



**Vice Chancellor's Research Scholarships (VCRS)
Australian Postgraduate Awards (APA)
University of Sydney Postgraduate Awards (UPA)**

Information for 2010 Applicants

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Vice-Chancellor's Research Scholarships

The Vice-Chancellor's Research Scholarships (VCRS) are offered to attract students with an outstanding track record in academic achievements and research potential to pursue full-time PhD studies at The University of Sydney. Up to **20** VCRS are offered every year. In 2010, these will be awarded as top-up scholarships to highly ranked PhD students who are awarded an Australian Postgraduate Award (APA) or a University of Sydney Postgraduate Award (UPA). The value of the VCRS will be up to \$35,000 (tax-exempt) over a maximum period of up to 3.5 full-time years, payable at the rate of \$5,000 p.a. for the first year and \$12,000 per annum for the remaining 2.5 years. A relocation allowance of up to \$5,000 may be provided for students who need to relocate to Sydney to take up the scholarship.

The VCRS will be awarded by the Vice-Chancellor on recommendation by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor and the Postgraduate Awards Sub-Committee. Academic excellence (e.g. a University Medal) and outstanding research potential will be the selection criteria.

The VCRS can be held at any Faculty at the University but is not transferable to other universities. Eligibility criteria for the VCRS will be the same as for the APA (refer to Section 1.1 below) except that only commencing PhD applicants will be considered. A separate application for the VCRS is not required and highly ranked applicants for the APA/UPA will be automatically considered.

University of Sydney Merit Awards

Similar to the VCRS, the Merit Awards are top-up scholarships offered to highly ranked APA/UPA applicants who wish to pursue full-time PhD studies at the University of Sydney. PhD students who have commenced their candidature at the University but do not hold any postgraduate research scholarships before they apply for a 2010 APA/UPA will also be considered. The value of each Merit Award will be \$5,000 p.a. for up to 3.5 years for a full-time PhD and up to **60** may be offered in 2010.

A separate application for the Merit Awards is not required and highly ranked applicants for the APA/UPA will be automatically considered. The Merit Awards will be awarded by the Postgraduate Awards Sub-Committee on the basis of academic excellence and outstanding research potential.

Alumni Scholarships

Established from accumulated funds donated by the University's alumni, **12** scholarships of \$5,000 each for one year will be offered in 2010 to highly ranked APA/UPA applicants – four in each of the three 'faculty clusters': Health; Humanities and Social Sciences; Sciences and Technology. A separate application for the Alumni Scholarships is not required and the scholarships will be awarded on the basis of academic excellence and outstanding research potential.

Australian Postgraduate Awards (APA) and University of Sydney Postgraduate Awards (UPA)

Australian Postgraduate Awards (APA) are awarded to students of exceptional research potential to undertake a higher degree by research at an Australian university. The scholarships are provided to assist with general living costs. In 2010, approximately 3,080 APA places will be available from the Commonwealth Government and the estimated allocation to The University of Sydney is around **320**.

In addition, the University expects to award up to **35** University of Sydney Postgraduate Awards (UPA) that are similar to APA in terms of tenure and benefits. Eligible APA applicants will be automatically considered for these awards. Some faculties and departments also offer postgraduate research scholarships (refer to Section 3 below) and/or supplementary scholarships (refer to Section 4 below). APA/UPA applicants may also be considered for these awards where funding is available.

1 Australian Postgraduate Awards (APA)

The APA scheme is managed by the Commonwealth Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research (DIISR) in conjunction with Australian universities. The following information is based on the 2009 Commonwealth Scholarships Guidelines for APA and may be subject to change after the 2010 guidelines are released.

