



### **The Research Training Scheme (RTS)**

The Research Training Scheme (RTS) introduced in 2001 provided Commonwealth-funded higher degree by research (HDR) students with an 'entitlement' to an exemption from tuition fees for the duration of an accredited HDR course, up to a maximum period of four years' full-time equivalent study for a Doctorate by research and two years' full-time equivalent study for a Masters by research.

### **Funding under the Commonwealth Government's Research Training Scheme (RTS)**

It is expected that all new local postgraduate research students enrolling in a Doctorate or Masters by research at UNSW in 2007 will be granted a RTS entitlement under the Commonwealth Government's Research Training Scheme (RTS). 'Local' refers to Australian citizens and permanent residents and NZ citizens.

Full details of the scheme are available from the Department of Education, Science and Training (DEST) website.

[http://www.dest.gov.au/sectors/research\\_sector/programmes\\_funding/programme\\_categories/professional\\_skills/research\\_training\\_scheme.htm](http://www.dest.gov.au/sectors/research_sector/programmes_funding/programme_categories/professional_skills/research_training_scheme.htm)

The following provides a brief overview of the scheme:

- Commencing Doctoral students are expected to be granted an entitlement under RTS for the duration of their studies up to a maximum period of four years' full time equivalent study.
- Commencing Masters by research students are expected to be granted an entitlement under RTS for the duration of their studies up to a maximum period of two years' full time equivalent study.
- If students continue their enrolment after the expiration of the RTS entitlement, the University may charge tuition fees equivalent to those charged to International students.
- Students commencing studies in a Masters by research who transfer their studies to a Doctorate prior to the completion of the Masters by research will be limited to a maximum period of four years' RTS funding.
- Students commencing studies in a Doctorate who transfer their studies to a Masters by research will be limited to a maximum period of two years. If the student has already held an entitlement under RTS for more than two years at the time of transfer, he or she will not be entitled to any further Commonwealth funding.
- Where a research student completes a Masters by research and is then admitted to a Doctorate, he or she will be entitled to the maximum period of four years for Doctorate study.
- An RTS student transferring to UNSW from another institution to a degree at the same level is required to provide details of his/her enrolment and consumption of RTS entitlement at the previous institution. UNSW does not normally approve transfers if the student is within 12 months of the completion of the HDR degree at another institution. Students in this category must provide details of prior study on the form below.
- Where a student withdraws from study and then resumes study in the same course or another course at the same level within three years, the student will have the period of any

prior research enrolment deducted from the maximum period of RTS. Students who resume study after ceasing research more than three years ago will not have the previous study taken into account. This restriction applies even if the student enrolls at a different institution. Students in this category must provide details of prior study on the form below.

## Questions?

If you have any questions about your candidature and your entitlements under the Research Training Scheme, please contact your Administration Officer at the Graduate Research School. Contact details below:

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## NOTIFICATION OF INCOMPLETE PRIOR RESEARCH STUDIES

*For completion by local students who have undertaken (but not completed) prior postgraduate research studies within the last three years at an Australian tertiary institution*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_

I have been previously enrolled in a

Doctorate       Masters by Research

at

UNSW

Other Australian tertiary institution (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

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If your studies were undertaken at another Australian tertiary institution, please attach a certified copy of your academic transcript and provide details of study below:

Semesters\* enrolled in the program (eg semester 1, 2006 – semester 1, 2006):

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Number of semesters full-time: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of semesters part-time: \_\_\_\_\_

Date last enrolled: \_\_\_\_\_

\* You are deemed to have been enrolled for a particular semester if you were enrolled on the Census date for the semester (ie 31 March for semester one or 31 August for semester two).

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Signed

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Date