

PURPOSE

The University has established the Research Students Overseas Field Trip Grant to provide funding towards overseas field trips for competent postgraduate research students whose theses would be greatly improved by the opportunity to undertake research and collection of data which is inaccessible in Australia. The value of the grant shall normally be \$2500 towards travel.

The minimum period for funding shall normally be six weeks and the maximum period shall depend on the length of candidature but should not be longer than four months.

The Research Students Overseas Field Trip Grant does NOT fund field trips that are essential to the thesis. Funds to cover essential aspects of the study, including field trips, must be budgeted for as a condition of admission to candidature. The Research Students Overseas Field Trip Grant funds are intended to support opportunities that arise in the course of study and will significantly enhance the quality of the thesis.

The Research Students Overseas Field Trip Grant shall be awarded by the Scholarships Committee which shall take into consideration the merit of both the applicant and the application, and the supporting statement/s provided by the applicant and supervisor.

BENEFITS AND TENURE

The value of the grant will normally be \$2500 towards travel and living expenses; travel insurance can be arranged through the University on request.

ELIGIBILITY

Candidates for the Research Students Overseas Field Trip Grant must:

- be enrolled in a Higher Degree BY Research, normally in their second or early third year of candidature (or an equivalent period part-time) and have clearly demonstrated during this period a capacity for research;
- have gained unqualified support from their supervisor for the proposed overseas field trip;
- both supervisor and student shall provide evidence of the manner in which the thesis will be enhanced by the overseas field trip;
- Although the field trip does not preclude attendance at conferences, students will not be funded for conference support concurrently with field trip support.

SELECTION

The Research Student Field Trip Grant will not normally be awarded to:

- candidates in the fourth year of study (or an equivalent period part-time);
- academic staff with an appointment of 0.4 or above;
- candidates enrolled in their first year of any research degree; or
- candidates who have been awarded Flinders University Travelling Fellowship.

APPLICATION

Applications must be submitted online through the Flinders University Student Info system. Applications are called for twice a year and the closing dates are October and March. Please see the website or Student information system for specific closing dates.

Applications must include, a curriculum vitae; a detailed itinerary; a justification statement signed by you and your supervisor. In your justification for funding, discuss why the research or data collection is not possible within Australia, and how the field trip will enhance the quality of the thesis beyond what was envisioned at the time of admission to candidature, and indicate the arrangements for supervision during the applicant's absence.

The supervisor should comment on the statement of justification for the field trip provided by the student and comment on expected impact of the overseas field trip on the quality of the thesis. Applications lacking a statement by the supervisor will not be considered.

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The holder of a Research Students Overseas Field Trip Grant shall submit to the Scholarships Committee on his/her return to the University a brief report describing the work undertaken during the tenure of the award and provide proof of expenditure.

The Flinders University Research Students Overseas Field Trip Grant and the Flinders University Overseas Travelling Fellowship cannot be held concurrently.