

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
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Intellectual Property and Australian Post Graduate Awards (APA) and Australian Postgraduate Award Industry (APAI) Scholarships

Question

Relating to Intellectual Property and Australian Post Graduate Awards (APA) and Australian Postgraduate Award Industry (APAI) Scholarships, Do the rules or guidelines associated with APAs or APAIs go to issue of the ownership of any intellectual property generated as a result of research undertaken by a recipient of an APA or APAI?

Answer

No requirements relating to Intellectual Property were specified in the Australian Post Graduate Awards (APA) guidelines. The APA scheme ceased on 31 December 2016 and was absorbed into the new Research Training Program on 1 January 2017.

The Australian Research Council (ARC) no longer offers Australian Postgraduate Awards Industry (APAIs) under the Linkage Projects scheme. The last year that APAIs were offered was for funding commencing in 2010. Funding rules and funding agreements for the Linkage Projects scheme specify that universities must adhere to the *National Principles of Intellectual Property Management*, which are available at www.arc.gov.au/national-principles-intellectual-property-management-publicly-funded-research.