1.1 Eligibility

To be eligible applicants must:

- (a) be an Australian citizen, a New Zealand citizen or an Australian permanent resident by 30 October 2009;
- (b) have completed a Bachelor Degree (or expect to complete at the end of 2009 Semester 2) with First Class Honours or equivalent results (refer to Section 5.2 for details) or have completed a degree and with an outstanding record of professional and/or research achievements since graduation;
- (c) be undertaking a Research Masters or Research Doctoral degree in 2010;
- (d) be enrolling as a full-time student. The University of Sydney may approve a part-time APA where an applicant is able to demonstrate significant caring responsibilities or a medical condition which limits the student's capacity to undertake full-time study; or if the applicant is undertaking the Commercialisation Training Scheme;
- (e) not have completed a degree at the same, or higher, level as the proposed candidature;
- (f) have not previously held an APA, APA (Industry) or an Australian Government-funded postgraduate research scholarship (excluding an International Postgraduate Research Scholarship), unless it was terminated within six months of the scholarship's payments commencing; and
- (g) not be receiving an equivalent award, scholarship or salary providing a benefit greater than 75% of the APA stipend rate, to undertake the proposed study. (Salary for work unrelated to the student's research is not subject to this limit.)

1.2 Tenure and Conditions

- (a) A full-time APA may be held for three years for Research Doctorate studies, or two years for Research Masters studies. A Research Doctorate candidate may apply for a maximum extension of up to six months subject to satisfactory progress, provided the grounds are related to study and are beyond the control of the student. No extensions are possible for Research Masters students.
- (b) The maximum APA tenure will be reduced by any periods of study undertaken:
 - towards the degree prior to the commencement of the APA;
 - during suspension of the APA; and/or
 - during the tenure of a previous Australian Postgraduate Coursework Award.
- (c) Awards will not normally be available to those who as a result of prior candidature and/or scholarship would be entitled to a maximum tenure of less than twelve months.
- (d) A part-time award holder is expected to progress at half the rate of a full-time award holder.

- (e) Each award is renewed annually on the Head of School's/Department's recommendation and is conditional on satisfactory progress.
- (f) Students who wish to transfer to another institution may continue to receive their APA only if their new institution agrees to its continuation and is able to support the transferring student from its APA grant amounts.
- (g) Students may conduct up to 12 months (18 months for students of anthropology and other special cases) of their research outside Australia. The request must be approved by the Faculty concerned and the student must remain enrolled at The University of Sydney.
- (h) After the first six months of award, students may be granted up to 12 months suspension of their award. A suspension, or accumulated periods of suspension of more than 12 months, will only be considered if there are exceptional circumstances beyond the student's control.
- (i) Award holders may engage in a limited amount of paid employment (current conditions allow up to 20 hours per week, evening, weekend and holiday work included) which must not interfere with the student's study and progress. If employed by the University, the appointment must not exceed half time or 50% of a full-time position.

1.3 Benefits

- (a) Full-time award holders receive a stipend of \$22,500 p.a. (2010 rate) which is currently exempt from taxation. Part-time award holders receive a taxable stipend of \$10,957 p.a. (2009 rate). The stipend rate is indexed on the anniversary of the commencement date of the award.
- (b) Students relocating their place of residence to take up the APA may be eligible for the relocation allowance in accordance with the University's APA relocation allowance policy. The value of the allowance is up to \$515 for each eligible adult and \$255 for each eligible child. The absolute maximum value of relocation expenses that a student may receive is \$1,485 (2009 rates).
- (c) Reimbursement of up to \$420 for Masters candidates and up to \$840 for Doctoral candidates (2009 rates) will be made for eligible claims for direct costs of producing a thesis in accordance with the University's thesis allowance policy. The allowance must be claimed within one year of submission of the thesis and no more than two years after termination of the APA.
- (d) APA holders may take up to 10 working days sick leave and up to 20 working days recreation leave each year as part of the award. Recreation leave does not attract a leave loading. These leave entitlements will be forfeited on termination of the APA.
- (e) APA holders may receive additional paid sick leave of up to a total of twelve weeks for medically substantiated periods of illness lasting longer than ten days. This period of leave is added to the tenure of the award.
- (f) After APA holders have completed twelve months of their award, they are entitled to a maximum of twelve weeks paid maternity leave during the tenure of the award. Periods of paid maternity leave are in addition to the normal duration of the APA. Unpaid maternity leave may be accessed through the suspension provisions.
- (g) APA holders will be granted a HECS-exempt place under the Research Training Scheme (see <http://www.usyd.edu.au/fstudent/postgrad/research/costs/index.shtml>) for the tenure of their award.

