

# RTP Allowance

## Candidate Quick Guide

The Australian Government provides funding through the Research Training Program (RTP) to support the training of domestic and international students undertaking research doctorate and research masters degrees. The RTP Allowance provides financial support to HDR candidates for ancillary costs directly related to their research.

### Eligibility

At the University of Canberra, all HDR candidates are awarded the RTP Allowance automatically, you do not need to apply.

Faculties may have eligibility criteria for specific uses of the RTP Allowance.

### Amounts

The amount of RTP Allowance available during your candidature is determined your course type

COURSE TYPE	TOTAL COURSE DURATION RTP ALLOWANCE/STUDENT
Doctoral Low Cost	\$ 6,000.00
Doctoral High Cost	\$ 8,000.00
MRes Low Cost	\$ 3,000.00
MRes High Cost	\$ 4,000.00

High-cost and low-cost classifications are determined by the ASCED (Australian Standard Classification of Education) code associated with your research, in accordance with the [Commonwealth Scholarships Guidelines \(Research\) 2017](#). The ASCED code reflects the field of education and research area and was applied by the faculty when assessing your application for admission.

Current candidates can view their ASCED Code in the RGrad Candidate Dashboard.

## Accessing Your RTP Funds

RTP Allowance funding is administered by individual Faculties. Candidates must follow their Faculty's process to access these funds.

- **Application process:** Candidates apply through their Faculty's designated method.
- **Faculty responsibility:** Faculties are responsible for managing the funds, including tracking allocations and expenditure.
- **Additional criteria:** Faculties may set extra eligibility requirements, such as milestone completion or confirmation of candidature.

## What Can RTP Funds Be Used For?

RTP Allowance can be used to support a range of research-related expenses, including:

- **Conference attendance** (registration, travel, accommodation)
- **Fieldwork**
- **Publishing costs**
- **Professional editing**
- **Research equipment, infrastructure, or software**
- **Thesis printing**
- **Relocation costs**
- **Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC)** – for international candidates

Please check with your faculty on any requirements for accessing and using RTP Allowance.

## Acknowledging RTP Support

As required by the Australian Government, candidates must acknowledge RTP support in any research outputs or materials produced during their RTP-funded HDR candidature (e.g. publications, presentation, thesis). It is recommended to use the Digital Object Identifier (DOI) assigned to the RTP: [doi.org/10.82133/C42F-K220](https://doi.org/10.82133/C42F-K220)

- **Recommended wording** for acknowledgment:

*This research was supported by an Australian Government Research Training Program (RTP) Scholarship <https://doi.org/10.82133/C42F-K220>.*

If you have an ORCID profile, we encourage you to include the RTP DOI in your profile to reflect your RTP support.