AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITY OF THEOLOGY

HDR Half Scholarship Application 2026
For DMin or PhD Candidates Only

In 2026, there will be one University Half Scholarship awarded. You may apply if you are in your first year FTE of study or if you are applying to begin in 2027.

Applicant's Details

Applicant's Name :

Contact Details :

Street Address :

Suburb : **State :**

Post Code : **Country :**

Phone : **Email address :**

Appointed (or Proposed) Supervisors

Supervising College :

Principal Supervisor :

Name : **Email :**

Co-Supervisor Name :

Name :

Co-Supervisor 2 Name (if applicable):

Name :

Forms received after 5pm (AEST) on Friday, 25 September 2026 will not be considered

Please send form and attachments as a single PDF to research@aut.edu.au

1. Have you signed a letter acceptance for admission to an AUT HDR course?

☐ Yes ☐ No

1a. If you answered Yes, in which AUT HDR course are you a candidate?

☐ DMin ☐ PhD

When did you commence? Year Semester

1b. If you answered No, will your application for admission be considered in October 2026?

☐ Yes ☐ No

1c. Is there any reason why you are unable to commence candidature in Semester 1, 2027?

☐ Yes ☐ No

1d. If you answered Yes, please provide details.

2. How do you intend to complete your course?

☐ Full time only ☐ Full time and Part time ☐ Part time only

3. Are you currently receiving any Australian Federal, State or Local government scholarship, grant or other payment for the purpose of supporting postgraduate study?

☐ Yes ☐ No

3a. If you answered Yes, please provide details.

4. Are you currently applying for admission and/or a scholarship to any other institution to undertake higher degree by research study?

☐ Yes ☐ No

4a. If you answered Yes, please provide details.

Signatures

Applicant Declaration

I declare that all information given by me in this application is correct. I have read and agree to abide by the rules of the scholarship.

Signature of student : Date:

Supervising College Endorsement

I confirm that the applicant has the support of this college to undertake HDR studies and the supervising college will provide 50% of the course tuition fees.

Name of College Representative :

Role in College :

Signature : Date:

Please read the material on pages 3-7 before submitting an application

Attachments Evidence Check List

Required from all applicants

1. Academic Transcripts
2. Statement by the applicant on why they are a suitable applicant (1 page max)
3. List of any publications

Who may apply for an AUT HDR Half Scholarship?

1. In 2026, one AUT Half Scholarship will be awarded. You may apply if you are in your first year of FTE of study or if you are applying to begin in 2027. Existing candidates who have completed no more than one year full-time of their candidature.

2. Prospective candidates who are expected to qualify for admission to an AUT HDR course of study are given provisional status on the ranked scholarship grants list. Upon confirmation of admission to an AUT HDR course of study, the prospective notation will be removed from the ranked scholarship grants list.

3. Prospective candidates (or those in the first year FTE of their candidature) in the DMin or PhD, irrespective of their location, citizenship, or whether full or part-time.

Who may not apply for an AUT HDR Half Scholarship?

1. At the time of applying for an AUT HDR Scholarship, candidates in receipt of any Australian Federal, State or Local government scholarship, grant or other payment for the purpose of supporting postgraduate study are ineligible to apply for the AUT HDR scholarship.

Rules for AUT HDR Scholarships (Candidates)

1. The Scholarship & Grants Panel, comprising the Chair of the Research Committee, the DVC-R, a member of RC appointed by RC, and (if available) an external member of RC, will determine the ranking of the applications for the scholarships and make a recommendation to RC.

2. The duration of an AUT Half HDR Scholarship is three years full-time, but it may be taken part-time in a part-time equivalent.

3. The AUT will make available one general scholarship per year. Each scholarship will cover half of the tuition fee charged by the supervising affiliated college, for a maximum of 288 credit points of doctoral-level study. Candidates who receive a scholarship may, with the prior approval of their supervising college and the DVC-R of the AUT, use scholarship funds to pay for coursework units that would complement their research. These units may come from an AUT affiliate or other approved provider. Where funds are used to pay for complementary coursework units, the candidate will be wholly responsible for making up the shortfall of scholarship tuition fees

4. Tax Issues

   Where a candidate undertakes part-time study and receives a fee-offset scholarship, it will not be taxable income, as is standard for HDR candidates at universities. Any stipend received as a payment will be considered assessable income by the ATO.

   Fee offset scholarships and stipends received for full-time studies will not be taxable.

5. Early Completion and Late Completion

   Should a candidate complete his/her studies early but still need to be enrolled to complete the required number of credit points, the AUT will continue to pay the tuition for these enrolments. Total tuition payments will not exceed the total scholarship amount awarded to the candidate. If extension of candidature is granted, candidates will be responsible for additional fees above 288 credit points.

6. Withdrawal

   A candidate on a scholarship may request to withdraw from their studies. The withdrawal may be granted for valid and legitimate reasons. In the case of unexplained withdrawals or withdrawals deemed 'not due to valid and legitimate reasons,' the AUT reserves the right to seek a refund of scholarship funds already paid.

   Any unused scholarship funds earmarked for the student withdrawing from his/her studies may be awarded to another eligible student.

   Any 'unavoidable costs' already incurred by the affiliated college for a student withdrawing mid-term for valid and legitimate reasons may be covered by the scholarship.

7. Recipients of an AUT HDR Scholarship are required to commence their studies in first semester of the year after being awarded the scholarship, unless they have indicated otherwise in their application.

8. No funds will be paid to the AUT HDR Scholarship recipient.

9. An AUT HDR scholarship recipient who subsequently becomes a recipient of any Australian Federal, State or Local government scholarship, grant or other payment for the purpose of supporting postgraduate study during their AUT HDR candidature will cease receiving the AUT HDR scholarship from the date they qualified for the alternative scholarship. Any payment of tuition fees received from the AUT after the date they were awarded the alternative funds will be required to be repaid to the AUT.

