

International Postgraduate Research Scholarship (IPRS)

(International Applicants)

Applications should be submitted on the application form for International candidates available from the La Trobe International Office: email - international@latrobe.edu.au or from the school in which you wish to study.

International Postgraduate Research Scholarships (IPRS) are funded by the Australian Government for full-time research in areas of research specialisation leading to Masters or Doctoral degrees. The purpose of the IPRS program is to attract top quality overseas postgraduate students to areas of research strength in higher education institutions and to support Australia's research effort. La Trobe University offers admission to Doctoral degrees and Masters degrees by Research in the Faculty of Health Sciences, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Faculty of Science, Technology and Engineering, Faculty of Law and Management and the Faculty of Education.

Eligibility

- IPRS are awarded on the basis of academic merit and research capacity to suitably qualified overseas graduates eligible to commence a higher degree (Doctoral or Masters) by research.
- The IPRS may be held concurrently with a university research scholarship and applicants for an IPRS are advised to apply for a La Trobe University Postgraduate Research Scholarship (LTUPRS).
- The scheme is open to citizens of all overseas countries (excluding New Zealand).
- Successful applicants will study in areas of research specialisation and, in most instances, will become members of a research team working under the direction of senior researchers.
- Applicants who have already commenced Masters or PhD candidature are **NOT ELIGIBLE** to apply for an IPRS to support the degree course for which they are already enrolled.
- Applicants for Masters candidature by coursework and minor thesis are **NOT ELIGIBLE** to apply for the IPRS.
- Applicants who are currently studying on a scholarship sponsored by AUSAID or have just completed study on such a scholarship are **NOT ELIGIBLE** to apply for the IPRS.

Benefits

The scholarships will cover tuition fees for a period of two years for a Masters research degree, and three years for a PhD degree.

- Holders of IPRS are currently provided with basic health care cover.
- No other expenses will be covered by the IPRS and applicants are advised to seek additional funding to cover living expenses.

General

- The award is to be commenced no earlier than 1 January and no later than 30 June in the year following application.
- Applicants must provide evidence that they have met the English language requirement as indicated in the publication **Postgraduate Studies – Prospectus for International Students**. Either the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) OR the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and Test of Written English (TWE) is acceptable.
- The cost of English language training is not covered by the IPRS. Recipients required to undertake an English language course must meet this cost themselves, and have completed the training in time to take up the IPRS by 30 June.
- In 2009 La Trobe University offered 6 International Postgraduate Research Scholarships.

Waiver of Visa Application Fees

DIAC provides a form titled “990i – Charges” to students applying for a visa. This form states that approved schemes have a nil charge for lodging a visa application. The IPRS is an approved Australian Government-funded scholarship scheme for this purpose and IPRS students are not required to pay for visa application fees for themselves or their dependants. To gain exemption from the application fees, IPRS students must provide DIAC with evidence of their scholarship, such as written notification from their institution of their scholarship offer.

Applications

- **Applications close 30 September**
- Application kits are available from the School in which you wish to study or from the La Trobe International Office.
- Applications for combined candidature and scholarship must be submitted, in duplicate, to the

**La Trobe International Office
La Trobe University, Bundoora Campus
Victoria
Australia 3086**

Closing Date: 30 September