



How to apply for a Research Degree and Scholarship

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Research Programs and Scholarships at RMIT

1. Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

- 3 to 3.5 years full time or 6 to 7 years part time
- Submission of a thesis/project for examination

2. Masters by Research

- 2 years full time or 4 years part time
- Submission of a thesis/project for examination

The full offering of research programs available at RMIT may be accessed from, <https://www.rmit.edu.au/study-with-us/levels-of-study/research-programs>

RMIT also makes available a range of scholarships to assist graduate researchers through to the completion of their degree.

Research Programs and Scholarships at RMIT

Stipend Scholarships

[RTP Stipend Scholarship \(RSS\)](#)

[RMIT Research Stipend Scholarship \(RRSS\)](#)

[Vice Chancellor's PhD Scholarship \(VCPS\)](#) (End of year round only)

The duration of a stipend scholarship is:

- 3 years for PhD with a 6 month extension
- 2 years for Masters candidates with no extension

In 2019,

- RMIT stipend scholarships provide full time candidates a stipend of \$31,000 per annum.

Research Programs and Scholarships at RMIT

Fee Offset Scholarships

The Government's Research Training Program (RTP) provides a Fee Offset Scholarship to Australian citizens, permanent residents and New Zealand citizens.

This scholarship does not provide any form of payment to candidates. It simply funds the place in a research program for all Australian citizens, permanent residents and New Zealand citizens.

Local applicants are therefore only looking for a stipend scholarship which is intended to support candidates with living costs.

The RTP replaced the Research Training Scheme (RTS) at the start of 2017

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International Tuition Fee Offset Scholarships

[RTP International Fee Offset Scholarship \(RIFOS\)](#)

[RMIT International Tuition Fee Scholarship \(RRITFS\)](#)

Additionally international candidates will generally also need a tuition fee scholarship.

The duration of a tuition fee scholarship is.

- 3 years for PhD with a 6 month extension
- 2 years for Masters candidates with no extension

International candidates require visa length OSHC which is longer than the duration of the program – this is covered in the scholarship allowances.

