



International Postgraduate Research Scholarships (IPRS & ECU-IPRS) and ECU International Stipend

Scholarship Conditions

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ECU & INTERNATIONAL POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS (ECU-IPRS & EIPRS)

The International Postgraduate Research Scholarship (*IPRS*) and Edith Cowan University International Postgraduate Research Scholarship (ECU-IPRS) provides payment of course tuition fees for the awardee as well as *Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC)* for the awardee and their dependant(s), if any, residing in Australia for the period of the scholarship.

The cost of study-related field trips are not covered by the *IPRS* or *ECU-IPRS*, however, the appropriate Faculty Research and Higher Degrees Office may be able to assist with some costs associated with research and travel.

AWARDEE ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for a new *IPRS* or *ECU-IPRS*, a student must meet ALL of the following criteria:

- **must** be a citizen of any country other than Australia or New Zealand and not eligible for study under the *Research Training Scheme (RTS)* at the commencement of the *Higher Degree by Research (HDR)*;
- **must** meet international student visa requirements as specified by the *Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs (DIMA)*, including the requirement to purchase and maintain a standard *Overseas Student Health Cover* policy approved by the *Commonwealth Government Department of Health and Ageing*;
- **must** be commencing full time and on-campus enrolment for the first time in a higher degree by research. Edith Cowan University may also consider students who commenced:
 - their *Higher Degree by Research* in the previous year but who, due to the timing of their application and subsequent enrolment, were unable to apply for an *IPRS* in that year (ie, a student who applied for and was enrolled in a higher degree by research after 31 August in the previous year. This would indicate that the student did not have an opportunity to apply for an *IPRS* in the previous year); or
 - a *Higher Degree by Research* at any Australian institution and terminated that enrolment within six months of commencement;
 - Where an applicant applies for an *IPRS* and is unsuccessful but enrolls into the higher degree anyway, they will be considered ineligible to apply for the *IPRS* after their enrolment (*criteria may be waived by the ECU Research Students and Scholarships Committee for an ECU-IPRS if deemed appropriate*).
- **must** intend to undertake study in a course and research topic within one of the University's areas of research strengths (refer to documentation provided by the ECU Scholarships Office);
- **must not** have already obtained a *Research Doctorate*, which is deemed the equivalent of an Australian *Research Doctorate* degree (*criteria may be waived by the ECU Research Students and Scholarships Committee for an ECU-IPRS if deemed appropriate*);
- **must not** have already obtained a *Master by research* degree which is deemed the equivalent of an Australian *Master by research* degree if seeking admission to another *Master by research* degree (*criteria may be waived by the ECU Research Students and Scholarships Committee for an ECU-IPRS if deemed appropriate*);
- **must not** have held an *Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID)* scholarship within the two years prior to commencing the *IPRS*.
- **must not** be receiving a scholarship for which course tuition is a component under any other scholarship scheme to which the Australian Government makes a substantial contribution;
- **must not** previously have received an *IPRS* for a research doctorate degree;
- **must not** previously have received an *IPRS* for a *Master by research* degree, unless:
 - that degree was completed and the student is undertaking a *Research Doctorate* degree; or
 - the student has converted their *EIPRS* under section: *Conversion of Award of these Scholarship Conditions*;
- **must** intend to commence full-time and on-campus study as early in the offered year as possible or if a *Master by research* student before Semester 1 census date. Research Doctoral students may commence anytime in the offered year. Applicants unable to commence by census due to prior commitments may be granted permission to commence at a later date;
- **must** hold a degree equivalent to an Australian first class honours degree or Australian *Master by research* degree as determined by the ECU Research Students and Scholarships Committee (RSSC);
- **must** meet all University admission requirements, including English proficiency, and be made an unconditional offer of a place in a higher degree by research (either a *Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)* or *Master by research*) before a scholarship can be offered;
- **must not** currently be receiving another substantial scholarship provided by Edith Cowan University (for example, faculty, school or research centre scholarship) or an external provider.

An applicant will not be considered for or awarded an IPRS unless ECU is satisfied that the applicant meets the conditions above. Where an applicant is expected to meet these conditions in good time then no payments will be made until the conditions are met.

PROVISION OF DOCUMENTATION TO DIISR

Applicants for IPRS should be aware that application documentation may be provided to the Australian Government, Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research (DIISR) if that Department requests that the University provide such information.

