



Minerals Research Institute of Western Australia (MRIWA)

Scholarship Program Application Form

2027 PhD Scholarships

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Instructions for submission

Completed applications must be submitted by email to scholarships@mriwa.wa.gov.au no later than 11:59 pm (AWST) on Monday, 2 November 2026. The email subject line must include "Scholarship Application 2027" followed by the applicant's surname and given name.

To ensure your application can be deemed eligible for assessment please ensure you:

- Complete all fields within the specified word limit.
- Submit before the deadline (no late applications will be accepted).
- Sign and date the signature page of the application.
- Provide responses in English.

Attachments

It is important to ensure you attach all required documents with your application submission. It is preferred that all attachments are provided in PDF format, with the name of applicant (e.g. surname, given name) and type of document (e.g. endorsement letter) included in the file name. Application documents provided as a ZIP file will be accepted.

Applications and any required attachments received after the application close date will deem your application ineligible.

Attachments to be included with your application include:

- Evidence of application, enrolment or admission to the host university.
- Evidence of suitable English language test results (if required).
- Signed endorsement letters from the proposed host university supervisor(s).
- Evidence of academic achievements including transcripts and certified translations (if required).

MRIWA Scholarship Program Guidelines for Applicants

Please refer to the MRIWA Scholarship Program Guidelines for Applicants 2027 for detailed information regarding scholarship types, timelines, the MRIWA Education and Workforce Program, the selection criteria and expectations of MRIWA Scholars.



Section A – Applicant details

1. Applicant name

Surname/family name

First name/given name(s)

Preferred name for correspondence

2. Citizenship

Provide your country of citizenship, noting any dual or multiple citizenships.

3. Aboriginal Status

Select your aboriginal status.

4. Contact Details

Please provide contact details for correspondence relating to the application.

Current country of residence

Mobile telephone number (including international code if required)

Email address

ORCID iD (or equivalent)



5. Visa status

Provide your Australian Visa status at the time of application.

For citizens of countries with reciprocal work and residency agreements (i.e. some Commonwealth countries) use 'Visa not required- Australian Resident'.

6. English language requirements

Is English your primary language?

Have you graduated from a degree course at an Australian university?

NOTE: If you have answered no to both questions, please attach evidence of your IELTS (or equivalent) English language scores. You must ensure you meet the minimum language requirements for admission at the host university.

7. Previous applications

Have you previously applied for an MRIWA scholarship?

If yes, or you have any other engagement with MRIWA through a research project or other, please state the details of your application or your engagement with MRIWA below (maximum 150 words).



Section B – Qualifications and experience

8. Academic qualifications

Outline below your academic qualifications. Please note you must provide evidence of your academic qualifications by providing transcripts including official translations (where relevant).

Qualification type (i.e. Bachelor)	Qualification Specialisation (i.e. Chemical Engineering)	Degree awarding institution (name of the university qualification was received)	Awarding institution country



9. Research publications

Please include the details of any academic research publications you have authored. Where possible provide the Digital Object Identifier (DOI) issued for the publication (maximum 300 words - if more space is required, please provide details in an attachment).



10. Relevant professional experience

Please outline any professional experience that is relevant to your proposed research including paid and unpaid work, awards and professional memberships (maximum 300 words - if more space is required, please provide details in an attachment).

Section C – Scholarship details

11. MRIWA scholarships

Please select the scholarship options you are applying for. To verify which scholarship you are eligible for please refer to the Guidelines for Applicants.

- ☐ MRIWA Odwyn Jones PhD Scholarship - Precision & Low Impact Mining
- ☐ MRIWA PhD Scholarship - Alternative Use of Tailings and Waste focus area to advance circular economy solutions for the critical minerals industry to improve resource efficiency and reduce waste
- ☐ MRIWA PhD Scholarship - Net Zero Emission Mining and Green Steel focus areas to accelerate mining and mineral processing decarbonisation through clean energy, innovation and low-emissions technologies
- ☐ MRIWA PhD Scholarship for Women - Net Zero Emission Mining and Green Steel focus areas to accelerate mining and mineral processing decarbonisation through clean energy, innovation and low-emissions technologies
- ☐ MRIWA PhD Scholarship for Women - Please specify focus area:

12. Study full time equivalent (FTE) rate

MRIWA supports flexibility in conditions of work and study for both full time and part time equivalent enrolments. Please indicate your FTE rate.



13. Personal statement

Provide information outlining your career and personal ambitions as well as your suitability for inclusion in the MRIWA Education and Workforce Program. This includes outlining how you align with the MRIWA values and demonstrating your commitment to engaging with the MRIWA professional development program (maximum 400 words).