Scholarship Rounds

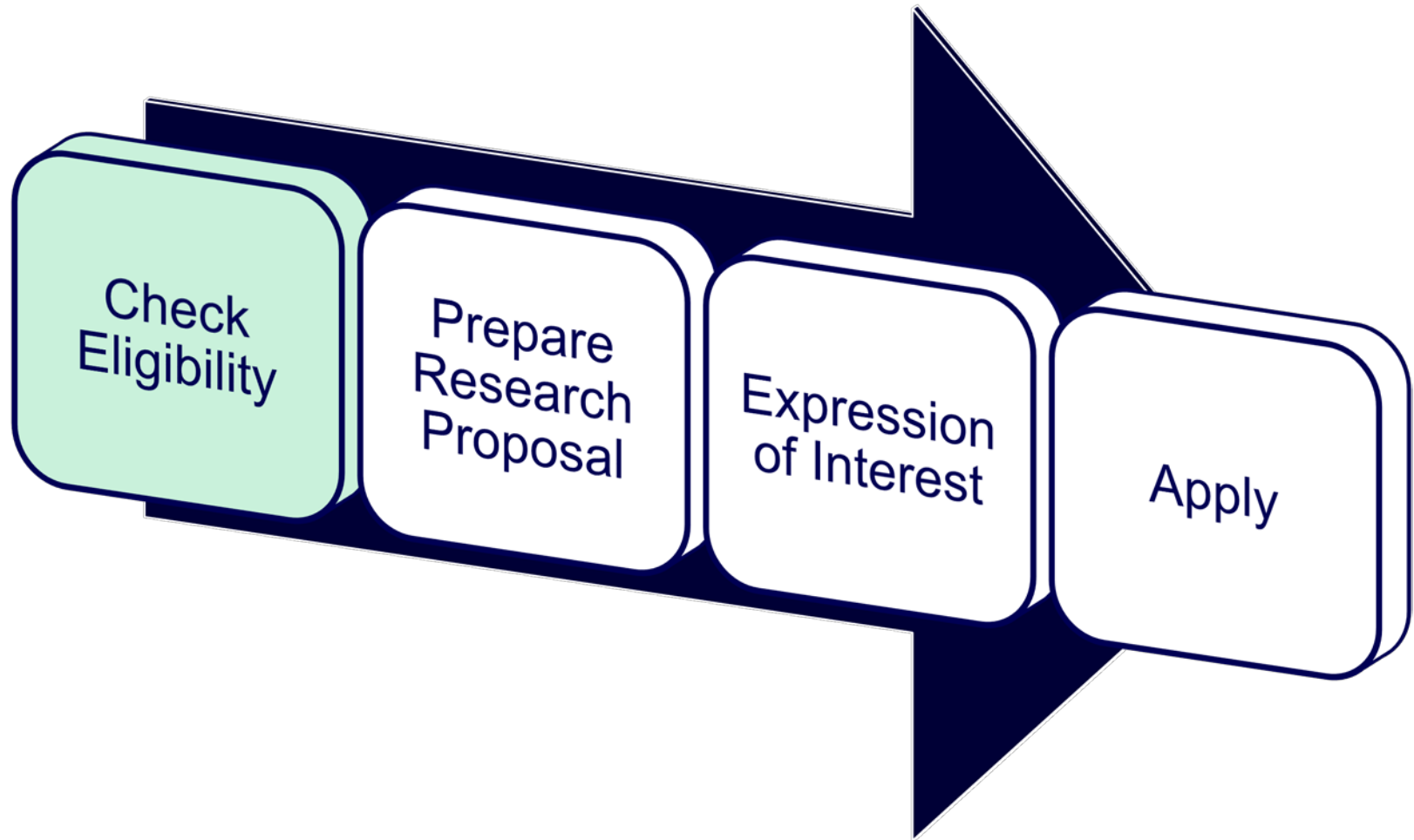
2020 Scholarship Round

- Applications deadlines:
 - International applicants
 - EOI due by 02 September 2019
 - Full application due by 5pm 30 September 2019
 - Domestic applicants
 - EOI due by 01 October 2019
 - Full application due by 5pm 31 October 2019
- Applicants will usually commence early 2020

2020 Mid-year scholarship round

- Will open 01 November 2019
- This round is for applicants who expect to commence later in 2020
- VCPS scholarships will not be available in this round.

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How to Apply – Check Eligibility

PhD Entry Requirements

The minimum requirements for admission to a PhD program are:

- a bachelor's degree requiring at least four years of full-time study in a relevant discipline awarded with honours. The degree should include a research component comprised of a thesis, other research projects or research methodology subjects that constitute at least 25% of a full time (or part time equivalent) academic year. The applicant must have achieved at least a distinction average in the final year; or
- a master's degree that includes a research component comprised of at least 25% of a full time (or part time equivalent) academic year with an overall distinction average or a master's degree without a research component with at least a high distinction average; or
- evidence of appropriate academic qualifications and/or experience that satisfies the Associate Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research Training and Development or nominee that the applicant has developed knowledge of the field of study or cognate field and the potential for research sufficient to undertake the proposed program.
- At RMIT a grade of Distinction represents academic achievement of 70% or higher and a High Distinction is 80% or higher.

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Research Masters Entry Requirements

The minimum requirements for admission to a Masters by Research program are:

- a bachelor's degree requiring at least four years of full-time study in a relevant discipline awarded with honours. The degree should include a research component comprised of a thesis, other research projects or research methodology subjects that constitute at least 25% of a full time (or part time equivalent) academic year. The applicant must have achieved at least a credit average in the final year; or
- evidence of appropriate academic qualifications and/or experience that satisfies the Associate Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research Training and Development or nominee that the applicant has developed knowledge of the field of study or cognate field and the potential for research sufficient to undertake the proposed program.
- At RMIT a grade of Credit represents academic achievement of 60% or higher.

How to Apply - Check Eligibility

Scholarship Eligibility

- Must meet the entry requirements of the program
- Must be based in Australia when undertaking research
- Generally must be full time, approval must be sought to take receipt of a scholarship whilst enrolled part time
- International applicants must have a program offer not conditional on meeting an English requirement, before the scholarship closing date
- If undertaking a research masters, a scholarship applicant must not hold a research doctorate or a research masters or an equivalent research qualification
- If undertaking a research doctorate, a scholarship applicant must not hold a research doctorate or an equivalent research qualification. The only exemption to this rule is that Australian and New Zealand candidates undertaking a second PhD are eligible for the RTP Fee Offset Scholarship only.



How to Apply - Check Eligibility

Competitive Selection

- All research scholarships are awarded on the basis of a competitive selection process.
- Applicants are scored and ranked according to,
 - Academic achievement in their qualifying degree
 - The merit of research outputs such as refereed publications and creative works, depending on discipline, will also be considered
 - Relevant research related professional experience
- Alignment with research strength and supervisor availability is also important.
- It is also important to note that the scholarship rounds are highly competitive and satisfying the eligibility requirements does not guarantee a successful outcome.
- PhD scholarship applicants will generally have achieved a High Distinction in their qualifying degree in order to be competitive in the Scholarship round.



