

FACULTY OF ENGINEERING

GRADUATE RESEARCH INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AWARD GUIDELINES

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The aim of this award is to support international travel for Engineering graduate research students to enable further research related work in esteemed universities or institutions and enhance the profile of the faculty internationally. The award's intention is to support joint publications.

If feasible, the visiting student should provide a public presentation on the joint research to an audience of peers at the host institution during the visit. The visiting student is expected to provide a brief overview of the Faculty of Engineering within any seminar delivered at the host institution. Upon return, awardees are required to submit a report to the Faculty including the published work and/or draft publications. Awardees are also asked to present at a Faculty event within 12 months of returning.

2. ELIGIBILITY

Graduate research students enrolled in the Faculty of Engineering at Clayton Campus who have successfully passed their confirmation of candidature in a timely manner and any coursework requirements.

The host institution should be in the top 50 Engineering faculties, out of one of the following world ranking lists:

- [Academic Ranking of World Universities, ARWU](#)
- [Times Higher Education World University, THE](#)
- [US News Best Global Universities](#)

In the instance where the host organisation is not from the top 50 Engineering faculties, a case may be made to prove that this is a leading international research group in the respective field.

3. INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AND TRAVEL PERIOD

The scheme will enable graduate research students to spend at least three months and up to six months at a prestigious institution outside of Australia conducting research relevant to their thesis topic.

The travel period must commence within 6 months of the closing date of each respective GRITA round. Applications to fund travel that has already commenced will not be considered.

Applicants are required to provide a program of work and activities to be undertaken at the host institution in their application.

4. FUNDING

Individual grants of up to \$10,000 will be awarded. The amount awarded will be prorated based on the approved length of time spent conducting research overseas. The grant will be awarded solely to the applicant and should be used to cover the cost of travel and other expenses related to the research conducted overseas.

Applicants are encouraged to seek additional funding to supplement the GRITA.

5. APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Applications must be submitted on the **Graduate Research International Travel Award Form** with any supporting documentation attached. Applicants should provide all information and documentation requested in the application and endeavor to address the selection criteria.

Applications should be sent via a single PDF file to eng-gradresearch@monash.edu

There will be two rounds of awards each year. An additional round may be held at the end of the year if funding has not been exhausted in the previous two rounds.

6. SELECTION CRITERIA

Applicants will be assessed on the information provided in their submission. The following will be considered by the selection panel when assessing applications:

- Ranking of host institution and host CI's research profile
- Proposed research plan while at host institute
- Proposal for publications resulting from the travel
- Applicant's publication record
- The necessity/advantage of the collaboration and use of the host's equipment
- Pledged funding from host institution or supervisory team
- Plan for promoting of Monash University and/or the Faculty of Engineering at host institution
- Applicant's progress in their graduate research degree
- Monash supervisor's support for the travel and collaboration

7. SELECTION PANEL

A panel of at least three senior academics from the Faculty of Engineering, as determined by the Associate Dean (Graduate Research), will assess applications and determine the awardees.