2 University of Sydney Postgraduate Awards (UPA)

The University of Sydney Postgraduate Awards are offered to applicants who are ranked for the Australian Postgraduate Awards. A separate application for UPA is not required. The eligibility criteria, tenure and conditions are similar to the APA (refer to Section 1 above). The UPA is tenable only at The University of Sydney and is not transferable to another institution. No relocation allowance is provided for award holders to take up the UPA.

3 Other Postgraduate Research Scholarships

(Scholarship opportunities are advertised on the Research Office website:

<http://www.usyd.edu.au/ro/training/index.shtml>, click on the *Current Research Scholarships* menu item and choose *Research Scholarships*. You can also subscribe to the weekly email *Scholarship Bulletin* at: <http://www.usyd.edu.au/ro/training/index.shtml>).

3.1 Scholarships in the Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources

Up to four research scholarships will be offered by the Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources and awarded on a highly competitive basis on academic merit to graduates with a Research Masters or First Class Honours Bachelors degree (or in special circumstances Second Class Honours, Division 1) or equivalent qualifications. **Application for the scholarships is automatic upon application for a APA/UPA** through The University of Sydney Research Office. **Applicants who do not expect to satisfy the APA/UPA eligibility criteria** should (a) complete the APA/UPA form and submit it directly to the Coordinator, Postgraduate Studies, Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources, University of Sydney, NSW 2006, noting that they are NOT applying for an APA/UPA and (b) request the referees to submit their reports directly to the Faculty **by 30 November 2009**. Further information may be obtained from the Faculty website:

http://www.agric.usyd.edu.au/postgraduate_study/research_degrees/fees_scholarships.shtml or by e-mailing Ms Pamela Stern, p.stern@usyd.edu.au.

3.2 Scholarship in the Faculty of Architecture, Design and Planning

The Faculty of Architecture, Design and Planning is offering the following research scholarships in 2010 - *Ethel M Chettle Postgraduate Research Scholarship in Architecture* (in the discipline of Architecture and Allied Arts); *David Noel Murray Postgraduate Scholarship* (for University of Sydney Master of Architecture students progressing to a Master or Doctor of Philosophy); *Henry J Cowan and Jean & Andrew Wong Research Scholarships* (in architectural science or urban and regional planning and policy disciplines). **A separate application is required and applications close 30 October 2009**. Further information and an application form may be obtained from the Faculty website: http://www.arch.usyd.edu.au/programs_of_study.

3.3 Scholarships in the Faculty of Economics and Business

The Faculty of Economics and Business is offering up to five scholarships for outstanding candidates to engage in full-time PhD studies within the Faculty in 2010. Each scholarship is valued at \$30,000 p.a. The eligibility criteria, tenure and conditions are outlined on the Faculty website:

http://www.econ.usyd.edu.au/futurestudents/postgraduate_research_studies/research_scholarships.

Application for the Faculty scholarship is automatic upon application for a APA/UPA through The University of Sydney Research Office. **Those who are not eligible to apply for a APA/UPA** may download a separate application form from the website mentioned above and submit it directly to the Faculty by **30 October 2009**. Further information can be obtained from Ms Maryann Van De Wetering, Faculty of Economics and Business, by email: m.vandewetering@econ.usyd.edu.au or on (02) 9036 5372.

