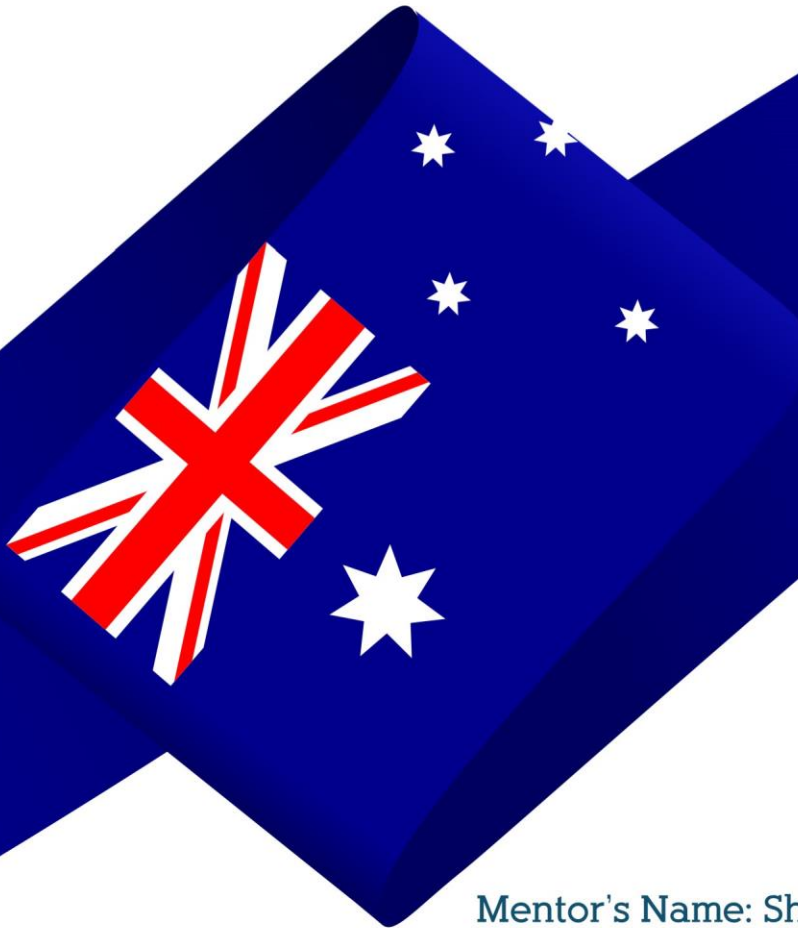


**Master scholarship opportunities through**  
**GLOBAL PATHWAYS**  
**FOR GIRLS (GPG)**

Initiative under EAGT Empower Afghan Girls Together



Mentor's Name: Sheerin Ibrahim

Position: Educational mentor at EAGT  
Empower Afghan Girls Together under  
Abaad: Afghan Women Forward

Country: Australia

*Presented by: Abaad: Afghan Women Forward*

## AUSTRALIA

Australia is the world's sixth-largest country and the only one that is also a continent. Its landscape ranges from vast deserts and tropical rainforests to stunning beaches and vibrant cities. The capital is Canberra, while the largest city is Sydney, followed by Melbourne, Brisbane, and Perth.



Australia has a multicultural society, with people speaking more than 150 different languages. It boasts a strong economy, a high quality of life, and a rich Indigenous heritage, with history dating back over 65,000 years.

## VICTORIA

Victoria is Australia's second-most populous state, with Melbourne as its capital. It is known for its cultural diversity, vibrant arts scene, and strong education sector. Victoria has the highest number of universities compared to other Australian states, with 10 universities, while Australia as a whole has 43 universities, making it a major hub for higher education and research.

Melbourne offers an exciting student life with world-class institutions, diverse cultural experiences, and numerous cafes, festivals, and study-friendly spaces.

## ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation expenses vary based on location and living arrangements. Many universities provide affordable student housing options, with prices ranging from \$420 – \$860. These accommodations offer convenience and a supportive community for students.

Private rentals are also an option, with average weekly prices starting from \$425 – \$525 in metropolitan Melbourne and \$260 – \$500 in regional Victoria.

## HEALTH INSURANCE

Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) is mandatory health insurance for international students studying in Australia. It helps cover medical and hospital costs, with premiums typically ranging from \$550 to \$1,000 per year.



## PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Public transport costs in Melbourne typically range from \$30 – \$60 per week. International students are eligible for a 50% discount on public transport fares. Public Transport Victoria (PTV) operates and manages the city's transport system. Trams are the primary mode of transport in the Central Business District (CBD), while buses and trains serve the outer suburbs. Regional stations are serviced by V/Line.

## OTHER EXPENSES

Other average weekly Expenses:

- Food and eating out: \$140 – \$280
- Gas and/or electricity: \$10 – \$20
- Phone and internet: \$15 – \$30
- Car (after purchase): \$150 – \$260
- Miscellaneous : \$80 – \$150



## The University of Melbourne

- #1 ranked university in Australia
- Top 10 for global sustainability rankings
- Main campus in Parkville, with six specialist campuses in Victoria → Variety of museums and galleries within university campus → Focused research on global issues and social concerns.
- Offers on-campus accommodation and meals
- Known for programs in arts, humanities, law, medicine, science



- Ranked 10th in Australia Ranked 10th in Australia (QS World University Rankings)
- Known for excellence in education, research, and industry engagement
- World leader in Art and Design, Architecture, Education, Engineering, Computer Science, Business, and Communication and Media Studies
- The university has three campuses and two sites in Australia, along with two campuses in Vietnam and a research and industry collaboration centre in Spain.



## Monash University

- Ranked 2nd in Australia
- Ranked #1 in Australia for Pharmacy and pharmacology and Business Administration
- Australia's largest higher education institution, with the Clayton campus having its own postcode.
- Four campuses in Victoria, plus international locations in Malaysia, China, Italy, Indonesia, and India.
- Excels in business, engineering, education, health, and law.
- Green Chemical Futures Hub and Monash University Museum of Art (MUMA).
- Offers career counseling, health, and academic support for international students.
- Monash University has an Islamic community for students and staff.



**MONASH**  
University



**RMIT University - Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology**



## ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

A minimum level of English proficiency is required for both visa application and university admission. The following tests are accepted:

- International English Language Testing System (IELTS) Academic
- Pearson Test of English (PTE)
- Certificate of Advanced English (CAE)
- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL )

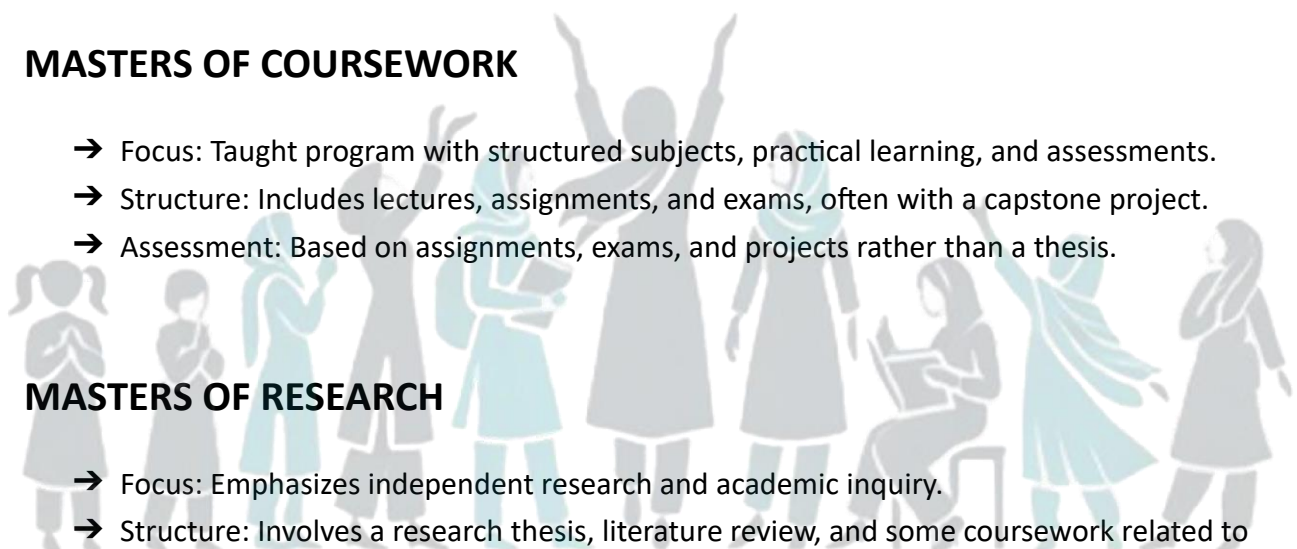
English proficiency test	IELTS 6.5 or equivalent	IELTS 7.0 or equivalent	IELTS 7.5 or equivalent	IELTS 8.0 or equivalent
<b>IELTS (Academic) / IELTS (Academic) One Skill Retake</b>	6.5 (no band less than 6.0)	7.0 (no band less than 6.5)	7.5 (no band below 7.0)	8.0 (no band below 7.5)
<b>TOEFL (Internet Based Test - iBT)</b>	Overall score 79 (with minimum score of 13 in Reading, 12 in Listening, 18 in Speaking and 21 in Writing)	Overall score 94 (with minimum score of 19 in Reading, 20 in Listening, 20 in Speaking and 24 in Writing)	Overall score 102 (with minimum score of 24 in Reading, 24 in Listening, 23 in Speaking and 27 in Writing)	Overall score 110 (with minimum score of 27 in Reading, 27 in Listening, 24 in Speaking and 29 in Writing)
<b>Pearson Test of English (Academic) (PTE (A))</b>	58 (no communication band less than 50)	65 (no communication band less than 58)	72 (no communication band less than 65)	79 (no communication band less than 72)

