

Terms and Conditions of Postgraduate Scholarships

1. AgriFutures Australia Scholarships are tenable for up to 3 years' study at an Australian University (PhD 3 years, Master's degree 2 years).
2. Scholarships are open to Australian citizens and permanent residents holding an honours degree or equivalent in an appropriate discipline. Applications from mature age students with experience in rural industry are invited.
3. The continued tenure of an AgriFutures Australia scholarship will be subject to the student being accepted to the following year of the course each year. When AgriFutures Australia deems a student's progress to be unsatisfactory, they shall be asked to submit evidence why the scholarship should not be terminated.
4. Holders of an AgriFutures Australia Scholarship may be paid a living allowance up to a maximum of \$26,500.
5. AgriFutures Australia may contribute towards further costs associated with the scholarship. Such requests will be made in writing to the Scholarships Coordinator and are subject to approval by AgriFutures Australia.
6. 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.
7. Although AgriFutures Australia scholars are expected to devote all their time to their approved study program during the tenure of the scholarship, leave of absence will be granted in the following circumstances:

A. Recreation Leave

AgriFutures Australia 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 AgriFutures Australia permission, in writing, for a temporary suspension of the award. Temporary suspensions can be obtained for overseas study.

C. Teaching

An AgriFutures Australia 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.

8. All correspondence relating to Scholarships should be addressed to:

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