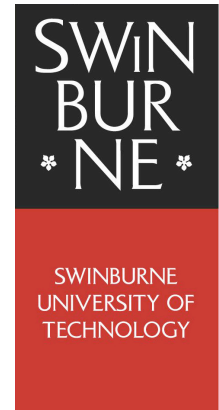


Centre for Astrophysics and Supercomputing PhD student support

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The following indicates the minimum support to be provided to incoming PhD students beginning their studies in 2016 onwards at the Centre for Astrophysics and Supercomputing (CAS). Although every effort was made to ensure this information was accurate at the time of writing, it is subject to change without notice. All monetary sums are in Australian dollars.

■ **Basic scholarship stipend:**

The minimum stipend will be \$25849 p.a. tax-free. Some scholarships may attract a higher stipend. The scholarship is paid for 3 years, at which point the student can apply for a 6-month extension if required. All tuition fees are paid for up to 4 years.

■ **Research budget:**

Students may apply for up to \$1500 p.a. from the Faculty of Science, Engineering and Technology to attend conferences, workshops, training programs, telescope observing runs, collaborative visits etc. Students may apply to access additional funds through their PhD supervisors, CAS, or external research funding.

■ **Maternity leave:**

Students who have completed 12 months of their scholarship are entitled to a maximum of 12 weeks paid maternity leave during their scholarship.

■ **Relocation subsidy:**

For relocating themselves, their spouse and dependants to Melbourne, the University provides each student with an allowance of \$505 per adult and \$255 per child up to a maximum of \$1455. CAS will consider a further subsidy of up to \$505 upon application and on a needs basis.

■ **Airport pick-up on first arrival:**

Swinburne provides a free pick-up service from Melbourne airport. See <http://www.swinburne.edu.au/study/international/plan-arrival/arriving-in-melbourne/> for details.

■ **Initial accommodation on arrival:**

CAS can book up to 2 weeks of accommodation in a local budget hotel for the student, their spouse and dependants. Payment will be the student's responsibility or, by prior agreement, the student's supervisor.

■ **Computing start-up:**

All CAS students are allocated a high-end Mac or Linux desktop computer. They are also granted priority access to CAS's supercomputer.

■ **Thesis allowance:**

The University will reimburse each student up to \$840 for the costs of producing their PhD thesis.

