

# FoAE Graduation Bridging Scholarship (202360 Session)

## Expression of Interest

### Details and rationale

The time between thesis submission and examination outcomes is challenging for HDR students. Thesis submission often signals the end of stipend payments, and it can increase financial pressure on students considering the examination process takes a minimum of six weeks. Quite often students will commence paid employment during this period and the opportunity to publish further work from their thesis becomes difficult. The FOAE graduation bridging scholarship seeks to provide financial support to support students through this critical period and encourage publication.

### What is it?

FoAE will offer a single 2023 scholarship equivalent of approximately 14 weeks of stipend payments. The support is to encourage one high performing FoAE HDR student to publish two or more high quality publications (or equivalent) during the examination period. The scholarship will be \$8,000 in total. 50% will be paid upfront to the successful recipient on acceptance of the application and the remaining 50% on submission of the manuscript to a high quality outlet.

### Alignment with FoAE and 2030 research strategy

1. University status: Seeking highly cited Q1 journal publications (*or quality/disciplinary equivalent*) that will contribute to improved ERA outcomes
2. Student growth: Successful, student-centred, scholarship will enhance the reputation of FoAE and may lead to increases in future enrolments
3. Supervisor growth: The scholarship encourages co-authorship and public accessibility of research among students, supervisors and other partners
4. Assists CSU with meeting its research-centred Coaldrake targets

### Specific Measurable Outcomes

Outcomes of the scholarship will be measured and reported by:

1. Number of successful Q1 publications (*or quality/disciplinary equivalent*) emanating from the bridging scholarship
2. Benchmarking citations of scholarship-supported manuscripts against non-scholarship outputs
3. Tracking publications in major Faculty Field of Research codes relevant to ERA rankings.

### Who is eligible?

- Any FoAE CSU-enrolled HDR student (Masters or PhD) who has submitted their thesis for examination and are awaiting an outcome from the examination process.
- The overarching thesis topics must demonstrate alignment with FoAE's main focus discipline areas (does not need to be teaching focused): <https://arts-ed.csu.edu.au/courses>

## How to apply?

Please send a succinct PDF application to [tri-faculty-research@csu.edu.au](mailto:tri-faculty-research@csu.edu.au) addressing the following criteria (no more than 100 words per criteria). Please ensure your entire statement against the criteria does not exceed one A4 page. Please arrange your response using the selection criteria as headings.

Applications are due by **4<sup>th</sup> August 2023 (Session 202360 Census Date)**.

### Selection criteria

1. Name and Student Number
2. Organisational Unit (i.e. School name)
3. Title of proposed manuscript(s) (and corresponding thesis chapter number; if applicable)
4. Target journal/publication name and latest impact factor
5. Journal Q-rating (at time of application; if applicable)
6. FOR discipline being targeted
7. Proposed authorship list (include name and affiliation)
8. Thesis submission date
9. Proposed timeline for manuscript(s) preparation (week by week milestones)
10. Attachment 1: An outline/draft of the proposed manuscript(s)
11. Attachment 2: A copy of the submitted thesis
12. Attachment 3: A statement from the principal supervisor (no more than ½ page) validating the submission date and acknowledging that the proposed manuscript(s) is/are of Q1 journal quality (or equivalent).

Applications not adhering to the requirements above will not progress to assessment stage.

### Key points to note

- **December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023** is the latest date for manuscript submission for the second payment to be processed. Manuscripts submitted after this date will **not** be eligible for the second payment.
- Limited to one application per student.
- Manuscripts already submitted for consideration **are ineligible** to receive funding.
- Students may propose multiple manuscripts to be produced during the bridging period.
- Submission to high quality book publishers (including submission of a monographs) will be considered. If this is being considered, please contact the Associate Dean (Research) for the latest university quality book publisher listing.
- Submissions to Q2 journals will be accepted in specific circumstances (justification must be provided).
- Publications targeting Q3, Q4 journals and standard book publishers are **ineligible**.
- The initial payment will not take place until the thesis has been submitted for examination.
- Honours students are **not** eligible to receive funding under this bridging scholarship.
- The student must create a CSU "CRO" account with a FoAE affiliation.
- The school within FoAE must be listed as affiliation for authors.
- FoAE bridging funding must be acknowledged in the manuscript(s) itself.
- The student will be required to submit a brief report upon submission of the manuscript(s) (a template will be provided).
- Applications which exceed one A4 page will **not** be accepted.