



Australian Government
**Rural Industries Research and
Development Corporation**

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF RIRDC POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

1. RIRDC Scholarships are tenable for up to 3 years study at an Australian University (PhD 3 years, Masters degree 2 years).
2. The continued tenure of a RIRDC scholarship will be subject to the student being accepted to the following year of the course each year. When the Corporation deems a student's progress to be unsatisfactory, they shall be asked to submit evidence why the scholarship should not be terminated.
3. Holders of RIRDC Scholarship will be paid a living allowance up to \$26,000
4. RIRDC may contribute towards further costs associated with the scholarship. Such requests will be made in writing to the RIRDC Scholarships Coordinator and are subject to approval by RIRDC.
5. The Australian Taxation Office has previously indicated that scholarship living allowances are exempt from income tax where the student is engaged in full-time education at a University for the specific purpose of completing a university course work and/or research degree. The onus to claim exemption from income tax is on the student, who should make application to the Deputy Commissioner of Taxation in the State, where he or she would normally lodge an income tax return - referring specifically to Section 23(z) of the Income Tax Assessment Act, 1936.
6. Although RIRDC scholars are expected to devote all their time to their RIRDC approved study program during the tenure of the scholarship, leave of absence will be granted in the following circumstances :
 - (a) **Recreation Leave**
RIRDC scholars are eligible for four weeks leave in each year they hold an award.
 - (b) **Suspensions :**
Where a break in study is desired for personal reasons, including employment, the scholarship holder must seek the Corporation's permission, in writing, for a temporary suspension of the award. Temporary suspensions can be obtained for overseas study.
 - (c) **Teaching :**
A RIRDC scholar may, with the approval of the host University, undertake tutoring or demonstrating during the tenure of the award. The extent of this teaching is limited to 6 hours per week or 180 hours per calendar year.
7. All correspondence relating to the scholarships should be addressed to:

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