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Faculty of Engineering Research Student Maternity Scholarships

Female PhD research students who suspend their enrolment for a session to have a child may apply for financial support from the Faculty of Engineering. The support will be equivalent to any scholarship they are required to forgo (up to the value of an Australian Postgraduate Award at the time).

The aim is to cover income that might be lost due to maternity leave by a student *where the scholarship does not already have a provision for such leave*. The amount of Faculty scholarship will depend upon each student's individual circumstances but is anticipated to match APA level.

Eligibility

Requirements are that the student has been enrolled and receiving a scholarship for at least two semesters prior to suspending their enrolment, have achieved confirmation of their candidature and have demonstrated good progress in their studies, through timely and satisfactory completion of reviews, as a minimum.

How to Apply

Students who are planning to suspend their enrolment to have a child should notify the Graduate Research School (GRS) and apply for the paid maternity leave provision provided by their Scholarship (e.g. APA, UPA).

If their Scholarship does not include a paid maternity leave provision, the student should apply for a UNSW Paid Maternity Leave Scholarship as detailed at <http://research.unsw.edu.au/other-funding-opportunities>.

Students who would like to extend their paid maternity leave beyond the 12 weeks provided by the APA/UPA/UNSW Paid Maternity Leave Scholarship, by up to 12 weeks (bringing the total of paid maternity leave to 24 weeks) should contact the Faculty Scholarship Officer

(Alman Yeung, a.yeung@unsw.edu.au) as early as possible and at least 6 weeks prior to the expected suspension of enrolment. The Faculty Scholarship Officer will guide the student through the application process for the Faculty of Engineering Research Student Maternity Leave Scholarship and submit required paperwork to the Graduate Research School.

It is preferable if a request for suspension of enrolment is submitted at the same time. The Faculty of Engineering Research Student Maternity Leave Scholarship will usually be paid as a one-off payment prior to suspension of enrolment, provided the application is received in due time.