

**SCORING SYSTEM  
for the distribution of postgraduate research scholarships  
and for determining RTS Places for 2009 applicants**

**UTS: UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL**

**Points for Academic Merit (highest award counted)**

***For applicants for admission to doctoral programs:***

Bachelor's degree, First Class Honours with University Medal (5 pts for Medal)	26 pts
Bachelor's degree, First Class Honours without University Medal	21 pts
Masters by Research degree (would have $\geq 66\%$ research component)	20 pts
Bachelor's degree, Second Class Honours, Division 1	18 pts
Masters by Coursework degree:	
• with substantial research thesis component ( $\geq 24$ cp equivalent)	16 pts
• with significant research thesis component ( $\geq 18$ cp equivalent & $< 24$ cp equivalent)	14 pts
• with small research thesis component	12 pts

***For applicants for admission to Masters Degree by Research programs:***

Bachelor's degree, Second Class Honours, Division 2	10 pts
Bachelor's degree, Pass	5 pts

**NOTE: If an applicant does not fit any of the above categories, they should contact the faculty to discuss this.**

**Successful Completion of Doctoral/Masters Assessment**

One (1) point will be awarded for a currently enrolled research student who has successfully completed her/his doctoral/masters assessment within the first year of candidature.

**Research Strength Alliance\***

Three (3) points will be awarded for research projects that fall within a designated University area of research strength.

Two (2) **additional** points will be awarded where the project is supervised by a core member of a research strength.

For information on current research strengths and emerging fields, please refer to

<http://www.uts.edu.au/research/expertise/index.html>

\* A faculty may make a special case for students whose projects are outside a research strength but which are important for the development of the faculty's research culture.

**Research Publications, Openly Competitive Prizes and Professional Achievement**

A **maximum** of twelve (12) points will be awarded for

- (i) research publications (max 8) and
  - (ii) openly competitive prizes (max 2) and
  - (iii) professional achievement(max 9).
- (That is, twelve points in total for (i), (ii) and (iii) - **not** twelve points each)

**(i) Research Publications Categories and Weightings (max 8)**

A1	Book – Authored Research	5.0 pts
A2	Book – Authored – Other	2.0 pts
A3	Book – Edited	1.5 pts
A4	Book – Revision/New Edition	0.5 pt
C1	Journal Article – Refereed Article in a Scholarly Journal	1.0 pt
C2	Other contribution to refereed journal	0.5 pt

C3	Non-refereed articles (including articles in ‘professional’ journals)	0.2 pt
C4	Letter or note	0.2 pt
D	Major Review	1.0 pt
E1	Conference Publication – Full Written Paper – Refereed	1.0 pt
E2	Full written paper – non-refereed proceedings	0.3 pt
E3	Extract of paper	0.1 pt
E4	Edited volume of conference proceedings	1.0 pt
F	Audiovisual Recording	1.0 pt
G	Computer Software	1.0 pt
H	Technical Drawing/Architectural And Industrial Design/ Working Model	0.4 pt
I	Patent	2.0 pts
J1	Major written or recorded work	1.0 pt
J2	Minor written or recorded work	0.2 pt
J3	Individual exhibition of original work	1.0 pt
J4	Representation of original art	0.2 pt

**(ii) Openly Competitive Prizes or Awards (max 2)**

International competitive awards	2.0 pts
National competitive awards	1.0 pt
High school awards and competitions, subject prizes	0.0 pts

**(iii) Professional Achievement (max 9)**

Applicants should provide evidence of research and/or professional activity as appropriate to their discipline or field of practice. The level and quality of work, the years over which it has been sustained, and the recency of relevant work is critical and may be categorized broadly as making a satisfactory contribution (1-3), a major contribution (4-6), or an outstanding contribution (7-9) relative to opportunity.

Evidence may include:

- the application of knowledge in original ways to problems of acknowledged importance,
- new expressions of knowledge or creative insight
- disseminating knowledge to a professional or academic community
- engagement in research projects
- involvement in research commercialisation
- service on committees or panels, in relation to research/professional activity
- contributions of a scholarly kind to the affairs of a professional organization, learned society or community group
- authorship, direction or execution of performances, productions, exhibitions, or designs appropriate to the discipline or medium concerned and not included under (i) above
- experience with collaborative projects,
- participation in formulating or assessing funded research proposals
- invitations to act in an expert capacity
- editorial contributions to scholarly journals and other professional publications
- contribution to professional practice, acknowledged by appropriate peer recognition
- successful involvement in consultancy work in terms of its contribution to the advancement of knowledge and/or its applications, and of professional practice
- invitations to address scholarly or professional meetings and conferences etc.
- evidence of leadership (the ability to guide, inspire and influence others in the attainment of organizational and/or professional goals)

## **NOTES:**

- If an Honours student in their honours year has published (including in press) a paper or abstract (journal or conference) with other authors, then the student should be awarded full points as if the sole author.
- Students with a disability who score within two points of the cut-off for UTS Doctoral Scholarships will be among those 'high scoring' applicants deemed eligible to receive a scholarship.
- An openly competitive prize can be counted once only; research achievement to be measured by an appropriate output (publications, performance etc) and counted once only.
- If acknowledgement of leadership is by way of a prize or industry award this may be counted once only. Similarly, years of work as a Research Associate or Assistant may have lead to relevant publications – these achievements should be counted once only.