In this case, the 'Hons mark' will be 83 unless a higher thesis mark has been recorded on the transcript.
- b) A completed masters by coursework with a weighted average mark of at least 80 and a research component (requiring the completion of a dissertation, treatise, long essay or major report) of at least 12 credit points (where 48 credit points denotes a one-year full-time course). In this case, the weighted average mark in all units of study, including the dissertation, will be the 'Hons mark'.
- c) A completed masters by coursework with a weighted average mark of at least 80 and a research treatise of $\geq 25,000$ words as a requirement of the course. In this case, the weighted average mark in all units of study, including the treatise, will be the 'Hons mark'.
- d) A completed masters by coursework with a weighted average mark of at least 80 and a research component verified by the Faculty Research Committee to be academically demanding and is a relevant foundation in research training for the proposed PhD project.
- e) A completed masters preliminary or graduate diploma with a research component (as per b above) of at least 25% of the course, requirements and assessment equivalent to Fourth Year Honours at Honours 1 standard (a minimum mark of 80). In this case, the weighted average mark in all masters preliminary or graduate diploma units of study will be the 'Hons mark'.

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- f) Overseas qualifications that are considered as equivalent to an Australian Honours 1 degree. In this case, the weighted average mark (after discounting/scaling if applicable) in all units of study will be the 'Hons mark'.
- g) Graduates who did not have an Honours 1 result but have attained membership or fellowship of prestigious learned professional organisations by advanced study, examination and professional practice may be eligible for H1E. The relevant faculty will be required to demonstrate an appropriate level of academic rigor. In all such cases, the 'Hons mark' will be 80.

In assessing whether membership or fellowship of a learned body confers the H1E status, consideration will be taken of the level of additional skills and training required for membership, the length of training required, and the academic level and pass rate of the entrance examination.

3. Research Potential Indicator (RPI)

RPI points may be awarded on the basis of demonstrable research performance, relevant professional and direct research experience as per the following criteria. Please note that attaching a curriculum vitae only will not be sufficient for ranking purposes and it is the responsibility of the applicants to provide evidence of such performance or experience. Examples are copy of scholarly publications showing the names and dates of publications or proof that they have been accepted for publication and if applicable, whether the publication is refereed, ISI-listed, Ulrich-listed or DEST approved (refer to b below); evidence of being the major author/contributor; published catalogues of exhibitions; letters detailing duration and level of responsibility of relevant employment or direct research experience.

- a) Relevant academic qualifications in addition to Honours 1.
Examples are a completed masters by research degree (with a research component of at least 2/3 of the course), a completed second Honours 1 degree (in a combined honours degree).
- b) Scholarly publications (must be published or accepted for publication by a reputable publisher) in the relevant field of research within the last five years.
Examples are:
- A published book or chapter in an edited book (not conference proceedings).
 - A published research article in a refereed international journal (ISI-listed, Ulrich-listed or DEST approved) refer to:
www.usyd.edu.au/ro/performance/refereeing.shtml
 - A published or refereed national or international conference paper, a published or refereed presenting author abstract in national or international conference or a published research report.
- c) Output in the art or music areas in the relevant field of research within the last five years.
Examples are:
- An exhibition (with published catalogue) with multiple venues of international standard, or a series of performances of international standard, for which reviews in significant outlets are available.
 - An exhibition in a public gallery or museum (with published catalogue) or in a private gallery of standing in which the artist is asked to exhibit by invitation.
 - Visual work(s) held in significant national and/or international collections or commissioned by government bodies and/or the corporate sector.
 - A significant published musical composition or a significant commercially published CD of a musical performance.
 - Visual documentation of performance, installation and electronic creative works in significant national and/or international collections.
 - Participation (as presenting author or equivalent) in significant national or international festivals or professional conventions.
- d) Relevant professional experience at a responsible level or direct research experience of at least two full-time years since graduation.
- e) Other
- Participation in moots such as the Jessup International Law moot at an international level.

Scholarship closing dates

If you wish to be considered for an EIPRS or USydIS you MUST submit your Postgraduate Research and Research Scholarship application by:

Semester 1 (March commencement)

31 July of the previous year

(successful candidates will be notified in late October/early November)

Semester 2 (July commencement)

31 December of the previous year

(successful candidates will be notified in April)