ACCEPTANCE & COMMENCEMENT

Applicants should notify the Scholarships Office within three weeks (or specified time) of receiving an offer whether they will accept or reject the offer of scholarship. Acceptance includes a signed declaration that the recipient accepts the *Scholarship Conditions*. Where an awardee does not contact the Scholarships Office within this time the scholarship offer will lapse.

Doctoral Degree Awardees - should normally start their study program as soon as possible after 1 January. Awardees may commence their study programme at anytime but must have commenced full-time and on-campus study within the year of offer. **No awardee may defer their commencement to the following year.**

Master by Research Awardees – should normally start their study program as soon as possible after 1 January and no later than census. Awardees who are unable to commence by census may be granted permission to commence at the beginning of second semester (30 June). Awardees must apply in writing to the Scholarships Office for consideration of late commencement. **Approval is not automatically granted. No awardee may defer their commencement to the following year.**

DURATION OF AWARD

The duration of an IPRS is three years for a student undertaking a Research Doctorate and two years for a student undertaking a Masters by research. The duration of a scholarship will be reduced by any period of study undertaken

- towards the degree prior to the commencement of the scholarship; OR
- towards the degree during suspension of the IPRS.

VISA REQUIREMENTS

It is the responsibility of the awardees to ensure that their student visa is valid. If the visa expires the awardee may be required to leave Australia. Visa application fees may not apply to *IPRS* awardees and their dependents. For further information awardees should contact a Student Connect Officer at enquiries@ecu.edu.au An *IPRS* does not cover medical costs associated with the issue or renewal of a student visa.

Awardees planning to depart and return to Australia during their course should ensure that they hold a valid visa for re-entry.

If an *IPRS*, *ECU-IPRS* and/or *ECU International Stipend* holder is granted Permanent Residency status in Australia they are no longer entitled to either the *IPRS*, *ECU-IPRS* or the *ECU International Stipend* scholarships. If this occurs, the awardee must notify ECU International and the Scholarships Office immediately. If there is a delay in notification, the awardee will be required to repay the amount of stipend received since the date Permanent Residency was granted. In order to keep track of this condition, the awardee will provide certified documentation of a current student visa to the Scholarships Office each year.

PAYMENTS AND ALLOWANCES

Edith Cowan University International Stipend (ECUIS)

Applicants who are awarded an *IPRS* or *ECU-IPRS* at ECU will also be offered an *ECU International Stipend (ECUIS)* as a living allowance while on scholarship. The amount of the *ECUIS* shall be equal to the current value of an *Australian Postgraduate Award (APA)*, as offered to Australian students by the *Department of*

Innovation, Industry, Science and Research (DIISR). For 2011, this amount is AUD\$22,860 per year this amount may change in future years. ECU will top-up the APA award amount to AUD\$25,000 per year to be paid in equal fortnightly installments through the University's payroll system. Under current legislation stipends to full-time students are free of income tax.

The ECU International Stipend is not transferable to another institution.

Health Cover

All international students studying in Australia are required to purchase and maintain Overseas Student Health Cover (*OSHC*) for the duration of their study in Australia. An *IPRS* or *ECU-IPRS* covers the cost of standard *OSHC* for the awardee and their spouse and their dependents (if any) for the duration of the scholarship. It is the personal responsibility of awardees to ensure that their health cover is current and renewed annually by the due date. Awardees should contact ECU International on international@ecu.edu.au to renew their health cover.

An *IPRS* or *ECU-IPRS* does not cover the cost of ancillary health services or extra costs associated with an *OSHC*, including medical costs associated with the issue or renewal of a student visa. For information on *OSHC* provisions, please contact ECU International on international@ecu.edu.au.

Relocation & Establishment Costs

This scholarship does not cover costs associated with re-location to, or establishment in, Australia.

Child Care Assistance

IPRS awardees may be eligible to claim *Child Care Benefits (CCB)* to assist with the cost of child care. These benefits are means tested, which means that any payment will depend on the family income. These benefits are paid and administered by the *Family Assistance Office* at *Centrelink*. For further information call *Centrelink* on 13 61 50.

This allowance may not apply to ECU-IPRS recipients but will be determined by Centrelink.

School Education for Dependants

IPRS awardees may not be required to pay the education costs for any of their dependants attending government primary and secondary schools in Australia. However, exemption from education costs for dependants at government schools will vary according to the state/territory. *IPRS* holders should contact the school where they propose to send their dependants to determine what costs may apply, particularly in relation to *English as a Second Language (ESL)* tuition, which is not funded by the *Australian Government*.