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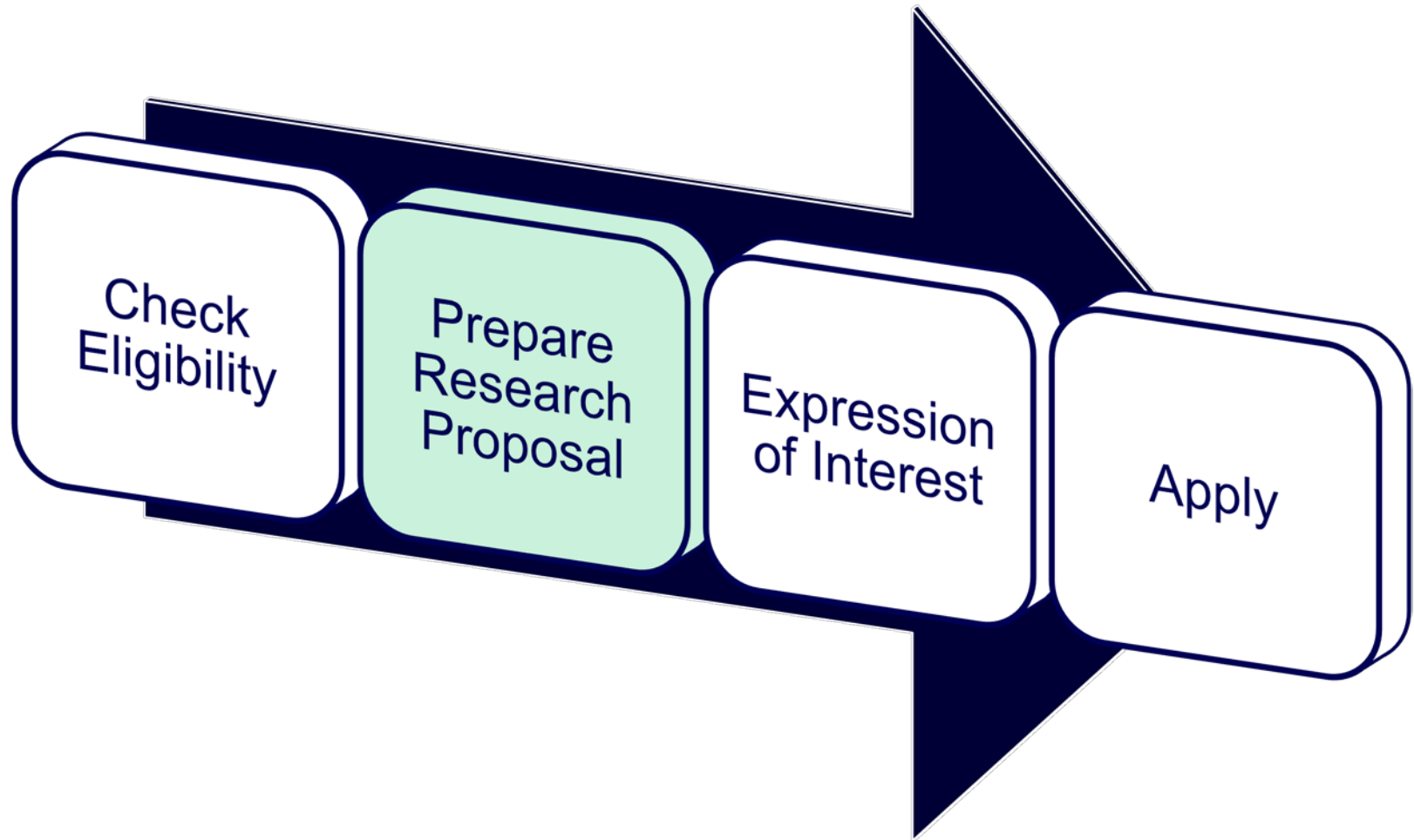
Competitive Selection

- Similarly Masters by Research applicants will typically have achieved a Distinction in their qualifying degree.

