VU Research Candidature Budgets
2018 - 2020 Commencing Higher Degree by Research Candidates

VU Research has confirmed the budgets for Commencing Students in 2018-2020 in all higher degrees by research. The budgets set out in Table 1 recognises the differences in the nature of the research among the disciplines, such as the requirements for chemicals, reagents and equipment/infrastructure. Budgets apply to all commencing students in 2018, 2019 and 2020.

All VU Research Candidature Support is provided by the candidate's enrolling Institution. In addition to the funding below, candidates may apply for funding from a VU Research Strategic HDR Fund to be established in 2018.

Table 1: VU Research Candidature Support

Disciplinary Area of Study and Degree Level	Maximum Candidature Budget	Contributions to *Professional Development Activities/Conferences
Standard-cost Area of Study PhD	$2000	$1300
Standard-cost Area of Study PhD in the following disciplinary areas - *Applied Mathematics; Artificial Intelligence & Image Processing; Distributed Computing; Information Systems; Nursing; Social Work.*	$4000	$1300
High-cost Area of Study PhD	$4700	$1300
High-cost Area of Study PhD in the following disciplinary areas - *Biochemistry & Cell Biology; Human Movement and Sports Science Food Sciences; Medical Physiology; Psychology; Public Health & Health Services.*	$9400	$1300
Standard-cost Area of Study Masters by Research	$1000	$700
Standard-cost Area of Study Masters by Research following disciplinary areas - *Applied Mathematics; Artificial Intelligence & Image Processing; Distributed Computing; Information Systems; Nursing; Social Work.*	$2000	$700
High-cost Area of Study Masters by Research	$2350	$700
High-cost Area of Study Masters by Research in the following disciplinary areas - *Biochemistry & Cell Biology; Human Movement and Sports Science Food Sciences; Medical Physiology; Psychology; Public Health & Health Services.*	$4700	$700

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High Performance Computing (HPC)
If a candidate is required to access HPC software during their candidature and is aware of this requirement at the time of Confirmation of Candidature:
  1. Rationale why and what it will be used for, including the number of hours
  2. funds must be allocated in their candidature budget
 	
If a candidate has had Confirmation of Candidature approved, the candidate will be required to:
  1. rationale why and what it will be used for, including the number of hours
  2. submit a variation to the budget to allocate funds to access this software
	Subject to Institute Approval	NA

Process for accessing funding	Subject to approval via Application for Confirmation of Candidature	Subject to Institute approval on a merit basis
Availability of approved funds	Post Confirmation of Candidature and up until earlier of maximum degree duration or submission of thesis.	Post Confirmation of Candidature and up until earlier of maximum degree duration or submission of thesis.
Conditions	Subject to satisfactory achievement of Candidature.	Subject to satisfactory achievement in Candidature/Milestone Review(s).

*Professional Development Activities include: Conference attendance including travel, accommodation and registration; Specialist training: registration, and associated travel and accommodation.

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