



What we do

The Sir Roland Wilson (SRW) Scholarship program provides full pay scholarships for EL1 and EL2 Australian Public Service (APS) employees to complete a PhD research program at the Australian National University (ANU).



What we are trying to achieve

The scholarship program contributes to the Australian public policy debate, researching complex topics of national significance.



What is offered

- A three-year full-time PhD scholarship at the ANU on full pay
- An SES mentor to support you to remain actively engaged with your agency
- A generous stipend to complete an international travel program

What is required of scholars

- Commitment to complete the PhD program in three years
- Commitment to remain actively engaged with home agencies
- Completion of an international travel program
- Active participation in the SRW network of scholars, alumni and stakeholders
- Commitment to return to service to the APS for a period of three years upon completion of the PhD



Who we are looking for?

We are looking for people who have the potential to become senior leaders in the APS. You will have the capacity to thrive during periods of transformative change, focus on complex policy and delivery challenges, work across boundaries, and improve the performance and engagement of your people.

We want you to use your initiative and personal drive to build linkages and forge relationships that will allow you to make a significant contribution to your agency during the scholarship and on return.

For more information on the program and current scholars go to srw.foundation.anu.edu.au



The types of research projects we are looking for

We are looking for research projects that are of national significance, strategic importance or immediate urgency to specific agencies, or the APS more broadly.



Indigenous participation in scholarship program

The SRW Foundation encourages Indigenous employees to apply for the scholarship.



Sir Roland Wilson was a remarkable public servant. He won scholarships allowing him to complete two PhDs. After WWII when Secretary of the Treasury, he became an intellectual force behind key economic policy approaches both domestically and internationally.



How will applicants be selected?

Applicants submit applications for internal review to their agency. Each agency will choose appropriate candidates to put forward for shortlisting to the Sir Roland Wilson Selection Committee.

Agencies will nominate candidates who have high leadership potential, initiative, personal drive and resilience. The PhD program is rigorous. The three year timeframe is short and high expectations are placed on scholars to deliver results in both their studies, and in SRW activities.



What else should I know?

The scholarship program is only available to staff employed in participating agencies. See a list of agencies below.

The SRW Foundation will be holding information sessions in late March and early April. These sessions will focus on topic and supervisor selection, and give you the opportunity to speak to past and current scholars.

Sir Roland Wilson Scholarship

Application information

Application steps

1. Attend an SRW information session at the ANU
2. Assess your eligibility
3. Develop a research proposal
4. Contact potential academic supervisors
5. Prepare application documents
6. Submit application to your agency for pre-selection by your agency's closing date
7. Agencies select applications to be shortlisted by the Sir Roland Wilson Scholarship Selection Committee
8. Potential academic supervisors provide feedback on research proposals
9. Applications shortlisted on 8 August 2016
10. Shortlisted applicants interviewed on 13 September 2016
11. Interviewed applicants notified of the outcome soon after interview (up to one week after the interview)

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More information:

For more information please visit the [Sir Roland Wilson Foundation](#) website.

Employment eligibility

You must be a substantive EL1 or EL2, and have been employed by the Australian Public Service for at least three years.

To be eligible for a Sir Roland Wilson Foundation Scholarship commencing in 2017, applicants must be employed by one of the following agencies:

- Australian Aged Care Quality Agency
- Australian Bureau of Statistics
- Australian Crime Commission
- Department of Agriculture and Water Resources
- Department of Defence
- Department of Environment
- Department of Immigration and Border Protection
- Department of Industry, Innovation and Science
- Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development
- Department of Social Services
- Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
- Fair Work Ombudsman
- Family Court and Federal Circuit Court
- Independent Hospital Pricing Authority
- The Treasury

Academic eligibility

Academic eligibility requirements depend on the ANU College with which you choose to conduct your research. Generally, PhD applicants need to have at least a second class Honours, or Post Graduate Diploma, however work experience and other study may be taken into account.

Please contact the appropriate College for more information.

The ANU has seven academic Colleges:

- ANU College of Asia and the Pacific
- ANU College of Arts and Social Sciences
- ANU College of Business and Economics
- ANU College of Engineering and Computer Science
- ANU College of Law
- ANU College of Medicine, Biology and the Environment
- ANU College of Physical and Mathematical Sciences

Developing a research proposal

You are strongly encouraged to discuss your proposed research project with your APS supervisor, SES and other relevant APS employees before applying.

Your research proposal will be used as an indicator to assess the quality and originality of your ideas, your skills in critical thinking and the feasibility of the project. It will also be used to determine whether the project is of national significance, and relevant to the Australian Public Service.

Your research proposal should be viewed as a starting point for your PhD project. In your first year of candidature you will develop a refined research proposal through detailed literature reviews, coursework, and supervisory input.

Please see page 9 for research proposal template guidelines.

Research topics

Your research topic should be of national significance, strategic importance or immediate urgency to specific agencies, or the APS more broadly.

