

Sir Roland Wilson Pat Turner Scholarship

Frequently Asked Questions

Sir Roland Wilson Foundation

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General FAQ

1. Who is eligible for the Sir Roland Wilson Pat Turner scholarship?

The Sir Roland Wilson Pat Turner scholarship is available to high performing Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Australian Public Service (APS) employees between APS 4 and SES band 1, who have a minimum of three years' service in the APS. Service does not have to be continuous, or with a single agency.

2. What courses can I study while on the scholarship?

Scholars can study any postgraduate program at The Australian National University (ANU) or Charles Darwin University (CDU). This includes Graduate Certificates and Graduate Diplomas, Master by coursework, Master of Philosophy (MPhil) or Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) programs.

3. What does the scholarship include?

While on the scholarship, scholars continue being paid their full salary by their agency, including superannuation. They are invited to networking and professional development opportunities throughout their scholarship. As per the [ANU Conditions of Award for higher degree research](#), scholars studying a PhD program at ANU or CDU can also access up to \$40,000 to undertake [international travel](#) over the course of their scholarship and a \$5,000 [professional development fund](#) during the last 12 months of their scholarship, and the first 12 months after returning to their agency.

There are separate [ANU Conditions of Award](#) for postgraduate coursework.

Scholars enter into a Deed of Agreement with their agency, which details the entitlements scholars receive while completing their study.

For more information, including a draft Deed of Agreement, download the [applicant information pack](#) from our website.

4. How long is the scholarship?

The scholarship can be one to three years, depending on the length of the program you intend to study. The scholarship will be awarded for the time it will take to complete the course full-time. For example, if you choose to study a Master of Economics at ANU, this is a 2 year full-time program, so your scholarship would be for 2 years. PhD scholarships are for three years, with a possible extension up to 12 months.

5. How many scholarships are available each year?

The number of scholarships awarded varies each year. There are usually around six scholarships awarded per year.

6. Can I undertake studies at a University other than ANU?

If you're applying for the Sir Roland Wilson Pat Turner Scholarship, you can study at ANU or our partner institution, CDU.

7. I don't meet the three years' service requirement, but I will at the start of the scholarship. Can I still apply?

Yes. You need to meet the three years' service requirement at the start of your scholarship program, not when you apply.

8. I am a member of the Australian Defence Force, can I apply for this program?

No. Our scholarships are available to Australian Public Service employees, therefore Department of Defence employees are eligible, but Australian Defence Force members are not.

9. How do I know if my research topic for the MPhil/PhD is of national significance and strategic importance to the Australian Public Service?

The [applicant information pack](#) lists the Australian Public Service research priorities. You can also discuss your ideas with your supervisor or senior executive to find out if your proposed topic is of interest to your agency.

10. Can I reapply for the scholarship if I was unsuccessful in a previous year?

Yes. Some successful scholars apply more than once for this program. If your application isn't successful, you can request feedback after the selection process and refine your application for the following year.

11. Do you continue to be an APS employee while on scholarship?

Yes. While on scholarship you will remain an APS employee, bound by the APS Code of Conduct. The Deed of Agreement scholars enter into with their agency details the conditions of scholarship.

Scholars are paid their normal salary by their agency. Taxation, superannuation and other employment conditions continue to apply (as per the Deed of Agreement). The Australian Public Service Commission provides advice regarding the Deeds of Agreement to scholars' agencies.

12. Is the Sir Roland Wilson Foundation part of ANU or the APS?

The SRW Foundation is a [statutory body](#) of The Australian National University. A Board consisting of ANU, Charles Darwin University and APS representatives is responsible for the governance, management, strategic direction and performance of the Foundation.

You can read more about our board on our [website](#).

13. Who funds the Foundation and the scholarships?

The Foundation was established in 1998 by a donation from the Wilson family. The scholarships and the Foundation are funded through the interest earned on the donation from the Wilson Family and the contribution of the Foundation's partners, ANU and the APS.

14. Who was Sir Roland Wilson?

Sir Roland Wilson was a renowned academic, economist and public servant. Born in Tasmania in 1904, Wilson was a Rhodes scholar and completed PhDs at both Oxford University and the University of Chicago. After a short academic career, he joined the Australian Public Service in 1932. He served as Commonwealth Statistician, then and as the Secretary of the Department of Labour and National Service where he contributed to the economic approach to WWII. In 1951, he was appointed Secretary of the Treasury—Wilson remains our longest serving Treasury Secretary with 16 years service. Wilson was awarded a Commander of the British Empire (CBE) in 1941, a Knight Bachelor in 1955, and Knight Commander of the British Empire (KBE) in 1965.

