

## Higher Degree Research Scholarship Ranking Metric 2010

This metric is designed by the UWS Research Studies Committee to rank applications for Australian Postgraduate Awards (APA) and UWS Postgraduate Research Awards (UWSPRA).

APA scholarships are ranked on the basis of previous academic merit and performance using sections one, two and three of the metric: undergraduate GPA, level of B Hons or postgraduate award and research output. The highest possible score is 29. All applications are scored for these criteria and the highest ranked applicants will be made an offer of APA scholarship and RTS place, subject to confirmation of the ranking by the UWS Research Studies Committee and confirmation by the relevant College that there are adequate resources available for supervision and candidature.

UWSPRAs are allocated on a combination of the APA criteria above along with an academic judgement about the level of professional experience that is relevant to the intended area of study.

The ranked lists are used to determine the next offer, where one is not accepted.

Applicants should read the application carefully for information on: how to apply, closing dates, presentation of documentation, the process and timeline. It is essential that the application and all associated documentation in the format requested arrive by 5:00pm, Friday 30 October 2009 at the following address:

Postal: University of Western Sydney  
Student Administration Postgraduate Research Unit  
Kingswood Campus, Building K.1.35  
Locked Bag 1797  
PENRITH SOUTH DC NSW 1797

Street: University of Western Sydney  
Student Administration Postgraduate Research Unit  
Kingswood Campus, Building K.1.35  
Second Avenue  
KINGSWOOD NSW 2747

### Application Conditions

- Applicants using overseas postal services are strongly advised to certify or register their application package to ensure timely delivery.
- Applications received at the address above after 5:00pm on the 30th October 2009 will not be considered.
- Additional documentation will also not be accepted after the closing date, except if the document relates to an outstanding result for a qualification listed in the application.
- No academic results will be accepted after 30 November 2009.

Scores for sections 1, 2 and 3 will be allocated by the Office of Research Services in accordance with the metric and the documentation presented by the applicant. Scores for sections 4 and 5 will be determined by Colleges.

The final UWS ranked list for APAs and UWSPRAs will be decided by the UWS Research Studies Committee and successful applicants will be notified after 7 December, 2009.

For detailed information on the process and timeline see the "Research Admission and Scholarship Application" form: [http://www.uws.edu.au/research/prospective\\_candidates/apply](http://www.uws.edu.au/research/prospective_candidates/apply)

**SECTION 1  
MAXIMUM POINTS FOR THIS SECTION - 4**

**Studies below Honours Level** (up to 4 points)

<b>(1) Undergraduate Course</b> for years <u>below</u> Honours.	<b>Points</b>
GPA Score >= 6.5	4
GPA Score >= 6.0	3
GPA Score >= 5.5	2
GPA Score >= 5.0	1

**SECTION 2  
MAXIMUM POINTS FOR THIS SECTION - 20**

**Honours/Postgraduate Study** (up to 20 points)

Only for completed or completion pending qualifications (where verifiable grades – both thesis and coursework - are available). If more than one postgraduate qualification, only one may be scored.

<b>(2) Honours/Postgraduate Study</b>	<b>Level Awarded</b>	<b>Points</b>
Masters by Research	Any	20
Undergraduate Honours # (End on)	1	20
	2-1	18
	2-2	15
<b>UWS</b> Embedded Undergraduate Hons (if equivalent to a UWS end-on degree)	1	20
	2-1	18
	2-2	15
Embedded Undergraduate Honours from another institution	College recommendation up to 20 points (must be evidence based)	
Masters by Coursework with research component equivalent to 25% or more (includes all research units/projects)	Any	15
Masters by Coursework designed to prepare students for entry into a research degree ^	Any	15
Masters by Coursework	GPA >= 6.0	14
	GPA >= 5.0	12
	GPA >= 3.0 but < 5.0	10
UWS Graduate Certificate in Research	ATP* >= 85%	14
	ATP* >= 75%	12
	ATP* >= 65%	10

# Any overseas qualification with an “honours” result will not automatically be considered comparable to an Australian Bachelor Honours degree and may not equate to the point allocation indicated here. Colleges will make a judgement on overseas qualifications based on the grades attained, NOOSR advice and discipline knowledge of the standing of the institution in the academic community.

\* ATP = Advanced Thesis Preparation Unit No 200361 or equivalent

^ It is recognised that some disciplines have designed specific coursework components to prepare students for entry into a research degree. Evidence must be provided from course documentation (ie calendar entries, promotional material and course outlines) that this is the case.

**SECTION 3  
MAXIMUM POINTS FOR THIS SECTION - 5**

**Research Output**

**Maximum points for Research Output is 5 (irrespective of cumulative total).**

Applicant's contribution to refereed research output. Points will not be allocated where verification documents for each section have not been provided. Applicant may be allocated up to five points from one or more of the following categories.

