

## Policy: Postgraduate Students as Research Grant Recipients

While acknowledging that there is some merit in allowing research students to apply for and receive external grants and gain experience in the competitive grants process, it is recognised that this could generate many problems relating to the students' candidature, administration, insurance coverage and accountability if grants were to be accepted by students in their own right. Such problems would be avoided if students apply for and accept the grants jointly with their supervisors.

Staff and research students are therefore asked to note the following:

- When a Department accepts a Higher Degree by Research student it makes a commitment that appropriate supervision and infrastructure are available to enable the project to proceed to completion;
- Students should not be expected to apply to external bodies for external funding to support their mainstream research activity;
- If such activity is encouraged as part of the research training process it should not make a significant impact on research progress, as it is not grounds for an extension of scholarship tenure or candidature;
- If an application for a postgraduate grant-in-aid is made to a sponsor, it should be lodged in joint names with the supervisor and submitted through Adelaide Research and Innovation (Research). If successful, the grant can be administered by the Finance Branch;
- If the student and supervisor agree to apply for a research grant for a separate (albeit related) project, the staff member must be first named investigator. Candidature and scholarship support should be intermitted for the duration of the activity;
- Further details on the research grants process may be obtained from the Adelaide Research and Innovation (Research) or, on financial matters, from the Finance Branch.

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