Section D – Host university

14. Proposed host university

The Western Australian university at which you are undertaking or have applied for the postgraduate research degree program.

15. University faculty, school, or department at which the research will be undertaken

The name of the faculty, school or department within the host university where you will undertake your research (please use full name).

16. Status of studies

State if you have already commenced studies or if you have applied.

If you have selected a status of Commenced provide the commencement date of your studies.



17. Proposed academic supervisor(s)

All proposed academic supervisors must give consent to their inclusion in this application and provide a separate signed endorsement of the research proposal.

Supervisor type (i.e. primary, secondary)	Title (i.e. Doctor, Professor, Mr, Ms)	First name	Surname/Family name	University / Organisation name



Section E – Research Proposal

18. Research Proposal title

Provide the research proposal title as submitted to the host university (maximum 150-characters).

19. Research Proposal overview

Provide a brief overview of the intended aims and approach of the project. This information may be used for communication and reporting activities by MRIWA (maximum 50 words).

20. Research problem to be addressed

Describe the identified knowledge or the technology need to be addressed through this research. This may be a problem, gap or opportunity within the minerals sector. Be specific and include information on the scale of need, stakeholders affected and any economic, environmental and/or social impacts resulting from the challenge or issue (maximum 150 words).



21. Research objectives

Describe the specific aims of the research and what it intends to achieve, prove or develop, and include a clear statement of hypotheses to be tested (maximum 150 words).



Section F – Alignment to MRIWA objectives

22. Alignment to MRIWA Research Priority Plan

The research proposal is required to align to a Program and a Theme from the MRIWA [Research Priority Plan](#). Select the Program and Theme the proposed research most closely aligns with.

Program

Theme

Demonstrate how your research aligns to the program and theme (maximum 200 words).

23. Alignment to MRIWA Focus Area

The research proposal is required to align to a focus area from the current MRIWA [Focus Areas](#). Select the focus area which the proposed work most closely aligns with.

Focus Area

Demonstrate how your research aligns to the focus area (maximum 200 words).



Section G – Research benefits and methodology

24. Benefit to Western Australia

Demonstrate how the research will provide economic, environmental and/or social benefit to Western Australia (maximum 150 words).

25. Research methodology

Describe the technical design or methodology to be used, making it clear how the activities will lead to the anticipated research outcomes. Be specific and provide details on experimental design, methods, tools and techniques to be used (maximum 500 words - if a figure is required, attach as a PDF file).



26. Research plan

Provide an outline of the work to be completed, including relevant milestones (maximum 500 words - if a figure is required, attach as a PDF file).



27. Research timeline

Complete the GANTT chart below to indicate the timeline of research and milestones (type 'x' in the relevant quarter field). If your research will be undertaken part time, please provide timeline as an attachment.

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28. Strategic Innovation and Impact Statement

Explain how your proposed PhD research will contribute to the focus area's priorities and generate impact. Discuss:

- *the project's strategic alignment,*
- *innovation and knowledge advancement,*
- *potential sector impact and value creation,*
- *translation and adoption pathways, and*
- *contribution to capability and ecosystem development.*

(max 750 words or provide a pdf attachment if required)



29. References

List references cited in this research proposal (500 words or provide as an attachment if required).



Section H - Supporting documentation

All documentation must be submitted in English. Where original documents are in another language, they must be translated into English by an accredited translator, and the translation must bear evidence of this accreditation.

Any application that does not meet the eligibility criteria will be deemed ineligible.

Eligibility check

To be eligible for an MRIWA Scholarship, applicants must:

- ☐ Submit a complete application by the published closing date and time, including all mandatory fields, required signatures and supporting documentation.
- ☐ Submit all application materials in English. Where original documents are in another language, accredited English translations must be provided.
- ☐ Meet the English language proficiency requirements and provide evidence of proficiency (for example, IELTS or an equivalent qualification), where required.
- ☐ Submit an original research proposal that is the applicant's own work and is not substantially similar to any other proposal submitted under the MRIWA Scholarship Program. MRIWA reserves the right to assess proposal originality and determine eligibility.
- ☐ Undertake the proposed PhD program at a Western Australian university, with all scholarship-funded research to be completed in Western Australia.
- ☐ Provide evidence of enrolment in, or application to, a relevant postgraduate research degree at a Western Australian university.
- ☐ Provide scanned or electronic copies of academic transcripts.
- ☐ Obtain signed endorsement of the research proposal from all proposed supervisors.

Certification of Application

I, the applicant, certify I have prepared this application myself and all information provided is truthful.

Applicant name

Date of signature

Applicant signature