## MASTERS OF COURSEWORK

- Focus: Taught program with structured subjects, practical learning, and assessments.
- Structure: Includes lectures, assignments, and exams, often with a capstone project.
- Assessment: Based on assignments, exams, and projects rather than a thesis.

## MASTERS OF RESEARCH

- Focus: Emphasizes independent research and academic inquiry.
- Structure: Involves a research thesis, literature review, and some coursework related to research methodologies.
- Assessment: Based on a thesis or dissertation, with minimal coursework.



## Name of Hosting Institution:

The University of Melbourne **Scholarship**

## Details:

**Melbourne Research Scholarship** - Available for high-achieving students enrolling in a graduate research degree.

- Scholarship: 100% fee remission and up to \$135,000, covering tuition for two years (Masters by Research) or four years (Doctoral degree).
- Stipend: \$38,500 per year, including limited paid sick, parental, and partner leave.
- Relocation Allowance: \$3,000 for those moving from overseas.
- Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) for international students needing a student visa.

**AG Whitlam Graduate Merit Scholarship** - Available for students enrolling in Master's by Coursework at Melbourne Business School.

- Scholarship: 50% fee remission for the duration of the course.

## Eligibility Criteria:

**Melbourne Research Scholarship** -

- Completion of a four-year Australian Bachelor's degree or an overseas equivalent.
- Overall average of more than 75% in the final year.
- Completion of a research project/component accounting for at least 25% of the year's work at the 4th-year undergraduate or Master's level.

**AG Whitlam Graduate Merit Scholarship** - Available for students enrolling in Master's by Coursework at Melbourne Business School.

- Must have completed an undergraduate degree.
- Specialization or major in the selected subject is required.

## Application Requirements:

**Melbourne Research Scholarship** - No separate application required for scholarship

**AG Whitlam Graduate Merit Scholarship** - No separate application required for scholarship



## Deadlines:

**Melbourne Research Scholarship** - N/A

**AG Whitlam Graduate Merit Scholarship** - N/A

For MBS courses -

- Mid-year (July 2025 intake) applications due 28 FEBRUARY 2025
- Start year (March 2026 intake) applications due 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

## Website / Contact Information:

[How to apply for Graduate Research Program](#)

[AG Whitlam Graduate Merit Scholarship](#)

[Additional scholarships](#) - (Accommodation support also available)

## Tips for Success:

Consideration Factors:

- Academic performance
- Research potential
- Previous degree at the same level as the research course
- Relevant professional experience
- Refereed publications

**Name of Hosting Institution:** Monash University

## Scholarship Details:

**Master of Commerce Scholarship** - The Master of Commerce (MCom) is a research -focused program leading to a PhD.

- Scholarship covers tuition fees + \$36,063 annual stipend (up to 2 years).





**Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Science International Merit Scholarship** - Available for commencing international students in the Master of Pharmaceutical Science program.