Equivalence

- Publications, relevant employment experience, prizes and awards
- Focus on research outputs

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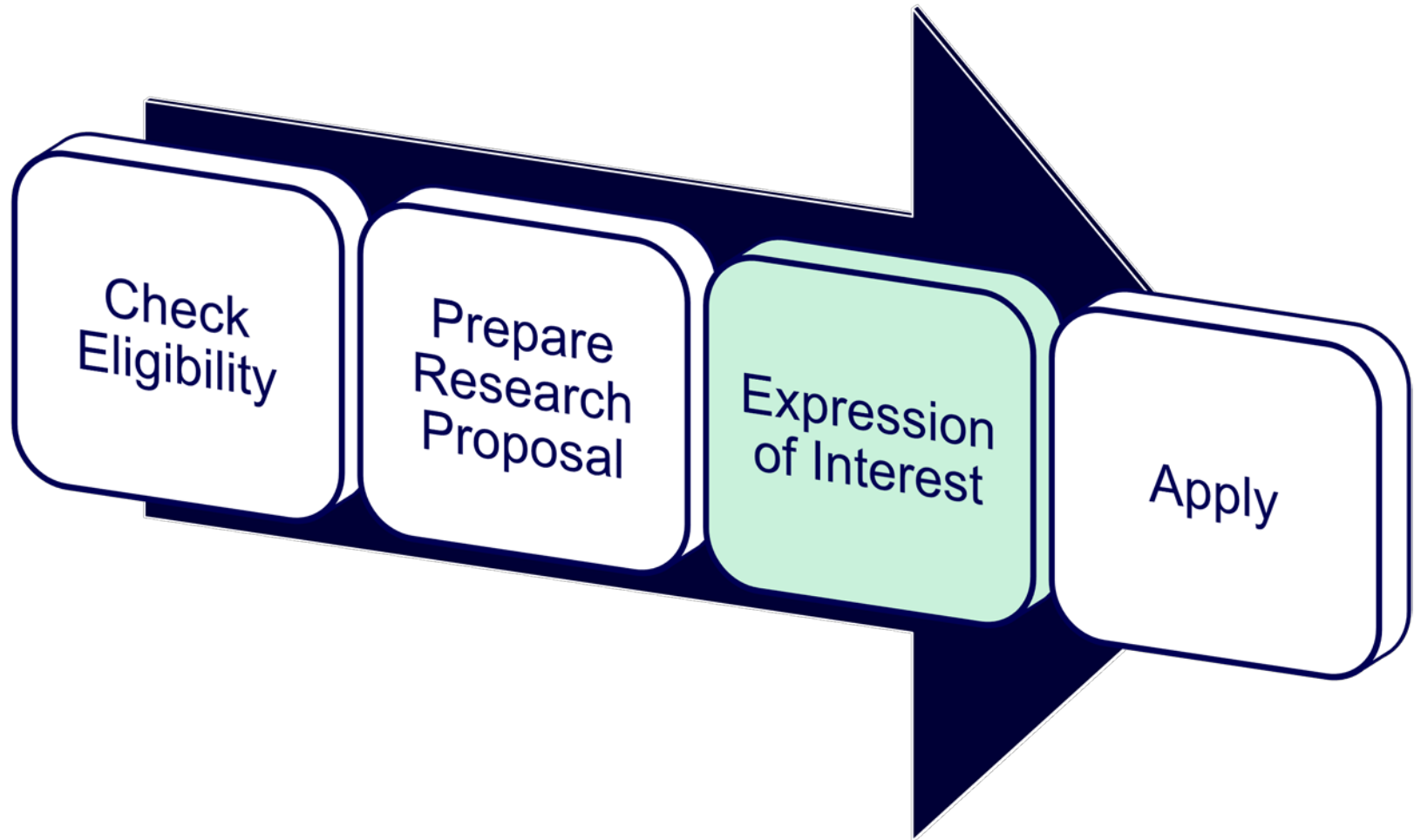




How to Apply - Prepare Your Research Proposal

- RMIT Scholarship applicants are to select from [predefined research projects](#) as detailed on College websites
- In submitting your Expression of Interest you will be asked to provide a research proposal or at least indicate why you are interested in a particular project.
- Your research proposal should at least address the following points,
 - what the proposed research sets out to do
 - how it will be undertaken (methods, materials)
 - why it is important and what impact it may have
- It is important that the research proposal is comprised of your original work
- Highlight the relevance of the proposed research in relation to the School's research strengths
- Under no circumstances use plagiarised proposals as this could jeopardise your application

