



Faculty of Business and Economics Graduate Research Abroad Travelling Scholarship (FBE-GRATS)

Approximate value: Approximately between \$500 - \$1000
Funding for this scheme is reviewed annually and distributed across Faculties/Graduate Schools by the University.

Area of study: Any

Study level: Graduate Research (Masters by Research, Master of Philosophy or PhD)

Purpose: Research-related travel overseas or interstate

Rationale:

GRATS is a travel funding scheme that provides PhD and Masters by Research students with support for research-related activities that will enhance their thesis, including:

- Interviews
- Data collection
- Archives or library resources
- Interstate or Overseas Summer school attendance
- Short-term fieldwork (less than 3 months)
- Travel overseas or within Australia to present at a conference

To be eligible for GRATS, graduate research students must:

- Have Department support in the form of matching funding
- Have acquitted any previous GRATS funding requirements including a report

Conditions:

Each round, the maximum funding a student can receive from the Faculty is \$2000.

Out-of-round applications will be accepted retrospectively and assessed during the following round of applications.

Funds must be spent in the year (12-month period) that they are awarded.

Successful applicants who are unable to take up an award must inform the Faculty as soon as possible after receiving notification of the award so that funding can be redirected to another applicant.

Successful applicants must apply for Leave to Study Away for the duration of the funded travel.

Students jointly enrolled in another Department/Graduate School with co-supervision in Business and Economics are eligible to receive pro-rata funding. Support for funding must be obtained by both relevant Heads of Departments.

Students travelling under this scheme are required to submit a short report within 3 months of their return. Guidelines on drafting such reports are available on the Reporting requirements web page. Applicants with outstanding reports will not be eligible to apply for GRATS again until this report is submitted.

Requested or outstanding documentation must be supplied within three months from the closing date, otherwise the award will lapse and the application will be reassessed in the next round along with other applications.

Recipients must cite the Faculty of Business and Economics in any publication or presentation that is part of or resulting directly from the funded research trip.

Students may apply more than once to the scheme (receiving a maximum of \$4000 from the Faculty over the duration of the student's candidature).

Application process:

FBE has two rounds per year – an email Call for Applications to the PhD course mailing list is issued in March with a closing date of **April 30** and in August with a closing date of **October 31**.

1. Apply on the form which includes a budget proforma.
2. Apply for Leave to Study Away via the Graduate Research Student Portal (no exceptions).
3. Email the application to: buseco-gradresearch@unimelb.edu.au with "FBE-GRATS application" in the subject header by the closing date.

Further information:

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