Criteria for awarding AUT HDR Scholarships

General

1. Grade of undergraduate or graduate project/thesis. (50%)
2. Overall GPA of highest relevant award + GPA of units in chosen research field (30%)
3. Publications (20%)

Note

1. The AUT will apply a scheme for allocation of scholarships similar to that adopted by various Australian universities for allocation of Australian Postgraduate Awards (APA) where selection is based on a score arrived at by considering academic qualifications and research potential as per the following tables. These criteria will be applied to scholarship applications, generating a ranked scholarship grants list.

2. The available number of scholarships will be awarded to applicants in order of ranking of applicants in each category.

3. If scores are equal, the applicants will be differentiated first on the basis of their mode of study, (full time study mode being given priority); then their Research Potential Score, and if that cannot differentiate the applicants, then on the basis of their Academic Merit Score.

4. If applicants on the same score cannot be differentiated by the process outlined in 3 above, the Scholarship & Grants Panel will decide and make a recommendation to Research Committee.

5. Decisions of Research Committee are final, and no correspondence will be entered into with applicants regarding their decision.

Table 1 : Academic Merit Scores

Projects: **836 or **936 (16,000 words, formerly **796); **924 (12,000 words, formerly **795, 14,000 words) or in MA (ChrStud) formerly IN792 (12,000 words); or equivalent in non-AUT courses.

AUT Award Or non-AUT award deemed equivalent	Hons level or GPA + GPA of units	Project		Points
		Code	Grade	
BTh (Hons), BMin (Hons)	First class honours	**836	HD	10
	First class honours	**836	D	8
	2A honours	**836	HD	8
	2A honours	**836	D	6
	2B honours	**836	HD	6
	2B honours	**836	D	4
MDiv or MDiv (no project) + GradDip or GradCertDiv	GPA: 3.80-4.0	**936	HD	10
	GPA: 3.80-4.0	**936	D	8
	GPA: 3.80-4.0	**924	HD	9
	GPA: 3.80-4.0	**924	D	7
	GPA: 3.0-3.79	**936	HD	8
	GPA: 3.0-3.79	**936	D	6
	GPA: 3.0-3.79	**924	HD	7
	GPA: 3.0-3.79	**924	D	5
	GPA: 2.0-2.99	**936	HD	6
	GPA: 2.0-2.99	**936	D	4
	GPA: 2.0-2.99	**924	HD	5
	GPA: 2.0-2.99	**924	D	3
MA (Th/Min)	GPA:3.80-4.0	**936	HD	10
	GPA:3.80-4.0	**936	D	8
	GPA:3.80-4.0	**924	HD	9
	GPA:3.80-4.0	**924	D	7
	GPA:3.0-3.79	**936	HD	8
	GPA:3.0-3.79	**936	D	6
	GPA:3.0-3.79	**924	HD	7
	GPA:3.0-3.79	**924	D	5

AUT Award Or non-AUT award deemed equivalent	Hons level or GPA + GPA of units	Project		Points
		Code	Grade	
MA (Th/Min) (continued)	GPA: 2.0-2.99	**936	HD	6
	GPA: 2.0-2.99	**936	D	4
	GPA: 2.0-2.99	**924	HD	5
	GPA: 2.0-2.99	**924	D	3
MA(ChrStud)	GPA: 3.80-4.0	IN200-924	HD	8
	GPA: 3.80-4.0	IN200-924	D	7
	GPA: 3.0-3.79	IN200-924	HD	6
	GPA: 3.0-3.79	IN200-924	D	5
	GPA: 2.0-2.99	IN200-924	HD	4
	GPA: 2.0-2.99	IN200-924	D	3
MML	GPA: 3.80-4.0	**936	HD	8
	GPA: 3.80-4.0	**936	D	6
	GPA: 3.0-3.79	**936	HD	7
	GPA: 3.0-3.79	**936	D	5
	GPA: 2.0-2.99	**936	HD	6
	GPA: 2.0-2.99	**936	D	4
GradDip or Cert (Th/Min) + BTh / BMin GPA ≥2.0	GPA: 3.80-4.0	**936	HD	10
	GPA: 3.80-4.0	**936	D	8
	GPA: 3.80-4.0	**924	HD	9
	GPA: 3.80-4.0	**924	D	7
	GPA: 3.0-3.79	**936	HD	8
	GPA: 3.0-3.79	**936	D	6
	GPA: 3.0-3.79	**924	HD	7
	GPA: 3.0-3.79	**924	D	5
	GPA: 2.0-2.99	**936	HD	6
	GPA: 2.0-2.99	**936	D	4
	GPA: 2.0-2.99	**924	HD	5
	GPA: 2.0-2.99	**924	D	3

Table 2 : Research Potential Scores

Scholarly publications published by a reputable publisher in the candidate's proposed field of research within the last five years. The table assumes sole authorship. Where there is multiple authorship of an item, the points are calculated on a pro rata basis (e.g., two authors of a book, each author receives 2.5 points). Applicants are required to provide evidence to verify their claims.

Item	Points
Book peer reviewed publisher (sole author). If multiple authors, then score is calculated pro rata e.g. (2 authors = 2.5 points; 3 authors = 1.7).	5
Published Peer reviewed Journal article, chapter of book, including chapter of conference proceedings.	1
Popular or scholarly books through reputable publisher (not self-published)	2
Paper presented at conference but not published.	0.5
Book review published in peer reviewed Journal and related to the candidate's proposed field of research.	0.25
Item published in non-academic magazine or online	0.25

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