3.4 Scholarships in the Faculty of Health Sciences

A number of scholarships are available to full-time candidates undertaking research towards a PhD in the Faculty of Health Sciences. The eligibility criteria, value and tenure are similar to that of the APA. **Application for the scholarships is automatic upon application for a APA/UPA** through The University of Sydney Research Office. Further information is available from the Faculty by email: rhs.resadmin@usyd.edu.au or on (02) 9036 7306.

3.5 Scholarships in the Faculty of Medicine

The Faculty of Medicine is offering a number of scholarships to full-time candidates who will enrol in research higher degrees in the Faculty in 2010. The Medical Foundation will also offer a scholarship to an exceptional full-time PhD candidate. The eligibility criteria, tenure and benefits are outlined on the Faculty website: <http://www.medfac.usyd.edu.au/scholarships/postgrad/research.php>.

Application for the scholarships is automatic upon application for a APA/UPA through The University of Sydney Research Office. **Those who do not apply for a APA/UPA** may download a separate application form from the aforementioned website and applications close **30 October 2009**. Further information is available from Ms Rebecca Rock, Faculty of Medicine, by email: scholarships@med.usyd.edu.au or on (02) 9114 1201.

3.6 Scholarships in the Faculty of Pharmacy

The Faculty of Pharmacy is offering postgraduate research scholarships at the APA rate for students commencing their studies in the Faculty in 2010 – *WH and Elizabeth M Deane Pharmaceutical Fund PhD Scholarship*, *Elizabeth Wunsch Postgraduate Research Scholarship*, *The Ross Brown Pharmacy Scholarship*, *The Pharmacy Alumni Postgraduate Scholarship* and *The Faculty of Pharmacy PhD*

Applications close 30 October 2009

Scholarship. Further information on each of these scholarships and the eligibility criteria is available from the Faculty website: http://www.pharm.usyd.edu.au/future_students/scholarships.shtml.

Application for the above scholarships is automatic upon application for a APA/UPA through The University of Sydney Research Office.

3.7 Scholarships in the School of Physics

A number of scholarships are available to full-time candidates undertaking research towards a PhD in the School of Physics. The eligibility criteria, value and tenure are similar to that of the APA. Further information is available from the School of Physics website:

http://www.physics.usyd.edu.au/current/pg_scholarships.shtml.

3.8 Scholarships in the Sydney Conservatorium of Music

Henderson Postgraduate Research Scholarship: a number of scholarships valued at the APA/UPA rate are available to candidates applying to undertake or currently undertaking a Master by Research or PhD degree at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music. Conditions of the Award are in line with the APA/UPA conditions of award. **Application for the Henderson Postgraduate Research scholarship is automatic upon application for a APA/UPA** through The University of Sydney Research Office. Further information is available from the Faculty website:

http://www.music.usyd.edu.au/FS/postgrad/costs_scholarships/scholarships.shtml.

3.9 Scholarships in the Faculty of Veterinary Science

A number of scholarships are available to full-time candidates for a PhD or Research Masters degree within any section of the Faculty of Veterinary Science. The eligibility criteria, value and tenure are similar to that of the APA. **Application for Faculty scholarships is automatic upon application for a APA/UPA** through The University of Sydney Research Office. **Applicants who do not expect to satisfy the APA/UPA eligibility criteria** should (a) complete the APA/UPA form and submit it directly to Ms Lee Mashman, Faculty of Veterinary Science, The University of Sydney, NSW 2006, and (b) request the referees to submit their reports directly to the Faculty by **30 October 2009**. Further information is available from the Faculty of Veterinary Science by email: vetsci@vetsci.usyd.edu.au or on (02) 9351 2441.