For ideas, please consult the following:

- The HC Coombs Policy Forum identified research priorities:
 - Australia's governance challenges
 - Diplomacy and international affairs
 - Securing long term economic prosperity Industry,
 - Science & innovation Demographics,
 - Health and an ageing population
 - Secure and sustainable energy, water and food
 - Sustainable environment and climate change
 - Closing the gap in indigenous participation
 - Australia's regions and cities; managing a two speed economy
- Please visit science.gov.au for an outline of Australia's strategic science and research priorities.
- Please also consult your agency for information on their priorities.

Choosing a supervisor

Once you have decided on your research topic, you will need to identify a potential supervisor and their College using the [ANU Researcher Database](#).

Follow the College instructions in order to make contact with potential supervisors. Please see each [Centre/Colleges'](#) website for the best way to contact potential supervisors.

It is possible there will be a number of academics at the ANU who have similar research interests, and they may be located in different Colleges. It is important to discuss with these academics where they think your project would be best supervised.

Please note:

- Entry into a PhD program and the SRW Scholarship depends on the availability of an academic at the ANU who can supervise your research project.
- Each College has slightly different entry requirements, and similar areas of research may be conducted across different centres.
- When contacting a potential supervisor(s), it is important that you provide them with all information relevant to your application.
- To ensure that your request is given appropriate attention, please indicate to potential supervisors that you are **applying for a Sir Roland Wilson Scholarship**.
- Many academics are extremely busy and have regular international travel commitments. There may be a delay in responding to your request.

If you have additional questions or are having difficulty contacting a supervisor please contact us at srw.foundation@anu.edu.au

International travel component

It is a requirement of the scholarship that an international travel component be completed. Scholars receive a travel stipend for this. This stipend will cover travel, accommodation and associated expenses. Students are expected to use the stipend to complete international fieldwork, attend workshops, courses, conferences or other approved activities. All international travel will need to be approved by the Academic Supervisor and the Sir Roland Wilson Foundation Executive Director, and be consistent with the ANU Travel Policy.

Flexible arrangements

The Foundation values applicants from diverse backgrounds. If you are interested in the scholarship program, but think that you may require flexible arrangements, please contact srw.foundation@anu.edu.au to discuss.

Sir Roland Wilson Foundation Scholarship dates

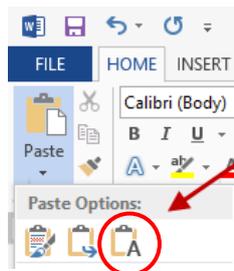
Date	Event
<p>Tues 22 Mar 2016 12-1pm Sir Roland Wilson Foundation, Old Canberra House Lennox Crossing, ANU</p>	<p>Information session for prospective candidates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn more about the scholarship • Meet Sir Roland Wilson Scholars
<p>Mon 4 Apr 2016 4-5pm Sir Roland Wilson Foundation, Old Canberra House Lennox Crossing, ANU</p>	<p>Information session for prospective candidates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn more about the scholarship • Meet Sir Roland Wilson Scholars
<p>May-June</p>	<p>Consult with ANU academics and prepare applications</p>
<p>Monday 11 July 2016</p>	<p>Agency supported applications forwarded to SRW office</p>
<p>End July 2016</p>	<p>ANU assessment of academic admissibility</p>
<p>Monday 8 August 2016</p>	<p>Board of Foundation to shortlist candidates for interview</p>
<p>Tuesday 13 September 2016</p>	<p>Interview and Selection by Sir Roland Wilson Foundation Board</p>
<p>Week of 14 September 2016</p>	<p>Candidates notified of outcome</p>
<p>February 2017</p>	<p>Candidates commence PhD program at ANU</p>

Research proposal template guidelines

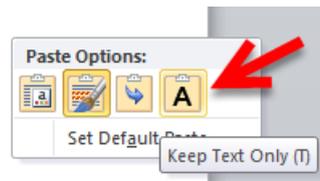
Please see the guidelines below. The research proposal must not exceed 2 pages.

Template tips

The application template has restricted editing. This may cause issues if you are pasting from other documents/programs. If you experience this, please select the *Paste – Keep Text only* icon (see below). This should allow pasting without altering formatting.



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Word 2007

Title

A precise and informative description of the project

Abstract

A summary of the proposed research. This should include the key research question or hypothesis, the rationale for the research, and the method to be employed in the study.

Aims & significance

What is the ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTION that your thesis will make?

A clearly focused statement of the overall purpose of the proposed research (i.e. why is it important?)

Research questions and/or hypotheses:

The questions that the proposed research will address and/or the hypotheses that will be tested

Background/Context

A preliminary review of the key research that has already been carried out in the field and identification of the gaps in the literature that the proposed research aims to fill

Methodology

An explanation of what type of data you think will be required to answer the research questions or test the hypotheses and how the data may be collected and analysed.

Academic Supervisor

Please identify the academic supervisor/s (name, position, centre and College) who has/have agreed to supervise this project