<b>Research Book/Monograph</b>	<b>Category Value</b>
Authored research book (not theses) – a substantial work of scholarship bound and offered for sale under the imprint of a recognised commercial press or publisher	5
<b>Research Book Chapter</b>	
Research Book Chapters in authored research publications, bound and offered for sale un the imprint of a recognised commercial press or publisher	2
<b>Major Creative Works</b>	
Solo exhibition in a major gallery/museum, commercial or public – curated and accompanied by a published catalogue identifying the individual works	5
Participation in a Group exhibition in a major gallery/museum, commercial or public – curated and accompanied by a published catalogue	2
<b>Written or Recorded Creative Work</b>	
Novels, books of poetry, published play or films scripts, published scores of musical works, recordings of live music, theatre or dance performances, films, multimedia productions or sound production, recorded or bound/packaged creative work for sale and commercial distribution	College recommendation up to 5 pts (evidence based)
<b>Refereed Journal Articles</b>	
Refereed Journal Articles – substantial works of scholarship published in a scholarly journal following a formal process of peer review	2
<b>Refereed Conference Proceedings</b>	
Full written versions of conference papers which are published. Full papers must be peer reviewed and presented at conferences of national or international significance	1
<b>Commercial Patent</b>	
Patents on specific products or processes granted for the first time, either Australian or in an overseas country.	2

**SECTION 4  
MAXIMUM POINTS FOR THIS SECTION - 5**

**Employment Relating Directly to Research Training**

(up to 5 points and is scored in ADDITION to Section 2)

<b>Professional Experience</b> Points may be scored for employment experience where it relates <b>directly</b> to the proposed research training.	College recommendation up to 5 pts (evidence based)
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**SECTION 5  
MAXIMUM POINTS FOR THIS SECTION - 4**

**GPA Equivalence for Overseas Qualifications**

ONLY to be used for applicants who have attained an overseas undergraduate qualification, in order to determine the equivalence of the awarded GPA in the Australian context. Colleges should be guided by the NOOSR judgement regarding the quality of individual institutions, the academic transcripts of the applicant and discipline knowledge of the academic standing of the institution.

<b>GPA Equivalence</b>	
Equivalence – up to 4 points in this category	4

**Additional Information  
Presenting Documentation for Scholarships**

**Section One - Studies Below Honours Level**

Certified copy of a full academic transcript indicating the current status of the degree (ie in progress, completed or awarded)

**Section Two - Honours/Postgraduate Study**

Certified copy of a full academic transcript indicating the current status of the degree (ie in progress, completed or awarded).

Final, official results for all pending qualifications must be provided no later than 30 November 2009. For UWS students, this will be arranged within the College by Academic Advisors. If the official result is not available by the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2009, the score for that qualification will not be considered.

**Section Three - Research Output**

<i>Research Book/Monograph</i>	A copy of the introduction and frontispiece, photocopies of contents, preface, introduction, and pages showing all bibliographic information: ISBN or ISSN, author(s), publisher, all dates referring to copyright, publication, printing and distribution.
<i>Exhibitions</i>	Copy of catalogue contents, preface, introduction, ISBN (if applicable), name of exhibitor and curator, total number of works in exhibition and total number of works by claiming artist. Copy of advertising, including the name of publication and date advertised. Evidence that the gallery/museum is an independent public or commercial organisation (eg evidence of a governing board, is a financial concern, annual report extract, employs staff, is autonomous, i.e. independent of the University).
<i>Recorded Creative Performance Work</i>	<i>(Including live music, theatre or dance performances, films, multimedia productions or sound production).</i> Evidence to support commercial distribution (e.g. cover/notes) Evidence of running time Evidence of the role(s) of the claimant (e.g. writer, illustrator, producer, director, performer)
<i>Written Creative Work</i>	<i>(Including published novels, poetry, plays, film scripts, music scores)</i> All bibliographical information: ISBN or ISSN, author(s), publisher, all dates referring to copyright, publication, printing and distribution.
<i>Refereed Papers</i>	A copy of the refereed paper and photocopies of contents, preface, introduction and pages showing all bibliographical information: ISBN or ISSN, author(s), publisher, all dates referring to copyright, publication, printing and distribution, evidence that the paper is refereed.
<i>Refereed Conference Proceedings</i>	Photocopy of the front page of proceedings, contents, preface and all bibliographic information: ISBN or ISSN, author(s), publisher, all dates referring to copyright, publication, printing and distribution. Evidence of refereeing (e.g. statement in preface, details of refereeing procedures and/or panel). Details of conference: conference title, date, venue, supporting/sponsoring information.

#### **Section Four – Employment Relating Directly to Research Training**

The College may allocate up to 5 points where the applicant has demonstrated they have employment experience directly relating to the proposed research.

Applicants should provide any documentation which supports a claim of employment, skills and knowledge directly relating to the proposed study. Documentation may include a letter from an employer; employment contract; duty statement; published commercial reports, including bibliographic information and authorship details or any commercial documentation supporting professional experience. A CV is not sufficient evidence on its own.

The maximum number of points would be allocated only in exceptional cases.

Examples of criteria which may be used to assess this category include:

- Has demonstrated *involvement with* writing project report(s) and other research related written materials, such as grant applications, tenders, project reports. Need to show evidence of skills in designing, executing and reporting on research related projects.
- Has clearly demonstrated research capability by submitting *authored* research report(s) or grant applications, tenders etc
- Has published articles in professional journals (need not be refereed)
- Has provided legal/scientific expert opinion (evidence based)
- Has demonstrated additional research skills/knowledge
- Has experience in teaching a research methods unit
- Has experience as a research assistant
- Has worked as a researcher with a major firm, corporation, publisher or government agency
- Has completed systematic reviews of the literature and published on the Cochrane database

#### **Section Five - GPA Equivalence for Overseas Qualifications**

Certified copies of full academic transcripts indicating the current status of the degree (ie in progress, completed or awarded) and the grades achieved. Applicants may also include additional information about the course structure and content including University calendar entries, promotional material and course outlines.