3.10 Henry Bertie and Florence Mabel Gritton Research Scholarships (in Chemistry related to Industry and Agriculture)

Approximately six scholarships are funded each year by a bequest from the estates of Henry Bertie and his wife Florence Mabel Gritton. The object of the scholarships is to promote the knowledge and study of Chemistry in relation to Industry and Agriculture, including Chemistry connected with Electrical Engineering, Metallurgical Chemistry and Chemistry in its application to the Mining and the winning and treatment of minerals and natural products of the soil. The value, tenure and benefits of the scholarship are similar to that of the APA. **A supplementary application is required by 20 January 2010** for scholarships available in 2010 Semester one. Further information and an application form are available from <http://www.usyd.edu.au/ro/training/index.shtml> (click on the *Current Research Scholarships* menu item, choose *Research Scholarships* and type *Gritton* as Optional Keyword) or from the Research Office by email: research.training@usyd.edu.au or on (02) 8627 8112.

3.11 Douglas and Lola Douglas Scholarship in Child/Adolescent Health

This scholarship is funded by the bequest of the late Lola Rachel Maude Douglas to support postgraduate research in child/adolescent health at The University of Sydney. The scholarship shall be open to Australian citizens, New Zealand citizens or Australian permanent residents who are eligible for admission to candidature for a higher degree by research and who enrolls as a full-time student accordingly. The tenure, value of award and benefits will be the same offered by the APA. **A supplementary application is required by 20 January 2010**. Further information is available from <http://www.usyd.edu.au/ro/training/index.shtml> (click on the *Current Research Scholarships* menu item, choose *Research Scholarships* and type *Douglas* as Optional Keyword) or from the Research Office by email: research.training@usyd.edu.au or on (02) 8627 8112.

3.12 DBH Scholarship

This scholarship was established by a series of donations from Dr Robin J. Helby. It was Dr Helby's express wish that the scholarship be offered in three different fields in rotation. In 2010, the DBH Scholarship will be open to students for research in the area of the social effects of alcoholism and is primarily open to sociologists. **A supplementary application is required by 20 January 2010.** Further information is available from <http://www.usyd.edu.au/ro/training/index.shtml> (click on the *Current Research Scholarships* menu item, choose *Research Scholarships* and type *DBH* as Optional Keyword) or from the Research Office by email: research.training@usyd.edu.au or on (02) 8627 8112.

3.13 G.C. Henderson Research Scholarship (in history of the Polynesian, Melanesian and Micronesian communities)

This scholarship is funded by a bequest from Professor G.C. Henderson to promote and encourage research into the history of the Polynesian, Melanesian and Micronesian communities. The scholarship is open to full-time postgraduate research candidates intending to enrol in the Department of Anthropology or History at The University of Sydney. The tenure and benefits of the scholarship are similar to that of the UPA. **A supplementary application is required by 20 January 2010.** Further information is available from <http://www.usyd.edu.au/ro/training/index.shtml> (click on the *Current Research Scholarships* menu item, choose *Research Scholarships* and type *Henderson* as Optional Keyword) or from the Research Office by email: research.training@usyd.edu.au or on (02) 8627 8112.

4 Supplementary or top-up Scholarships

Some faculties, schools or departments (see table below) offer supplementary or top-up scholarships to successful APA/UPA applicants. In most cases, the award recipients will be automatically considered for the additional funding.

Faculty / School / Department	Details of the Supplementary Scholarships
Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources	Some supplementary scholarships will be awarded on merit basis to successful APA/UPA applicants for the duration of their award. Masters candidates are not eligible. For details please contact Ms Pamela Stern, email: p.stern@usyd.edu.au .
Faculty of Architecture, Design and Planning	Full time PhD students awarded an APA or UPA (but not UPA (Co-funded)) in the Faculty of Architecture, Design and Planning and who have no other top-up will be awarded a supplementary scholarship of \$5,000 p.a.
Faculty of Economics and Business	A top-up scholarship from the APA rate to \$30,000 p.a. is available to all successful APA/UPA applicants for the duration of their awards.
Faculty of Medicine	Winners of APA/UPA within the Faculty of Medicine may be eligible for a top-up of approximately \$5,000 p.a. for the term of their award. For further information, please refer to http://www.medfac.usyd.edu.au/scholawards/postgrad/research.php .
Faculty of Medicine – Northern Clinical School	A number of top-up scholarships for the duration of the APA/UPA are available to successful applicants who will commence a full-time research degree in the School in 2010. For information and application, contact Professor Phil Sambrook, Research Sub-Dean for the School, email: sambrook@med.usyd.edu.au .
Faculty of Veterinary Science	A limited number of scholarships valued at \$5,980 p.a. (2009 rate) may be available to APA/UPA recipients for the duration of their award.