This allowance may not apply to ECU-IPRS recipients but will be determined by Australian Government.

English Language Testing or Tuition

An *IPRS* or *ECU-IPRS* does not cover costs associated with *English Language* testing or tuition fees for bridging or *English Language Intensive Course for Overseas Students (ELICOS)*.

Thesis Allowance

A University-funded allowance is payable towards costs incurred in the production of the final form of the thesis and its binding. Such claims should be made within one year of the thesis being submitted and within two years of the scholarship expiring. The allowance is a contribution to the costs of production of the thesis and does not cover costs such as the purchase of computer equipment. An allowance claim should be made by providing receipts to the Scholarships Office.

Awardees can claim costs of printing and binding of up to 4 copies of their thesis to a maximum value as specified below. The courier costs involved in sending a thesis overseas may also be covered within the above allowance.

- For a *Master* degree the allowance is up to \$300
- For a *Doctoral* degree the allowance is up to \$500

If the awardee is overseas at the time of thesis binding and unable to make arrangements themselves, options should be discussed with the Research Assessments, Student Services Centre, however, responsibility for ensuring that the thesis is correctly assembled prior to being sent for binding lies with the student and Principal Supervisor.

ACADEMIC PROGRESS

Progress Report

The continuation of a scholarship is subject to the awardee maintaining *Satisfactory Progress (SP)*. Towards the end of each semester, a Progress Report notification is sent to the awardees Principal Supervisor. This report must be completed by the awardee and the Principal Supervisor online and submitted by the due date. The Principal Supervisor will advise Research Assessments if they consider an awardee to be achieving *Satisfactory Progress (SP)* towards their research goals. Awardees who do not maintain satisfactory progress may be awarded a grade of *Marginal Progress (MP)* and be required to undertake a *Progress Contract* in the following semester in conjunction with their Principal Supervisor.

In the event that a grade of *Marginal Progress (MP)* is recorded, the Research Students and Scholarships Committee will review the continuation of a scholarship. In the event that the conditions in the *Progress Contract* are not met the scholarship will be terminated.

Confirmation of Candidature

For doctoral awardees, it is expected that a research proposal will be formally approved by the Research Students and Scholarships Committee (RSSC) **within 6 months of the commencement of their program.**

Progress will be regarded as **unsatisfactory** if the research proposal has not been approved within six months of full-time study or part-time equivalent. **This will automatically result in a grade of *Marginal Progress (MP)*.** In such an event, a scholarship may be suspended pending a review by the Research Students and Scholarships Committee regarding the continuation of the scholarship. Where exceptional circumstances can be substantiated, a consideration of these circumstances should be requested in writing prior to the completion of 6 months enrolment.

After formal approval of a research proposal, it is expected that progress will be compatible with the nominated research schedule.

EMPLOYMENT

International students have work restrictions related to their student visa. Students who wish to work while studying in Australia should contact ECU International (international@ecu.edu.au) for advice.

Scholarship holders at ECU may undertake part-time employment subject to the condition that work undertaken does not interfere with the progress of the awardee's study program. It is expected that part-time work between Monday and Friday should not exceed an average of 8 hours per week. Scholarship holders must report the number of hours of paid employment undertaken in the biannual *Progress Report*.

Scholarship holders accepting employment as lecturers are reminded that each one-hour of lecturing equates to three hours of paid employment. Eight hours of lecturing is not permitted. An acceptable employment load must take account of any multiplication factor applying. For example, one lecture and two tutorials, or four tutorials would be acceptable, if each is of one hour's duration.

Employment must comply with visa requirements.

No extension to candidature will be considered based on work commitments.

Application to Work on Scholarship

IPRS and ECU-IPRS awardees intending to undertake paid employment should complete an "Application to Work on Scholarship" form and submit it to their Principal Supervisor for approval. In considering the application the Principal Supervisor should be satisfied that the work will not interfere with the student's study program. Once completed, the form should be returned to the Scholarships Office. Each time an awardee's employment circumstances change (i.e. the hours of work increase or there is a change in job) a new form must be completed.