- 50% tuition fee coverage per year for the highest-achieving student → 25% tuition fee coverage per year for the second highest-achieving student → Maintain a Weighted Average Mark of 70 each semester to retain scholarship.

## Eligibility Criteria:

### Master of Commerce Scholarship -

- Seeking to enrol full-time, in the Master of Commerce degree
- You are not eligible for this scholarship if you are, or become, employed on a continuing basis or a fixed term contract for 3 months or greater.
- Selected based on outstanding academic achievement, interest in a research career in the relevant discipline and interview performance.

### Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Science International Merit Scholarship -

- An Australian bachelor degree 2 years full time, 4 years part time. (or equivalent) in Pharmacy or Science or Biomedical Science or Engineering (in an appropriate discipline e.g. Pharmaceutical, Chemical, Biomedical or Materials) with at least a credit (60%) average.

## Application Requirements:

**Master of Commerce Scholarship** - No separate application required for scholarship

**Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Science International Merit Scholarship** - No separate application required for scholarship

## Deadlines:

**Master of Commerce Scholarship** - 30 Apr to 15 Oct each year

**Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Science International Merit Scholarship** -

- Semester 1: 1 August preceding year - 31 January of admission year
- Semester 2: 1 August preceding year - 30 June of admission year



- An Australian bachelor degree (or equivalent) in a relevant discipline\*. A distinction grade average (70%) or above.

## Website / Contact Information:

[How to apply for Integrated PhD program](#)

[Commerce degree](#)

[Master of Pharmaceutical Science](#)

[Graduate research scholarship](#)

[Additional scholarships](#) - ( Accommodation support also available)

## Tips for Success:

Consideration Factors:

- Academic performance & Research potential
- Research and select the field of specialization and try to gain knowledge about it
- Interview performance

RMIT Research International Tuition Fee Scholarship

Irana Turynska Scholarship

## Name of Hosting Institution:

RMIT University

## Scholarship Details:

**RMIT Research International Tuition Fee Scholarship** - Available for high-achieving students enrolling in a graduate research degree.

- Provide tuition fees for two years (Masters by Research) or four years (Doctoral degree).
- Stipend of \$35,886 per annum
- Paid sick, maternity and parenting leave
- Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) for international students needing a student visa.



- A relocation allowance up to \$515 per adult and \$255 per child to a maximum of \$1,540

**Irana Turynska Scholarship** - Available for students enrolling in 2025 in 1st year of Master of Architecture (MC163) (coursework)

- This scholarship provides up to \$10,000 per annum for up to one year.

## Eligibility Criteria:

### RMIT Research International Tuition Fee Scholarship -

- Completion of a four-year Australian Bachelor's degree or an overseas equivalent.
- Overall average of more than 60% or higher.
- Completion of a research project/component accounting for at least 25% of a full time (or part time equivalent) academic year.
- Priority Given To Applicants Who achieved high distinction (80% or higher) in the final two years of their qualifying program, have equivalent academic attainment through previous study, work experience, research publications, etc. → Evidence of appropriate academic qualifications and/or experience.

### Irana Turynska Scholarship -

- Identify as a woman and resided in Australia for less than 10 years.
- Australian architecture specific bachelor degree (or equivalent overseas qualification).
- Selected competitively based on your grades and selection task.
- Minimum GPA of 2.5 in Bachelor of Architectural Design (as of Semester 2, 2024)

## Application Requirements:

**RMIT Research International Tuition Fee Scholarship** - No separate application required for scholarship

**Irana Turynska Scholarship** -



→ Application Link: Provided once applications open. → Required Documents: academic transcript → Application key questions:

- ◆ Motivation for choosing the RMIT program and steps taken to achieve educational goals.
- ◆ Future plans and career aspirations.
- ◆ Current challenges in studies and how the scholarship will help.

## Deadlines:

**RMIT Research International Tuition Fee Scholarship** - Applications for 2026 will open in April 2025

**Irana Turynska Scholarship** - Applications for 2026 will open in August 2025.

[How to apply for Graduate Research Program](#)

[Irana Turynska Scholarship](#)

[Master of Architecture](#)

[Additional scholarships](#) - ( Accommodation support also available)

## Tips for Success:

Consideration Factors:

- Academic performance
- Research potential
- Scholarships are awarded to successful applicants through a merit-based process





## **Website / Contact Information:**

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