

Faculty of Arts Graduate Research Scholarship Application

Assessment Guide

Thinking about applying for a graduate research scholarship with the Faculty of Arts? Here is an easy-to-follow checklist to take you through the process and help you make the most of your potential.

How will my application be assessed?

All applications are assessed holistically by the Faculty's Scholarship Selection Sub-Committee. While your academic track record will have the greatest weighting, it is not the only achievement we look at. Other key components include: research experience; prior prizes and awards; academic publications and the quality and feasibility of your proposed project.

Academic qualifications

At Monash University, priority will be given to applicants who hold first-class Honours (H1) or equivalent qualifications for all the scholarships we have on offer. The H1 standard in Arts is an overall grade of 80 per cent or higher for the thesis as well as the course overall.

In the Faculty of Arts, you are automatically considered a first-class (H1) applicant if you have:

- An Australian/NZ bachelor degree with first class honours (80 -100%) OR
- An Australian/NZ research master's preliminary degree, formally graded at H1 level (80-100%) OR
- An Australian/NZ research master's degree, formally graded at H1 level (80-100%) OR
- A Monash coursework master's degree, with a significant research component (at least 24 credit points of research units), formally graded at High Distinction level (80-100%)

Qualifications not listed above will be assessed for H1 equivalency by a panel of academic staff when you submit your online application. You do not need to apply for H1 equivalency separately.

Note for international applicants

In deciding whether your applications are equivalent to an Australian first class honours degree, the Scholarship Selection Sub-Committee will consider the following:

- Academic record – for example, overall grade or GPA of qualifications; grade of research component; thesis examiners reports (if applicable); university ranking/standing relevant to discipline
- Research output – academic publications such as books, journal articles, conference proceedings, etc
- Prior research experience – nature and extend of research undertaken during relevant work

Supporting documents required:

- Official academic transcripts (and an explanation of grading schema)
- Examiners' reports (if applicable)
- Testamurs

Research experience

It would be in your best interest to clearly identify any additional research experience you may have had. These include, but are not limited to, academic positions, research assistant positions, and internships. You should provide a detailed explanation on the nature and extend of the research undertaken and how they relate to your proposed field of research.

Note: You should only include details of any employment or other research experience that directly demonstrate your ability to undertake research.

Students who enrol in a graduate research degree at Monash and demonstrate exceptional progress by successfully achieving the confirmation milestone will also be recognised accordingly.

Supporting documents required:

- Letter from your employer, confirming duties performed
- Reference letters from former supervisors
- Confirmation of candidature letter (if applicable)
- Curriculum Vitae

Prizes/Awards

You will be able to list up to five prizes, awards or scholarships you may have received for academic or research excellence. Additional items can and should be listed in your CV.

Note: You should only include prizes/awards/scholarships obtained through a competitive process, from a tertiary institution or higher. These items should directly demonstrate your academic excellence and/or ability to undertake research.

Supporting documents required:

- Award/prize certificate
- Scholarship offer letter
- Academic transcripts (if applicable)

Publications/Research Output

If you have any publications, you are expected to list up to five of them in your application. Additional publications can and should be listed in your CV.

Note: You should only include academic publications which are peer-reviewed. Please make sure you advise on the following:

- Publication type (eg. book chapter; journal article, conference proceedings)
- Name of Publication (eg. journal name; book title, publisher)
- Status (eg. under review; accepted; published)
- Quality of journal or publisher (eg. impact factor, journal rank)

Supporting documents required:

- Proof of acceptance or publication of peer reviewed article or book/book chapter
- Copies of conference abstracts and the front pages (including contents page) for each publication
- Major non-commercial research-based publications (such as commissioned research reports) can be submitted and will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

Non-traditional research output

Applicants applying for one of the following degrees can include up to five non-traditional research outputs:

- PhD (Creative Writing)
- PhD (Translation Studies)
- PhD (Theatre Performance)
- PhD (Music Composition)
- PhD (Music Performance)
- PhD (Journalism)

Supporting documents required:

- Proof of publication of non-traditional research output
- All outputs must be submitted with a 300-word exegesis, outlining your research contribution and its direct relevance to your proposed research project.