INSURANCE

Awardees should be aware that the University only provides a minimal level of insurance cover for personal accidents for enrolled students, and only whilst the student is on campus. Where a student's research involves high-risk activities and/or is located off-campus, he/she should contact the appropriate Faculty Research and Higher Degrees Office to request that advice on appropriate insurance cover be obtained from the University Risk Manager.

Travel Insurance

Research students conducting field work or conference presentations interstate or overseas must make provisions for appropriate *Travel Insurance*. Students should discuss travel arrangements with their **Faculty Higher Degree Office** prior to making arrangements as booking through a preferred supplier may provide automatic cover for travel insurance. Application forms to travel while on Scholarship are available at; <http://www.research.ecu.edu.au/grs/scholarships/travel.php>. This documentation must be lodged with the Scholarships Office at least one month prior to departure. Other conditions apply for study overseas (see: *Research Overseas*)

LEAVE ENTITLEMENTS

Annual Recreation Leave

ECUIS Awardees are entitled to up to 20 week-days of annual recreation leave each year of the scholarship calculated on a pro rata basis. Recreation leave is part of the scholarship allowance and normal stipend payments will continue to be paid throughout the period of annual leave.

Annual Leave days may be accrued to use in another year, however, the awardee will forfeit any unused leave remaining once the thesis is submitted for examination or when the scholarship is terminated or expired, whichever occurs first.

No application is required for annual leave, however, the dates should be arranged in consultation with the Principal Supervisor. Awardees are required to report the number of days of annual leave taken each semester on the *Progress Report*.

Sick Leave

ECUIS Awardees may take up to a total of 10 week-days of sick leave each year of the scholarship, calculated on a pro rata basis. Sick leave is part of the scholarship allowance and normal stipend payments will continue to be paid throughout the period of leave.

Sick leave days may be accrued and used in subsequent years, however, the awardee will forfeit any unused leave remaining once the thesis is submitted for examination or when the scholarship is terminated or expired, whichever occurs first.

No application is required for standard sick leave (up to 10 days per year), however, for periods exceeding five consecutive days, a medical certificate must be sent to the Scholarships Office. Awardees are required to report the number of days of sick leave taken each semester in the *Progress Report*.

SUSPENSION OF SCHOLARSHIP & PAYMENTS

After completion of the first six months of scholarship, awardees may be granted up to a total of twelve months suspension of scholarship during the remaining tenure. In exceptional circumstances, which arise from circumstances beyond the awardee's control, a suspension beyond twelve months may be considered.

Please note that a course deferral may have visa implications. Students considering deferral should seek guidance from a Student Connect Officer regarding this matter on enquiries@ecu.edu.au. Requests for suspension should be made in writing to the Scholarships Officer. Application forms for scholarship suspension are available from the Scholarships Office (scholarships@ecu.edu.au).

It is normally expected that an awardee will be deferred from their course of study if their period of scholarship suspension is greater than or equal to a semester or significant part thereof. Course deferral forms are available from Student Central on the awardee's home campus or on-line at <http://www.ecu.edu.au/student/admin/forms/index.php>. Awardees will need to contact a Student Connect Officer, at Student Central on 134 328 (within Australia) or (61 8) 6304 0000 (outside Australia) to discuss visa implications.

Any periods of study undertaken towards the degree during suspension of the award will be deducted from the maximum period of tenure.

RESEARCH OVERSEAS

The Research Students and Scholarships Committee may approve the continuation of awards during periods spent conducting research outside Australia. The Committee must be satisfied that:

- the research is essential for completion of the degree;
- there will be continued regular supervision;
- the awardee will remain enrolled as a full-time student complying with all scholarship and course enrolment conditions; and
- the work will be credited to the awardee's course.

It is normally expected that the awardee will have had his/her research proposal (Confirmation of Candidature) approved before an application to carry out overseas study is considered.

An awardee planning international fieldwork must submit an Application to Travel on Scholarship form to the Scholarships Office, endorsed by their Principal Supervisor, at least one month before departure. Application forms to travel while on Scholarship are available at:
<http://www.research.ecu.edu.au/grs/scholarships/travel.php>.

The awardee must also personally make arrangements prior to departure for their enrolment to be maintained and for their semester *Progress Reports* to be completed, signed and returned to Research Assessments by the due date.

The awardee must also make arrangements for appropriate *Travel Insurance* prior to departure by contacting their Faculty Higher Degree Office for information on travel booking and Faculty procedures. This documentation must be lodged with the Scholarships Office at least one month prior to departure.

