

# Centre for Astrophysics and Supercomputing Postgraduate Research Funding Policy

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The aim of this policy is to ensure that the research activities of Centre students (research Masters and PhD) are funded in as transparent and as equitable a manner as possible. The Centre undertakes to provide a minimum of funding to those students not already receiving research support via their scholarship.

This policy refers to research funding, i.e. to money provided by the Centre to directly support research activities. This does not refer to scholarship stipends nor to Faculty top-ups to stipends. Research funds are typically spent on conferences, observing runs, visits to collaborators, and on laptop computers. It is important to remember that anything purchased with Centre funds remains the property of the University and must be returned to the University at the conclusion of the studentship. Laptops are a special case in that they can be finally bought from the University at an agreed price determined by Swinburne ITS.

The following research funds will be provided by the Centre (via the Faculty) to the supervisors of PhD students:

\$3000 per year per student in their first, second and third year;  
\$1500 per student for the first 6 month period after the third year.

Scholarships held jointly with the ATNF or AAO receive the same level of support. CSIRO scholarship holders (Australian citizens only are eligible) will receive no Centre funding as the scholarship already provides such funding.

Masters students will receive:

\$1500 in their first and second years.

Non full-time students will receive funding in proportion to their FTE status.

Funds transfers to the supervisors will be authorized by the postgraduate coordinator at the beginning of each year of the student's candidature (not at the beginning of each calendar year).

In addition, supervisors of PhD students may claim up to \$1500 for computing expenses from the Faculty at the beginning of each students' candidature. These funds are generally expected to be spent on a desktop computer for the student.