School of Aerospace, Mechanical and Mechatronic Engineering	Two scholarships of \$5,000 p.a. for the duration of the award are available to successful APA/UPA applicants who enrol in a full-time Research Masters or PhD degree.
School of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering	Up to \$10,000 p.a. (subject to availability of full funding from the student's supervisor and approval from the Head of School) for successful APA/UPA applicants for the duration of their award.
School of Electrical and Information Engineering	A supplementary scholarship of up to \$7,000 p.a. is available to all successful APA/UPA applicants. The duration is three years for PhD and one year for Masters candidates.
Australian Centre for Field Robotics	A number of supplementary scholarships valued at \$5,980 p.a. (2009 rate) are available to successful APA/UPA applicants for the duration of their awards.
School of Biological Sciences	Winners of APA/UPA who commence a full-time PhD in the School in 2010 may be eligible for a supplementary scholarship of 3 year duration. The value of each scholarship is approximately \$5,000 p.a. For further information, please refer to: http://www.bio.usyd.edu.au/pgrads/Postgrad_website/prospective.shtml
School of Mathematics and Statistics	A limited number of scholarships of \$5,000 p.a. for up to three years are available to successful APA/UPA applicants, subject to availability of funding. Masters candidates are not eligible.
School of Physics	A number of scholarships valued at \$5,980 p.a. (2009 rate) for the duration of the APA/UPA are available to successful applicants with a University medal or equivalent. Masters candidates are not eligible.
Department of English	Two scholarships of \$5,000 p.a. for the duration of the APA/UPA are available to successful APA/UPA applicants holding a Bachelor of Arts at the University of Sydney with first class honours in English or Australian Literature.
Department of Philosophy	Scholarships of up to \$5,000 p.a. for the 2nd and 3rd years of a higher research degree may be available to exceptional students whose research work is on a topic within the purview of the Centre for Time. A number of scholarships of \$3,000 will be awarded to the most highly ranked full-time MPhil or PhD students who have been awarded an APA/UPA.

5 Selection Process

Selection is based on academic merit and research potential. To achieve this, 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.

The applicant's final mark consists of the UG WAM and/or Honours 1 (or Honours 1 equivalent) mark and Research Potential Indicator. The use of these components is based on whether the applicant has attained an Honours 1 degree, has completed his/her most recent studies (Honours 1 degree or equivalent – see 5.2 below) within the last five years by the time the scholarship is being awarded, 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 5.2 below.

Research Potential Indicator (RPI) point: RPI points are awarded for relevant research and/or professional achievements as detailed in section 5.3 below.

5.1 Calculating the UG WAM and Hons 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 does not use 80 as the cut-off requirement for Honours 1. This is also applicable to University of Sydney honours marks awarded before the standardisation of Honours 1 at 80.

5.2 Honours 1 Equivalence

Where applicants did 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 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'.
- 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.

5.3 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.

- 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 contain original work or substantial original analysis, 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.
- A published or refereed conference paper, a published or refereed presenting author abstract in a national or international conference, a published, peer-reviewed book/literature review or a published research report/case study in a refereed journal.
- A patent that has been granted after an examination process by a government agency.

- 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) but excluding regional galleries, or in a Private Gallery of standing in which the artist is asked to exhibit by invitation (subject to documentary evidence).
- 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 and not in a training situation.

- e) Other

- Participation in moots such as the Jessop International Law moot at an international level.

It is the responsibility of the applicants to provide details and evidence of such performance or experience in accordance with the instructions below.

