

Postgraduate opportunities to fight food waste - FAQs

Do I need to apply for a base scholarship from one of the partnering universities to be eligible for a Fight Food Waste CRC top-up scholarship? What is the process and requirements for obtaining/receiving a base scholarship?

A base scholarship from one of our eight partnering universities is required for the Fight Food Waste CRC top-up scholarship offer to be approved and commence. We will work closely with our partner universities to support students offered one of our top-up scholarships, however awarding of all base scholarships is at the discretion of the universities and must be done in line with their application requirements.

You do not need a university base scholarship at the time of applying for a Fight Food Waste CRC top-up scholarship, however this would be highly regarded if it is already in place.

Can I apply for a base scholarship from one of the partnering universities without a Fight Food Waste CRC top-up scholarship?

There is nothing stopping you from applying for a scholarship with any partnering university if you are passionate about postgraduate study! If an appropriate research project opportunity arises with Fight Food Waste CRC, simply include the status of this in your application to us.

The same scenario applies if you already have been awarded a base scholarship from one of the partnering universities prior to applying for a Fight Food Waste CRC top-up scholarship, please ensure you note it clearly in your application to us.

For a PhD candidate, how does the Fight Food Waste CRC top-up scholarship and the university base scholarship work together to create a living allowance/student stipend of \$35,000 p.a?

The base stipend scholarship provided by the partnering university includes a stipend of approximately \$28,000 p.a. Our top-up scholarship in total is \$25,000 p.a., which is paid to and managed by the host university.

The student stipend totals approximately \$35,000 p.a. for four years (\$28,000 from university base scholarship and \$7,000 contribution from our top-up scholarship).

The remaining funds contribute to travel, professional development and research expenses.

Both scholarships are provided tax-free.

What can the Masters by Research scholarship be spent on?

The \$50,000 scholarship from the Fight Food Waste CRC can be used for research and personal expenses and is paid to and managed by the host university.

Can I study a PhD or Masters by Research part-time?

Part-time study may be considered for selected PhD projects, however priority will be given to applicants who wish to study full-time. Master by Research candidates may study full-time or part time.

I am an international student, am I eligible to apply for a Fight Food Waste CRC top-up scholarship?

Scholarships are open to Australian/New Zealand citizens, and to permanent residents of Australia. Our scholarships cannot be used to contribute towards the payment of international student fees.

What projects are available?

Projects and associated top-up scholarship opportunities will continue over the next three years (2020 – 2023). Projects will align with one (or more) of the FFW CRC research programs – [REDUCE](#), [TRANSFORM](#), [ENGAGE](#). These opportunities will be advertised on our website and on the employment website SEEK.

When will project opportunities be advertised?

All Fight Food Waste CRC top-up scholarship opportunities will be advertised via our website, newsletter and social media platforms. [Visit our website to ensure](#) you are on the mailing list and connected on socials (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn.)

Do I need to identify a supervisory team prior to or as part of my application?

Identification of a supervisory team is not required as part of any top-up scholarship application to us. If you have had any preliminary discussions with potential supervisors, you're welcome to mention them and the status of their interest in your submission.

