



STATE SUPER ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP (PHASE 3 – 2021)

About the Scholarship

The State Super Scholarship has been established as a legacy to acknowledge the organisation's 100-year anniversary. Phase 3 is now open to applications until 31 December 2020.

The scholarship provides funding support for successful applicants to pursue research in fields related to public sector employees and their retirement, pensions or superannuation.

The scholarship will support those seeking to complete research at postgraduate level – either **Honours/Masters** (with a research component) or **Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)**.

Who should apply?

Any Post-graduate student at a university in NSW who has a desire to contribute to a vision for the future of superannuation and retirement and has demonstrated academic excellence in their field. Applicants must be Australian citizens or permanent residents.

What fields of research are applicable for the scholarship?

Your proposed research should contribute to the knowledge base for future planning in one of State Super's priority areas: retirement, pensions or superannuation, for example:

- The future of pensions in the public sector
- Attracting and retaining talent in the public sector through superannuation or retirement solutions
- Innovation in superannuation around the globe
- Other related fields in pensions, public service or financial services

What is included in the State Super Scholarship?

The successful applicants will receive financial support for a period of 12 months as follows:

Study	Amount	Number of scholarships
Honours/Masters (by Research) Scholarship	\$16,000	4 per year
PhD Scholarship	\$36,000	1 per year

Successful applicants may apply for the scholarship in subsequent years.

Career and academic support may include the following:

- Work experience within State Super in Sydney
- Secondment opportunities within aligned government agencies in NSW
- Media support and guidance to publish and disseminate the research findings
- Invitation to attend relevant Australian conferences

Eligibility criteria

Applicants must be accepted to undertake full-time Honours/Masters (by Research) or PhD at one of the eligible NSW universities and be enrolled at their chosen university for the duration of the scholarship period.

Applicants must be Australian citizens or permanent residents.

Research must be conducted in Australia.

Applicants from diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

Which universities are participating?

All NSW Universities that are scheduled employers in State Super:

The University of Sydney
University of New South Wales
Macquarie University
The University of Newcastle
Southern Cross University
University of Technology Sydney
University of New England
Western Sydney University

University of Wollongong
Charles Sturt University

Students from regional or emerging Universities are encouraged to apply.

Key dates

Applications open	1 October 2020
Applications close	31 December 2020
Scholarships awarded	31 January 2021

Application process

1. Submit your application on the form supplied to State Super by 31 December 2020
2. Applications will be considered by a scholarship review panel using a standardised assessment process
3. Selected applicants recommended by review panel to State Super
4. State Super selects final successful applicants before 31 January 2021

Scholarship review panel

The review panel consists of four members, with representatives from the following organisations:

- State Super
- NSW Treasury
- NSW Department of Education
- A retired NSW academic

Selection criteria

Selection will be based on the candidate's ability to articulate how the proposed research will contribute to the future of superannuation in the NSW public sector.

The panel may consider the following specific criteria:

- Does the research directly address the topic of public sector retirement, pensions and superannuation?
- Is the proposed framework innovative and original?
- Will the research produce significant new knowledge?

- Is there adequate academic, senior-level supervision of the proposed research
- Is there evidence of past academic performance of the applicant?

Supporting documentation required

1. Academic resume
2. Academic letter of reference
3. Letter of support from the Academic Supervisor or Dean of the Faculty or Head of School (or equivalent).

Communication and promotion

By submitting an application, consent is being given to be contacted for public relations opportunities and for your name and other relevant details to be included on websites, media releases and Ministerial announcements.

Communication of the findings of the research through conferences, forums and communication with State Super will be expected.

Wherever possible, academic journal publications of the research will be encouraged.

Reporting requirements

Scholarship recipients will be required to provide State Super with progress reports quarterly and a final report on the research findings as follows:

- Quarterly Progress Reports as agreed between State Super and the Academic Supervisor
- Annual Progress Reports are to be submitted one month prior to the annual anniversary of the Scholarship commencement date
- Final Report – a final report is to be submitted to State Super within three months of completing both the Honours/Masters or PhD

Application

Email your enquiry to scholarship@statesuper.nsw.gov.au to receive your application form or contact Louise Moody, State Super Marketing Manager on (02) 9238 5923 for more information. Or visit the State Super website <https://www.statesuper.nsw.gov.au/news-and-publications/news/scholarships-now-open-for-2021>