For **scholarly publications** which you have authored, please list the following information for each of your publications:

1. **Year of Publication:** Publications must have been published after 1 November 2004 (i.e. no more than 5 years old).

2. **Peer Review:** Journal articles, reviews and case studies **must be peer reviewed (refereed)**. Please verify the peer review status of your work through the following two online databases and state the place from where you have obtained your peer review proof:
 - Ulrich's Periodicals Directory <http://www.ulrichsweb.com/ulrichsweb/> (the journal information must contain a field stating 'refereed - yes')
 - Thomson Reuter's Journal Master List <http://science.thomsonreuters.com/cgi-bin/jrnlst/jlsearch.cgi?PC=MASTER>
3. **Publication Proof:** There must be proof that the research has been published (i.e. a URL directly to the online version of the article or a copy of the front page of your published work), or proof that the research has been accepted for publication (e.g. acceptance letter from the editor).
 Conference abstracts/papers: copy of the conference program showing your name as a presenter and copy of abstract/paper if it has been published by the conference organiser (or a URL directly to these items if they are publicly available online).
There is no need to include a hard copy of your publication with your application if you have provided a URL as publication proof.
4. **Author/s:** ***Must*** be listed in the order that appears on the publication.
5. **Title of Article:** Name of journal article, book chapter, conference paper, or conference abstract.
6. **Title of Publication:** Name of journal, book, or conference proceedings.
7. **Volume/Issue:** The issue and volume of a journal article, or the volume and edition of a book where applicable.
8. **Pages Number/s**
9. **ISSN/ISBN:** Journals have an 8 digit ISSN number, books have a 10 or 13 digit ISBN number.
10. **Publisher and Place of Publication:** The name of the publisher and place of publication.
11. **Notes:** Any other information relevant to the assessment of your published research.

Do not include the following as they will not be assessed under RPI:

- Publications that are not research (e.g. newspaper or magazine articles).
- Publications or outputs more than five years old.
- Publications that have been submitted or under consideration.
- Publications that have been considered but require revision before acceptance.
- The same (or substantially the same) work being published/presented again in a book, journal or conference.

For your **relevant professional experience** (of at least two full-time, or part-time equivalent, years), please include the following information and evidence for each of your employment:

1. Month and Year of Employment, full or part-time (state how many hours/days a week): the total duration of all your employment or work must be equivalent to at least two full-time years since graduation.
2. Job Title and a short description of the duties that you performed: to be assessed under RPI, the experience needs to be at a responsible level or direct research. Experience gained in a training situation (such as internship) will not be considered.
3. Documentary evidence: attach letter/s from your employer/s detailing duration, full or part time, and level of responsibility of relevant employment or direct research experience. Documents such as payslips or income statements from your employer/s are not sufficient proof and will not be accepted.

Attaching a curriculum vitae only will **not** be sufficient for this purpose.

APA Transfer Applicants

Current APA holders from another university who have at least 12 months remaining on their maximum scholarship tenure and wish to transfer their candidature to The University of Sydney in 2010 Semester one must apply in this round of APA applications at The University of Sydney. Their applications will be ranked with all other applications received in this round in accordance with the selection process described above.

6 Application Form

The APA/UPA application form is **NOT** an application for research Masters or Doctoral candidature. **Scholarship applicants must apply separately to the appropriate Faculty for admission to candidature for 2010 Semester 1 by 30 October 2009** as their APA/UPA application will not be ranked unless their enrolment into the proposed research program will be accepted by the University.

If you intend to commence your postgraduate research degree in 2010 Semester 2, do not complete this application form. Applications for the 2010 Semester 2 APA/UPA will open in mid May 2010.

Application for admission into a research degree is available from:
http://www.usyd.edu.au/studentcentre/admissions/app_forms.shtml.

The APA/UPA application form and Academic Referee's Report can be printed directly from:
http://www.usyd.edu.au/ro/training/postgraduate_awards.shtml.