Whilst an awardee is abroad, the scholarship stipend will be paid to an account in Australia only. Any arrangements for the transfer of money overseas will be the responsibility of the awardee.

VARIATIONS TO SCHOLARSHIP

Extension of Tenure

Awardees may be granted an extension of tenure up to six months if the *Research Students and Scholarships Committee (RSSC)* is satisfied that academic circumstances beyond the awardee's control have prevented completion of the research within the original tenure. Transferring institution, changing course or changing research area are not sufficient grounds for an extension. However, a change of research area resulting from circumstances relating to the research which are outside the control of the student and the University may be considered.

A request in writing, stating the reasons for extension, the revised schedule for completion and the intended submission date, should be submitted to the Scholarships Office approximately four months before the scholarship expires. A supporting statement from the Principal Supervisor is also required. Application forms for the extension of scholarship are available on-line at: <http://intranet.ecu.edu.au/student/forms/overview> or from the Scholarships Office (scholarships@ecu.edu.au).

If an extension to the tenure of scholarship is approved, the awardee may need to make arrangements to extend their student visa to cover the new period of enrolment. Awardees should contact the ECU Student Connect Officer on enquiries@ecu.edu.au for more information. An *IPRS* does not cover any medical costs associated with the issue or renewal of a student visa.

Conversion of Award

Subject to the standard practices of the University, *IPRS* holders may convert from a *Masters by research* degree to a *Doctorate by research* degree, or from a *Doctorate by research* degree to a *Masters by research* degree, during the tenure of the scholarship. The maximum duration of a converted scholarship becomes that for the new research degree and is reduced by the period of tenure already consumed.

Change of Research Area or Transfer of Course

Subject to the usual practices of the University, an awardee may change the research area or transfer if course from that which was originally indicated at the time of being awarded an *IPRS*, as long as the new research area is within the University's Research Strengths. This transfer must be accommodated within the original tenure of the scholarship (i.e. no extension of the scholarship will be approved for a change in research area or course alone).

There may be visa implications for a change in course. Awardees should contact a Student Connect Officer, at Student Central on 134 328 (within Australia) or (61 8) 6304 0000 (outside Australia) for further information and advice.

Change of Provider (Transfer to another University)

- Students receiving an *IPRS* may change providers in exceptional circumstances only (such as the awardee's Principal Supervisor leaving the institution with no suitable replacement being available);
- **An *ECU-IPRS* cannot be transferred to another institution.**
- At least six months of the study program must have been completed prior to submitting a request to transfer;
- Students may continue to receive an *IPRS* only if the host provider (current university) supports the move and the new provider agrees to its continuation. The new provider will take into account budget implications when considering an application for transfer;
- The approval of a transfer is not automatic;
- The new provider must ensure that it receives information from the former provider on any *IPRS* duration consumed and payment received by the awardee;
- Change of provider does not constitute sufficient grounds for a subsequent extension of the *IPRS*;
- The host institution may refuse the transfer if it believes that the circumstances presented do not warrant a transfer or the awardee is close to submitting their thesis for examination.

Before an *IPRS* transfer can proceed, the awardee must obtain an *Offer of Admission* to the new institution. The awardee is required to accept any costs associated with the transfer. **The *ECU International Stipend (ECUIS)* is not transferable to another institution.**

IPRS awardees from another institution who wish to transfer to ECU must apply for course admission (through ECU International) and write to the Research Scholarships Officer to request the transfer of scholarship (a scholarship transfer will only be considered if the applicant meets all eligibility criteria for the scholarship). The University Research Students and Scholarships Committee (*RSSC*) will consider and approve / decline an *IPRS* transfer to ECU based on applicant suitability and budget considerations.

The applicant must also provide proof of approval to transfer the *IPRS* from the original institution.

Where an *IPRS* is successfully transferred to ECU the awarding of an ECU International Stipend (*ECUIS*) is not automatic and will be considered by the *RSSC* based on budget considerations.

SUBMISSION OF THESIS

Scholarship holders will cease to be entitled to stipend payments once their thesis has been submitted for examination. This means that stipend payments will cease as of the date of thesis submission. An awardee must advise the Scholarships Office of submission within seven days of the event. An awardee will be required to repay any over-payments, if applicable, of scholarship stipend after the date of submission.

