



## 2010 Australian Postgraduate Award (APA)/ University Postgraduate Award (UPA) update

Applications for the 2010 Semester 1 APA/UPA are now open – the Information for Applicants document, Application Form and the Referee's Report form can be downloaded from:

[http://www.usyd.edu.au/ro/training/postgraduate\\_awards.shtml](http://www.usyd.edu.au/ro/training/postgraduate_awards.shtml).

Please note that **applications close Friday, 30 October 2009**. To be eligible for consideration, candidates must also lodge their 2010 semester 1 application for admission to a postgraduate research course to the intended faculty by this date, unless they are currently enrolled in a postgraduate research degree at this University.

We wish to highlight the following arrangements and changes for 2010:

1. The 2010 APA rate will be \$22,500 p.a. as announced by the Federal government in its May budget. This new rate will apply to UPA as well as international scholarships such as IPA and USyDIS.
2. Around 100 university-wide top-up scholarships will be available to highly ranked APA/UPA applicants in 2010. These top-ups are:
  - a. The VCRS will be awarded as a top-up of up to \$35,000 over a maximum period of up to 3.5 years for a full-time PhD, payable at the rate of \$5,000 p.a. for the first year and \$12,000 p.a. for the remaining 2.5 years. Up to 20 VCRS will be available.
  - b. Up to 60 new USyd Merit Award at \$5,000 p.a. for up to 3.5 years for a full-time PhD may be offered.
  - c. 12 Alumni Scholarship at \$5,000 for one year will be available – 4 in each of the three 'faculty clusters'.
3. Referee's reports are not required from current USyd students and those who completed their studies at this University during 2008 and 2009 Semester 1.
4. The RPI section in the Information for Applicants document has been expanded to include instructions on what information are required for the purpose of assessing any RPI points. Applicants who have scholarly publications, research outputs and/or relevant professional experience need to check the criteria and follow the instructions in this section.
5. Both APA/UPA and university-wide top-ups will be offered in the 2010 Semester 2 round. Candidates who wish to commence their studies in 2010 Semester 2 should apply in the Semester 2 round instead (applications open in mid May 2010).