The original plus two identical copies (a total of 3 sets) of the application form and supporting documentation, according to the instructions on the application form, must reach the Research Office by **Friday, 30 October 2009**. **Applications cannot be submitted by fax or electronically.** Please ensure that applications are typed or handwritten legibly using a black pen.

Questions 1-4: Applicants must provide their contact details from November 2009 to March 2010 and notify the Research Office in writing of any changes.

Questions 5 & 6: Read and complete these questions carefully. Applicants whose responses to these questions indicate that they are not eligible to apply should not lodge an application. Eligible applicants must provide certified copies of relevant documentation as indicated.

Question 7: Applicants who have previously or are currently enrolled at The University of Sydney must provide their student identification number.

Question 8: To be completed by applicants who are currently enrolled in a tertiary institution. The tenure of an award will be reduced if a candidate is currently or has been previously enrolled in the postgraduate research degree for which the scholarship is sought.

Question 9: Applicants must provide details of completed tertiary qualifications and enclose certified copies of official transcripts if the qualifications are not from The University of Sydney.

Note: The transcripts must provide an explanation of grading (usually found on the reverse side). It is important to provide actual marks rather than grades where these are available (see 'Calculating the UG WAM and Hons Mark' in section 5.1 above). For transcripts in languages other than English, certified translations must be included. Current Honours year students, other than candidates from The University of Sydney, should provide certified copies of their results as soon as these become available. Please note that original documents included with your application will not be returned.

Applicants with overseas qualifications are strongly advised to provide information on their degree/s and how they compare with an Australian Honours 1 degree.

Question 10: Applicants must apply separately to the appropriate Faculty for admission as a Research Masters or Research Doctoral candidate. Please do so as soon as possible and by **30 October 2009** since the Faculty has to determine that your candidature will be accepted before supporting your scholarship application.

Question 11 (if applicable): It is the applicant's responsibility to check the criteria and follow the instructions given in 'Research Potential Indicator (RPI)' in section 5.3 above and provide the required information and proof/evidence.

Question 12: Applicants who have previously held an APA, APA (Industry) or an Australian Government-funded postgraduate research scholarship are not eligible to apply unless it was terminated within six months of the scholarship's payments commencing. Students who are currently on a research scholarship for the proposed study will need to relinquish their current scholarship if they are successful in getting a APA/UPA.

Question 13: Details of Academic Referees and their reports are **not** required from current University of Sydney students or those who completed their studies at this University during 2008 and 2009 Semester 1. For applicants who need to obtain Academic Referee's Reports, the referees nominated should be academics who are able to provide an assessment of the applicant's most recent studies and research potential. Applicants are responsible for ensuring that the nominated referees send the confidential reports by mail, fax or as a PDF file directly to the Research Office **by 30 October 2009**. Due to the large number of applications received, this Office is **not** able to follow up on outstanding Referee's Report on behalf of applicants.

Question 14: Before signing the application, applicants must read the contents of the form and answer all questions truthfully. If there is any section that the applicant is unsure about, clarification should be sought from the Research Office. There are severe penalties for providing false or misleading information, including exclusion of the application.

Checklist: Please note that applications which are incomplete and/or without supporting documentation in accordance with these instructions will jeopardise the applicants' chance of being considered for an award and may be grounds for exclusion.

Applications may be lodged in person at:

Research Office
Level 6, Jane Foss Russell Building
City Road
The University of Sydney

between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday,

Mailed applications should be addressed to:

APA/UPA Applications
Research Office, G02
The University of Sydney NSW 2006

All applications must reach the Research Office by Friday, 30 October 2009.

Late, faxed and e-mailed applications will NOT be accepted.

7 Acknowledgment

Acknowledgment of receipt of application will only be sent to applicants who have enclosed a stamped, self-addressed envelope with their application. These letters will be sent in the third week of November 2009.

8 Notification of Results

Notification of the outcome of applications will be made in writing and is expected to be mailed to applicants by 8 December 2009.