



Charles Sturt HDR Scholarship Scoring System

	Point Value	Points Awarded
ELIGIBILITY		
Meets entry criteria (Undergraduate Bachelor Honours or Research Masters or Coursework Masters or other pathway): Yes or no (no point value)	Y/N	
Evidence of supervisor support	Y/N	
Primary Supervisor Research Active	Y/N	
If the answer to any of the above is 'No', no further section of the form need be completed.		
SECTION 1(a): EVIDENCE OF ACADEMIC MERIT Note: Select one allocation of points only for this section.		
Masters by Research	25	
Incomplete Masters by Research degree, with confirmation of candidature and satisfactory progress reporting completed in Master degree to date, seeking transfer to PhD program.	20	
Incomplete PhD or Professional Doctorate, with confirmation of candidature and satisfactory progress reporting completed in their HDR program to date.	20	
Master by Coursework (with evidence of <i>research training</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evidence of research training: completion of a Research Methodology or Qualitative / Quantitative Research subject, or equivalent. 	15	
Master by Coursework (with evidence of <i>research project</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A project must include a dissertation / thesis. 	20	
Other postgraduate qualification with evidence of <i>research training</i> (eg Graduate certificate, Graduate Diploma)	5	
Other postgraduate qualification with evidence of <i>research project</i> (eg Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma)	10	
Undergraduate Bachelor Honours Class 1	25	
Undergraduate Bachelor Honours Class 2A	20	
Undergraduate Bachelor Honours Class 2B	15	
SECTION 1(a) TOTAL		

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Part 1(b): Research Experience Points only awarded if not captured in formal qualifications above		
Applicant has research experience and/or demonstrated experience with collaborative projects with evidence of research/impact/ industry- practice /engagement where it has directly contributed to the research training of the applicant (e.g Research Assistant, internship, and researchers) not already captured in the sections above. Must be supported by evidence outlining employer, dates of employment, full time or part time, and duties undertaken.	5	
SECTION 1 (b) TOTAL		
SECTION 1(a) and 1 (b) TOTAL (Maximum 25 points)		
Part 1(c): Research Publications Points only awarded for publications as per the criteria below		
Journal Article – A presentation of new research in ERA recognized journal. 1st Author or co-author: 1 point per article to a maximum of 5 points	5	
Book chapter- (peer reviewed) A peer reviewed chapter or part or whole of a book, report or anthology/collected work by recognized publisher. 1st Author or co-author: 1 point per article to a maximum of 5 points	5	
Full national or international Plant Breeders Rights or patent 1st Author or co-author: 1 point per article to a maximum of 5 points	5	
Conference paper – Article that has been presented at a ERA recognized conference and formally published, for example in a volume of proceedings 1st Author or co-author: 1 point per article to a maximum of 5 points	5	
Commissioned Report – A research report commissioned/solicited by an external body and made publicly available. 1st Author or co-author: 1 point per report to a maximum of 5 points	5	
Major creative works: Solo Exhibition 1st Author or co-author: 1 point per exhibition to a maximum of 5 points	5	
Major creative works: Group Exhibition 1st Author or co-author: 1 point per article to a maximum of 5 points	5	
Written or recorded creative work 1st Author or co-author: 1 point per article to a maximum of 5 points	5	
Section 1 (c) Total (Maximum 5 points)		
SECTION 1(a)& (b) and 1 (c) TOTAL (Maximum 30 points)		



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SECTION 2: RESEARCH ENVIRONMENT		
Alignment with existing research strengths or nominated emerging area	5	
Supervisor capability to support applicant in their research area	5	
SECTION 2 TOTAL		
SECTION 3: QUALITY OF PROPOSED RESEARCH		
Well written and well-articulated explanation of planned research, demonstrating a high level of understanding of the research subject matter, including a brief discussion of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> theoretical framework statement of problem / need for current study and expected contributions to knowledge research questions general objectives methodology ethical considerations 	15	
SECTION 3 TOTAL		
Charles Sturt University Medalist bonus points.	2	
TOTAL POINTS AWARDED		
Sum of Section 1(a) , 1(b), 2, and 3, plus bonus points (if applicable)		

We receive a large number of high-quality applications and are not able to provide all eligible applicants with a scholarship. Due to the volume of applications we receive, we're unable to provide individual feedback on applications or advice on what scores applicants received against each of the criteria.

