Engineering Higher Degree Research Sanctuary Scholarship

The Engineering HDR Sanctuary Scholarship has been developed to support a talented student(s), who may be an asylum seeker or refugee, undertake a higher degree in research (MPhil or PhD) at UNSW Engineering. Students who meet this criterion and have a demonstrated passion and aptitude for research are encouraged to apply. Eligible applications will be assessed based on a personal statement indicating how they have been impacted and their financial status.

Value

This scholarship provides for the following:

- A stipend for living allowances at the UNSW Scholarship rate plus $10,000 per annum top-up for a maximum of 3.5 years for PhD, 2 year for MPhil, indexed annually
- English language course through UNSW Global University English Entry course (granted on a needs basis)
- Allowances to assist students with ancillary costs of a HDR program such as:
  - A standard single Overseas Student Health Cover policy approved at the UNSW preferred provider (approximately $2700 for the program)
  - $2000 Relocation costs to undertake an HDR degree
  - $400 HDR thesis production costs.

Eligibility

- Be an asylum seeker or refugee currently holding one of the following visas:
  - Temporary Protection Visa (Subclass 785)
  - Safe Haven Enterprise Visa (Subclass 790)
  - Bridging Visa A (BVA) (Subclass 010)
  - Bridging Visa E (BVE) (Subclass 050 and 051)
  - Temporary Humanitarian Concern Visa (Subclass 786)
  - Humanitarian Stay (Temporary) Visa (Subclass 449)
  - Global Special Humanitarian Visa (Subclass 202)*
  - Protection Visa (Subclass 866)*
  - Refugee Visa (Subclass 200, 201, 203 or 204)*

*If you are on a Visa that enables you to stay permanently in Australia, you may only apply within the first 24 months of arrival into Australia
- Must have met the entry requirements for a Higher Degree Research program at UNSW as specified in the Admission to Higher Degree Research Program procedure
  - [https://www.unsw.edu.au/content/dam/pdfs/governance/policy/2022-01-policies/admissionstohdrprogramsprocedure.pdf](https://www.unsw.edu.au/content/dam/pdfs/governance/policy/2022-01-policies/admissionstohdrprogramsprocedure.pdf)
- Be enrolled in a full-time capacity
- Be experiencing financial hardship
- Not already
  - have received another equivalent scholarship
  - be enrolled in a degree program at an Australian Institution
  - have already completed an equivalent degree
Selection Criteria

- Meets all eligibility requirements
- Personal Statement indicating how their status has impacted their ability to conduct higher degree research

How to apply

Step 1. Applicants should submit an application through Apply Online, indicating that they wish to be considered for a scholarship

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Step 2. Once the PhD admissions applications has been successfully submitted, applicants should then send the following documents to scholarships@eng.unsw.edu.au:

- A one-page personal statement indicating how your asylum seeker or refugee status has impacted your ability to engage in higher degree research activities
- A copy of your current passport, or the travel documentation used to enter Australia to enable UNSW to verify that you hold, one of the specified visas. Accordingly, a copy of one of the following documents must be provided:
  - Passport
  - Immicard
  - Titre de Voyage
  - PLO56 (M56)
  - Document For Travel To Australia (DFTTA)

Documentation and visa status will be checked using the Visa Entitlement Verification Online (VEVO) service.

Applicants should include their full name, potential supervisor, zID and application number.

All applications will be assessed by a Selection Panel comprising the Associate Dean Research, Associate Dean (Equity and Diversity) and two other persons.