

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

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Answer

Under the new arrangements for research block grants commencing on 1 January 2017, all universities will be required to publish a Research Training Program (RTP) Scholarship Policy outlining the range of policies and processes applicable to RTP Scholarships. The aim of this new requirement is to create a one-stop-shop for higher degree by research students to access information on RTP support that enables consistency and comparability across the sector.

To allow universities time to consult internally, update their systems and processes, and update their marketing and recruitment strategies, the department has extended the requirement to publish an RTP Scholarship Policy until 30 June 2017. In the interim, the department will allow universities to deem their previous Research Training Scheme (RTS), International Postgraduate Research Scholarships (IPRS) and Australian Postgraduate Awards (APA) policies as equivalent RTP Scholarship Policies.