



VACATION RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS For UniSA applicants

Applications close 21 September 2025

Purpose

The aims of the Vacation Research Scholarship are to:

- encourage outstanding UniSA students who may be interested in exploring or wish to pursue a higher degree by research
- provide the platform to learn about the principles and practices of undertaking research
- stimulate students' interest in research and to interact with students and staff who are actively involved in research
- Gauge the research aptitude of the successful applicants.

Vacation scholars are expected to participate in an ongoing research project or to undertake a substantial piece of supervised research work, which may result in a report/paper, possibly for publication. The scholarships are undertaken for a minimum of 4 weeks to a maximum of 8 weeks, usually between November and February. The scholarship is expected to be undertaken on a full-time basis (38 hours per week) for the period of the scholarship. Hours/duration of work are to be agreed upon with your supervisor prior to the acceptance and commencement of your project.

The scholarships are provided principally for educational purposes to enable the recipient to engage in, and gain experience in, research. Vacation Research Scholarships are awarded on a competitive basis, based on academic merit. The scholarships are not intended to support the employment of students for routine work or to support the completion of course requirements.

Eligibility

The Vacation Research Scholarships are open to students with a strong academic record who are:

- Enrolled UniSA undergraduate students who, in the current year, are completing the second, third, fourth or Honours year of their program at the time the scholarship commences.
- Enrolled UniSA coursework masters' students

Only one application per student is permitted each year and scholarships are only awarded to undertake research at UniSA. *(Note: students will have an opportunity to select a 'second preference' project in their online application, in the event that their chosen project is no longer available after the assessment and allocation process)*

How to find a project

- Think about areas in which you would like to research and build your knowledge
- Look at the projects available on the Vacation Research Scholarship website
<https://www.unisa.edu.au/research/degrees/scholarships/vacation-research-scholarships/>
- Contact the project supervisor to find out more about the project and to see if it would be a good fit for you *(note; some Project Supervisors may not have a specific project listed, in those instances you can contact them to discuss your areas of interest and develop a project idea together)*
- Ask the project supervisor to provide a supporting statement on your Application Support form *(Applications without project supervisor approval will not be accepted)*



How to apply

You will need to:

1. Complete the online Vacation Research Scholarship application via the myScholarships section of your [myUniSA](#) student portal.
2. Upload the Application support form found on the Vacation Research Scholarship website (including a supporting statement and approval from the project supervisor) and a copy of your CV to your online application.

Selection

Your application, together with the recommendation for approval will be submitted to the Research Student Services team, Student and Academic Services and forwarded to the relevant Academic Unit for final assessment and selection.

Selection is competitive, based on academic merit and the availability of projects and supervisors in your area of interest and unfortunately not all applicants or projects will be funded.

Outcomes will be communicated to students via email (whether successful or unsuccessful) by the end of October 2025.

Note: Successful applicants cannot defer the scholarship and must undertake it during the nominated summer period and will forfeit the offer if unable to commence the project in 2025.

Funding

The scholarship will be paid at the rate of \$375 per week for the agreed tenure, from a minimum of 4 weeks and up to a maximum of eight weeks. **Projects must commence in 2025.** To accommodate the Christmas/New Year closure of 1.5 weeks (24 December 2025 – 2 January 2026), the period of tenure may be taken in two blocks of time, subject to approval from the supervisory staff. Payment will be made in a lump sum to successful applicants prior to the University's end of year closure.

Report

As a condition of the scholarship, successful applicants are required to write a short report (1 or 2 pages) on the research undertaken and submit it within 2 weeks of the end of the scholarship period to your supervisor(s), with a copy to the Research Student Services team, SAS (research.students@unisa.edu.au).

Further information

Research Student Services Team

Student and Academic Services

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