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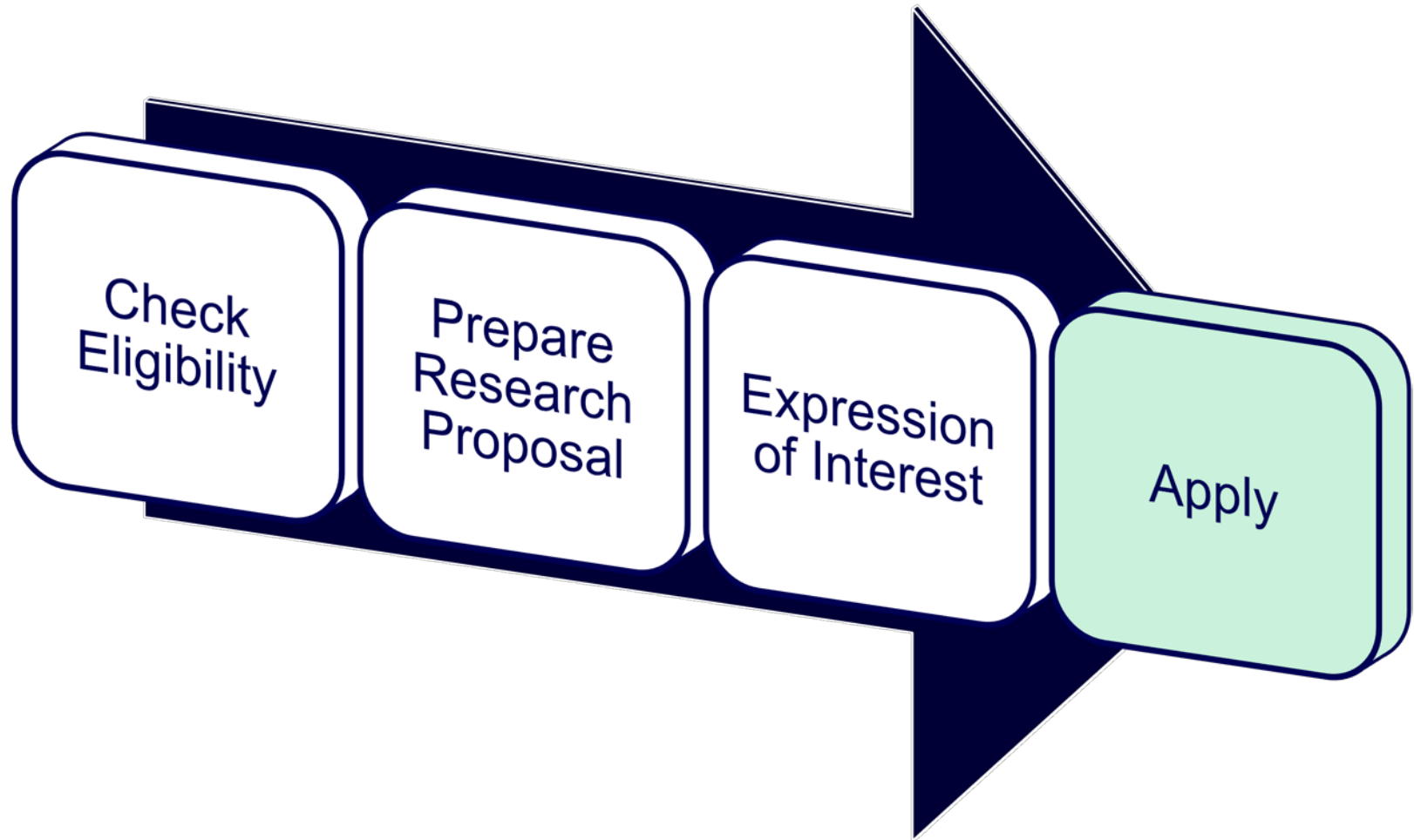


How to Apply – Expression of Interest

At RMIT the application process is comprised of two parts.

- The first is an expression of interest (EOI) which allows the University to assess your basic eligibility for entry into a research program
- The assessment of an EOI will match you to supervisors for your research (excluding Engineering)
- Your supervisors may seek to interview at this stage of the application process
- If your EOI is successful you will be asked to complete the rest of the application form.
- It may take up to four weeks to assess an EOI so aim to submit your EOI as soon as possible.

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How to Apply – Submitting your application

Important dates and deadlines – Admissions and Scholarship Rounds

- If your EOI is successful you will be asked to complete and submit the rest of the application form.

Scholarship

- Applications for the next scholarship round will close at 5pm AEST on 30 September (International) or 31 October (Domestic)
- International applicants must meet English requirements by the scholarship application closing date to be considered

Admission only

- Apply at any time for commencement at the start of every month except January
- Applicants are generally recommended not to commence in December.



Web Resources

- [Scholarship Terms and Conditions](#)
- [How to Apply](#)
- [School Based Scholarships](#)



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Research Programs

<https://www.rmit.edu.au/study-with-us/levels-of-study/research-programs>