

Australian Postgraduate Awards (APA)

(Australian Citizens and Permanent Residents only)

Australian Postgraduate Awards are available normally for full-time research leading to Masters or Doctoral degrees in the Faculties of Health Sciences, Humanities and Social Sciences, Science Technology and Engineering, Law and Management and Faculty of Education.

Eligibility

- Applicants must have completed at least 4 years of tertiary education studies at a very high level of achievement (i.e. first class honours degree or equivalent) at an Australian university or recognised overseas university.
- Applicants must be Australian citizens or have permanent resident status and have lived in Australia continuously for the 12 months prior to the closing date for application.
- Applicants who have previously held an Australian Government Postgraduate Award (i.e. APA, APRA or CPRA) for more than 6 months are not eligible for an APA.
- Applicants who have previously held an Australian Postgraduate Course Award (APCA) may apply only for an APA to support PhD research.

Value

- \$20,427 (2009 rates) per annum full-time (tax exempt), \$10,957 per annum part-time (taxable).

Allowances

- Relocation allowance (to Melbourne from another city).
- Removal expenses of up to \$530 per adult and \$265 per child to a maximum of \$1510.
- Travel expenses (economy airfares maximum) for student, spouse and dependants.
- Scholarship holders applying from outside Australia will be reimbursed the equivalent economy airfare from Perth to Melbourne. (Receipts and tickets must be produced with claim.)
- [NOTE: The relocation allowance is payable only for removal and travel expenses TO Melbourne.]
- Thesis allowance of up to \$850 for PhD, \$430 for Masters.

Fees Payable by Award Holders

- APA holders may elect to pay the Voluntary General Service Fee.

Tenure

- Masters candidates: 2 years
- PhD candidates: 3 years
Periods of study already undertaken towards the degree will be deducted from the tenure of the award.
An APA awarded for PhD research will be reduced by any period of study supported by a coursework award.

General

- Candidates unable to undertake full-time postgraduate study for compelling personal reasons are eligible to be considered for part-time awards. Full details must be provided with the application for a part-time award. (The desire to undertake part-time employment is not an acceptable reason for a part-time award.)
- The awards may be held concurrently with other non-Australian Government awards.
- Paid work may be permitted to a maximum of eight hours per week (full-time award) or four hours per week (part-time award).
- The award is to be commenced no earlier than 1 January and no later than 30 June in the year following application.
- In 2008 La Trobe University offered 30 Australian Postgraduate Awards.

Applications

- **Applications close 31 October.**
- Application kits are available from the School in which you wish to study.

Applications must be submitted, in duplicate, to

**Research and Graduate Studies Office
La Trobe University, Bundoora Campus
Victoria
Australia 3086**