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Application guide

PhD and Masters by Research

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Introduction

The guide was developed to assist candidates to apply for PhD and Masters by Research scholarship funding from the Australian Grape and Wine Authority, trading as Wine Australia.

The guide provides information on:

- the process for applying for funding
- our approval process
- our criteria, and
- how to commence an online application for funding.

Please contact us at applications@wineaustralia.com or on (08) 8228 2000 if you require further information or assistance.

About us

The Australian Grape and Wine Authority (AGWA), trading as Wine Australia, is the single Australian Government statutory service body for the Australian grape and wine community.

We support a prosperous Australian grape and wine community by investing in research and development (R&D), building the international and domestic markets, disseminating knowledge, encouraging adoption and protecting the reputation of Australian wine.

We are funded by grapegrowers and winemakers through levies and user-pays charges, and by the Australian Government, which provides matching funding for RD&E investments.

We focus on extracting the full value of our investments in RD&E for the benefit of our levy payers, the Australian Government, and the wider community. Our investments are guided by the sector's strategic priorities which are detailed in our *Strategic Plan 2015–2020*.

The application

When developing your application, you should consult the *Australian Grape and Wine Authority Strategic Plan 2015–2020* available on the Wine Australia website at www.wineaustralia.com.

We assess Scholarship applications through a process that uses clear and objective criteria and excludes any individuals with a conflict of interest from the assessment. Applicants will be advised of the assessment outcome as soon as practicable.

Scholarships are not paid retrospectively and if successful, funding will begin from 1 January of the following year.

Application criteria

Wine Australia offers a PhD and Masters by Research scholarship program to help attract postgraduate students to the fields of wine, viticulture and wine business research. Wine Australia is the sole arbiter of the number of PhD and Masters by Research applications supported.

Scholarships are awarded on the basis of:

- academic excellence
- the quality of an applicant's Curriculum Vitae
- the merit of the proposed research program
- the likelihood of the student's ongoing involvement in the wine sector, and
- funding availability

Support for conference attendance and travel is not provided through the Scholarship program. Applications for conference attendance and travel support should be made through our travel bursary program; information available at research.wineaustralia.com/research-development/applying-for-funding/

Applying

To apply for a Wine Australia Scholarship, you must complete an online application through the Clarity Investment Management System (CIMS) before the closing date. CIMS requires a log in and password which can be obtained via email from applications@wineaustralia.com.

Evidence must be provided that the university supports the proposed project and candidate. You can negotiate a supervisor after the application has been submitted however you are required to have a supervisor in place before the project is contracted.

Overseas applicants enrolled at an Australian university are eligible for our scholarship awards, but we will not support the tuition fees incurred by such applicants.

The following documents are required to be attached to the CIMS on-line application:

- one (1) certified copy of your current Academic Transcript
- one (1) copy of your current Curriculum Vitae, and
- one (1) signed copy of your supervisor's confirmation of support (or university's if supervisor is not in place).

Organisation applications without a nominated candidate *may* be considered. However, these applications are likely to rank significantly lower than other applications as the weighting of the assessment process is towards the calibre of the student and their likely future contribution to the sector.

Funding available

PhD and Master by Research

Wine Australia offers full and supplementary scholarships for up to three years full-time PhD study and for up to two years full-time Masters by research study. Funding may be provided for a third year of study if the Master by Research candidate upgrades their candidature to a PhD.

Students are strongly encouraged to apply for an Australian postgraduate award (APA) scholarship (or equivalent) through their host university as preference is given to those students.

PhD and Masters by Research **full** scholarships provide up to:

- \$35,000 (GST exclusive) per annum in a student stipend, and
- \$10,000 (GST exclusive) per annum in operating funds.

PhD and Masters **supplementary** scholarships provide:

- supplementary funding to bring the total student stipend up to \$35,000 (GST exclusive) per annum, including funding received through an APA or equivalent
- supplementary funding to bring the total student operating funds up to \$10,000 (GST exclusive) per annum, including funding received through an APA or equivalent

Candidates undertaking **part-time** study will be eligible for half the funding of a full-time candidate. Part-time PhD candidates may receive funding for up to six years and part-time Masters by Research may receive funding for up to three years.