

Australian Postgraduate Awards (APA)

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 of recognised overseas university.
- 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

- \$22,860 (2011 rates) per annum full-time (tax exempt) and \$12,388 per annum part-time students.

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.

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 (Domestic students only). 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). In the case of an International student, they must comply with their student visa conditions.
- The award is to be commenced no earlier than 1 January and no later than 30 June in the year following application.

- In 2011 La Trobe University offered 55 Australian Postgraduate Awards.

Applications

- **Applications close 31 October.**
- Application kits are available: Scholarship Applications
<http://www.latrobe.edu.au/research-services/forms.htm>.

Applications must be submitted, in duplicate, to

Research Services
La Trobe University, Melbourne
Victoria
Australia 3086