Australian Catholic University

International Postgraduate Award 2015

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

1. Tenure

1.1. Full-Time Awards

An ACU International Postgraduate Award may be held for three years by doctoral candidates and two years by master-by-research candidates.

1.2. Part-Time Awards

The ACU International Postgraduate Award is not available part-time.

2. Suspension of an Award

ACU Postgraduate Award holders may apply to the University for a suspension of their award for up to 12 months, subject to the application being compliant with Department of Immigration and Border Protection regulations. The approval of a suspension is at the discretion of the University.

3. Extension of an Award

A doctoral candidate may apply for a maximum extension of up to six months subject to satisfactory progress, provided the grounds for extension are related to study and are beyond the control of the candidate. Extensions are not available to master-by-research candidates.

4. Stipends and Allowances

The ACU International Postgraduate Award living allowance is valued at $25,849 (2015 rate), indexed annually.

5. Transfer of an ACU Postgraduate Award

An ACU International Postgraduate Award cannot be transferred to another institution.

6. Leave Arrangements

6.1. Leave arrangements for ACU International Postgraduate Award holders will be subject to Department of Immigration and Border Protection regulations.

6.2. Recreation Leave

ACU International Postgraduate Award holders are entitled to 20 days paid annual leave for each year of the award and this may be accrued over the life of the award. Any unused recreation leave remaining on termination or completion will be forfeited by the candidate. The supervisor’s agreement must be obtained before recreation leave is taken.
7. **Sick Leave**

7.1. ACU International Postgraduate Award holders may receive up to 10 days sick leave each year of the award.

7.2. ACU International Postgraduate Award holders who experience periods of extended illness, i.e. greater than two weeks, should seek advice from the Department of Immigration and Border Protection, and ACU International.

8. **Termination of ACU International Postgraduate Award**

8.1. An ACU International Postgraduate Award will be terminated:

8.1.1. if, in the opinion of the Research Training Standing Committee, the course of study or research program is not being carried out with competence and diligence or in accordance with the offer of award; or

8.1.2. on completion of the course, or on the death, incapacity, resignation or withdrawal of the candidate.

8.2. If an ACU Postgraduate Award is terminated, it will not normally be reactivated unless the termination occurred in error.

9. **Employment**

9.1. A candidate with a student visa may undertake work unrelated to their course requirements and in accordance with the conditions of their student visa.

9.2. The candidate must obtain the approval of the University prior to undertaking such work and, in approving the work, the University must be satisfied that the work will not interfere with the candidate’s study program. The University may approve work subject to conditions it determines.

10. **Postgraduate Research Candidate Obligations**

All postgraduate candidates are obliged to be familiar with and abide by:

a) the Research and Professional Doctorate Degree Regulations;

b) the requirements of Australian Immigration regulations governing international students;

c) the University’s Code of Conduct for Research;

d) the University’s Intellectual Property Policy;

e) the National Health and Medical Research Council codes on human and animal experimentation

f) the Australian Government’s Recombinant DNA Monitoring Committee guidelines for research;
g) Commonwealth and State regulations and guidelines governing research involving
ionizing radiation, and access to and handling of hazardous or restricted substances;
and

h) Commonwealth and State regulations and guidelines governing the Privacy Act.

i) Candidates should be fully aware of their obligations regarding contact with their
supervisors (the University Research Committee recommends once a fortnight, no less
than once a month), and the need to submit written material and academic progress
reports to one’s supervisor(s) as and when required.

j) Candidates should be diligent in pursuing their candidature and in completing their
candidature as soon as possible.