It is recommended that a scholarship holder apply for a period of suspension from the *IPRS* upon submission of the thesis for examination. This period is up to twelve months, depending on previous suspensions. This provision may be accessed if there is a requirement to revise and resubmit the thesis for examination and therefore enroll in an additional one or two semesters (approval will be one semester at a time). In these circumstances only the *IPRS* may be suspended and re-activated, the *ECUIS* will not be active. Therefore an awardee would have their tuition fees and *OSHC* covered without stipend payments.

TERMINATION

The *IPRS*, *ECU-IPRS* and *ECU International Stipend* will be terminated:

- on completion of the course of study (the ***ECUIS* will be terminated upon the submission of the thesis** for examination);
- if the awardee ceases to meet the eligibility criteria specified in the *Scholarship Conditions*, other than during a period in which the *IPRS* or *ECU-IPRS* has been deferred or during a period of approved leave as outlined in these *Scholarship Conditions*;
- if, in the opinion of ECU, the course of study is not being carried out with competence and diligence in accordance with the offer of award;
- if ECU determines that the awardee has committed serious academic misconduct including, but not limited, to the provision of false or misleading information;
- if the awardee ceases to be enrolled as a full-time research student, except during a period of approved suspension;

- if the awardee fails to maintain *Satisfactory Progress (SP)*, as outlined in the ‘*Academic Progress*’ section of the *Scholarship Conditions*;
- if the awardee does not resume study at the conclusion of a period of suspension, or does not make arrangements to extend that period of suspension;
- if the awardee is granted the status of Australian Permanent Resident or becomes eligible for a Commonwealth-funded *Research Training Scheme (RTS)* place;
- Once the maximum duration of the *IPRS* or *ECU-IPRS* has been reached.

Benefits will cease on the date of termination.

PROVISION OF FALSE INFORMATION

If the University knows, or has reason to believe, that a student in receipt of a scholarship has provided false or misleading information to the University in relation to that scholarship, the University will immediately:

- re-assess the students entitlement to the scholarship; and
- in the case of *IPRS* or *ECU-IPRS* awardees, notify *DIISR* of the suspected offence and provide a copy of the student’s application and any other relevant information requested by *DIISR*.

OBLIGATIONS OF EDITH COWAN UNIVERSITY

- For detailed information on the conduct of research degrees, awardees are referred ECU Graduate Research School or on-line at: <http://www.research.ecu.edu.au/grs/index.php>
- For details of university rules, including grievance resolution, students are referred to *Student Information* (<http://www.ecu.edu.au/student/>).
- The Research Scholarships Officer will administer the Scholarship, monitor progress, and arrange payment of all entitlements to awardees.
- The ECU Research Students and Scholarships Committee has the right to vary conditions with due cause at any time. The Research Scholarships Officer will advise applicants and awardees of such changes.
- Provision of scholarships under the above conditions, by Edith Cowan University, is subject to the continuing receipt of funding from the Commonwealth Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research (DIISR).

OBLIGATIONS OF AWARDEES

- Awardees shall conform to the rules and regulations of Edith Cowan University and the *Scholarship Conditions*.
- Awardees shall diligently and to the best of their ability apply themselves to successful completion of their degree.
- Awardees and their Principal Supervisors shall report the progress of their research each semester via the online *Progress Report* that will be sent to the student’s Principal Supervisor at the end of each semester. Continuation of the Scholarship will depend on an awardee maintaining *Satisfactory Progress (SP)*.
- Awardees shall notify the Research Scholarships Officer of any changes in their circumstances that may affect their eligibility to continue receiving payments under the award.
- If, in the opinion of the Research Scholarships Officer, an awardee has been overpaid with respect to the entitlements and conditions listed above for any reason whatsoever, the student shall be liable to refund the overpayment.
- If an *IPRS*, *ECU-IPRS* or *ECU International Stipend* holder is granted Permanent Residency status in Australia they are no longer entitled to either, the *IPRS*, *ECU-IPRS* or the *ECU International Stipend* scholarship. If this occurs, the awardee must notify ECU International and the Scholarships Office immediately. If there is a delay in notification, the awardee will be required to repay the amount of stipend received since the date that Permanent Residency was granted.

Full *IPRS* Guidelines are available to download from the COMLAW Commonwealth of Australia Law web site (Chapter 3 of the “Commonwealth Scholarship Guidelines (Research) 2010”)

<http://www.comlaw.gov.au/Series/F2010L03009>

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