

# SCHOOL OF HISTORY

## International Students Funding and Application Advice

### Information for International Applicants

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1. All international applicants may apply for Australian government scholarship (EIPRS scholarships). These awards cover international students' tuition fees as well as the Overseas Student Health Cover charge for three years of study. Students who wish to be considered for these scholarships must complete the application process by 31 August.
2. Unfortunately a very small number of EIPRS scholarships are available across the entire university. Even highly qualified candidates with high grades and excellent English language qualifications miss the cut. Please note that the application fee (currently AU\$100.00) is not refundable for unsuccessful applications.
3. International students who did not complete at least two years' prior training exclusively in English within two years prior to applying must meet the ANU's English language entry requirements: IELTS 6.5 (no band less than 6.0) or TOEFL 570 (with TWE 4.5) are the minimum standards. You may submit further evidence of your English writing skills (an honours thesis, a master's thesis, a publication) to improve your chances.
4. Most EIPRS scholarship holders in the past have applied with a high distinction (or equivalent, such as a 4.0 grade point average) standing in their undergraduate degrees. Students holding a masters degree by research, and/or academic publications have also been competitive.
5. Strong letters of reference, based on referees' knowledge of your prior work and your proposed research, are essential, and you should arrange for them well in advance of the deadline. A missing or late reference may rule out an otherwise competitive application.
6. If you have received scholarships or prizes for your work you should document them in your application.
7. All scholarship applicants must follow the general guidelines ('How to Apply') from the School of History's website. You should contact a potential supervisor well in advance of 31 August to decide whether appropriate supervision is available. The potential supervisor will also need time to prepare a report on your candidature. You should also contact the Graduate Director in the School of History ([history.gradprog@anu.edu.au](mailto:history.gradprog@anu.edu.au)), who will provide general advice on the application process.
8. Because the number of EIPRS scholarships is so small it is advisable that you investigate other potential funding options. In particular there are alternative forms of assistance (scholarships, bursaries, grants, loans) that may be available from your home country. The

Australian Government provides a limited number of scholarships for international students from developing countries. For further information refer to [Australian Development Scholarships](#) and [Australian Leadership Awards](#).

9. The School of History will consider admitting international applicant without scholarship support only if they can provide assurance of their capacity to cover tuition and living expenses. Paid employment of up to 10 hours per week (the maximum permitted) will not cover these costs. Current tuition costs are posted at <http://www.anu.edu.au/sas/fees/index.php> .

International applicants should also consider the current cost of living in Canberra. General advice is available at: [http://info.anu.edu.au/studyat/International\\_Office/getting\\_in/costofliving](http://info.anu.edu.au/studyat/International_Office/getting_in/costofliving)