Sir Roland Wilson Pat Turner PhD

15. How do I apply for a PhD program and how long does it take to complete an application?

When you apply for a PhD program at ANU, you will apply to the college or school offering research in the area you want to study. ANU has a number of colleges and research schools, so the PhD application process can vary depending on the college or school where you apply.

Begin your application by looking at the general process of applying for a PhD program, available on the [ANU website](#).

Once you've submitted your PhD, contact the college/s that may offer research in your area of interest, as well as any academic supervisors you want to work with.

When you apply for a PhD program at CDU, you will need to email a completed HDR application and referee report to apply. You can find out more and apply on the [CDU website](#).

16. Do I use the Sir Roland Wilson application form when I apply for the PhD at ANU/CDU?

The Sir Roland Wilson application form is used for your agency's internal process, and for consideration by the Foundation selection panel.

You will also need to apply through ANU/CDU for your PhD.

Once you've submitted your application to ANU/CDU, complete the [SRW application form](#). Send the completed form to your learning and development team and [email](#) your application number to the Foundation.

17. How do I find a supervisor?

You can find researcher profiles and contact details on the ANU and CDU websites.

- For supervision at ANU you can browse the researcher database [here](#).
- For supervision at CDU you can browse the researcher database [here](#).

18. Does my PhD supervisor have to be from ANU or CDU?

Most PhD students are guided by a supervisory panel of two or more supervisors. Your primary supervisor should be from the institution where you are studying, but you can approach secondary or other supervisors from different universities.

You will need to check with the college or research school where you are planning on studying to find out their requirements.

19. How do I know which college/school I should apply to?

If you're applying for a PhD program at ANU, you should apply to the [college or school](#) that most closely aligns with your proposed research topic.

Be aware your research topic may intersect multiple research schools or colleges, so you may want to contact multiple areas in the University who could have an interest in your topic. For example, your research topic could address a legal question in relation to public policy. This may fit under both the ANU College of Law and the Crawford School of Public Policy (ANU College of Asia and the Pacific).

If you're applying for a PhD program at CDU, you will need to email a completed HDR application and referee report to apply. You can find out more and apply on the [CDU website](#).

20. I have already started a PhD program at ANU/CDU, can I still apply for the Pat Turner PhD scholarship?

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Sir Roland Wilson Pat Turner postgraduate coursework

22. How do I apply for a Master qualification?

You need to submit your application through the relevant university application portal:

- ANU: <https://programsandcourses.anu.edu.au/Search>
- CDU: <https://www.cdu.edu.au/study/essentials/how-to-apply/postgraduate>

Once you've applied to the relevant university, you also need to fill in the [SRW application form](#) on our website.

Send your completed SRW application form to your learning and development team, and let the Foundation know your application number.

Your learning and development team and a selection committee in your agency will determine whether your agency will support your application. If so, you'll be invited to a selection interview with the SRW Foundation, which will take place in August.

If successful, you will be awarded a scholarship and will commence your studies early the following year.

23. What are the key dates for my application?

The key dates for your SRW Pat Turner scholarship Master application depend on whether you want to study a Master by coursework or a Master of Philosophy. Refer to the key dates on our [website](#) for deadline details.

24. If I'm awarded a scholarship, can I change my academic program later?

Yes, but you must do this in consultation with the Foundation and your agency. For example, some scholars begin a Master of Philosophy (MPhil) and progress to a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) program during their scholarship.

Your agency need to support a change of program as it may result in your scholarship duration being extended.

25. Where can I get help to apply or enrol?

Australian National University

For help with your ANU application, you can contact the college or school you're considering applying to, or speak with your potential academic supervisor. You can also contact the Foundation team for general advice on your application.

You can read guides for enrolling on [the ANU website](#). You can also get assistance to enrol by calling the Student Central Team on 02 6125 5111 or by emailing student@anu.edu.au

Charles Darwin University

For help with your CDU application you can [email](#) the research degrees team at CDU or [request a call](#) about your application. You can also contact the Foundation team for general advice on your application.

You can read guides for enrolling on [the CDU website](#). You can also get assistance to enrol by calling the Student Central Team on 08 8946 7766 or by emailing student.central@cdu.edu.au