

country, or find compatible disposables in Australia. DFAT does not fund disposables.

- 9.10.17. DFAT does not provide funding for awardees to purchase medication in their home country.
- 9.10.18. If an awardee chooses not to bring their medication from home, and instead seeks a new/different medication in Australia, they should first discuss this with their doctor, and mitigate any risk for adverse side effects or reactions that may have the potential to affect the awardee’s participation in and successful completion of their scholarship.
- 9.10.19. If an awardee is unable to study for a period of 6 weeks or more including due to the impact of a new medication, they will be required to suspend their Scholarship and return home to recover.

10. Scholarship fees and entitlements

10.1. Summary of scholarship costs

10.1.1. The costs covered by the scholarship are detailed in each awardee’s scholarship contract. These include fees that are common for all awardees and costs that may be applicable depending on individual scholarship conditions.

10.1.2. All scholarship costs are entered into OASIS by the institution as part of the placement offer. Institutions are responsible for disbursing these funds to awardees, or expending the funds on the awardees behalf, as indicated in Table 1.



10.1.3. These costs are subject to change, and any variations from the costs of an awardee’s scholarship must be recorded by the institution in OASIS and be approved by the Australia Awards Delivery Section or Program Areas as appropriate (see [Chapter 13](#)).

Table 1: Summary of scholarship costs

Scholarship cost	Method of payment	Description
Academic Fees	Paid by Australia Awards Delivery Section directly to the institution	Covers the course costs and all compulsory academic fees that apply to international students.
Mobilisation travel	Booked and paid for by Program Areas on behalf of the awardee	Payment of a single economy class airfare to Australia from the home country via the most direct and economical route at the commencement of the scholarship. See Section 10.7

Visa expenses	Paid by Program Areas on behalf of the awardee	Payment of visa processing and medical checks necessary for gaining the Student visa (subclass 500).
Introductory Academic Program (IAP)	Paid by the Australia Awards Delivery Section directly to the institution	The 4-6 week Introductory Academic Program is provided by the institution for awardees when they arrive in Australia. The IAP is compulsory for all awardees. Failure to attend the Introductory Academic Program may result in the awardee forfeiting their scholarship. See Section 12.1 .
Establishment Allowance	Paid by the Australia Awards Delivery Section to the institution to distribute to the awardee	A contribution of A\$5,000 towards expenses such as rental bonds, text books, study materials, additional medical insurance, home contents insurance etc. paid by the institution when the awardee arrives in Australia. See Section 10.2
Contribution to Living Expenses (also referred to as a Stipend)	Paid by the Australia Awards Delivery Section to the institution to distribute to the awardee	A fortnightly Contribution to Living Expenses (CLE) paid at a rate determined by DFAT. From 1 January 2013, the CLE rate is A\$82.20 per day (or approximately A\$30,000 per annum). In a leap year the CLE for a scholarship will be: $366 * A\$82.20 = A\$30,085.20$ In a non-leap year the CLE for a scholarship will be: $365 * A\$82.20 = A\$30,003.00$ See Section 10.3
Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC)	Paid by the Australia Awards Delivery Section to the institution to then arrange and pay for on behalf of the awardee	Single OSHC will be provided to cover the DFAT awardee's basic medical costs. Awardees may purchase, at their own expense, additional medical insurance to cover ancillary services such as dentist, optometrist, physiotherapist, etc. See Section 10.4
Supplementary Academic Support	Paid by the Australia Awards Delivery Section to the institution to pay for on	This is a support service. These funds may be used by the institution, where required, to assist an awardee to successfully complete their academic studies.

	behalf of the awardee or distribute to the awardee	Institutions may expend these funds at a rate of \$500 every 6 months that the awardee is on-scholarship. These funds are expended by the institution on behalf of the awardee for eligible activities. See Section 12.2
Student Services Amenities Fee	Paid by the Australia Awards Delivery Section directly to the institution	Covers the fee payable to institutions for the provision of necessary student services.
Completion travel	Paid by the Australia Awards Delivery Section to the institution to then book and pay for on behalf of the awardee	Payment of a single economy class airfare from Australia to the home country via the most direct and economical route at the completion of the scholarship. See Section 10.9


Scholarship costs subject to requirement and/or eligibility	Method of payment	Description
In-country preparatory programs	Paid by Program Areas	Institutions assess whether awardees are required to undertake preparatory programs before commencing their main course of study. See Section 5.2
In-Australia preparatory programs	Paid by the Australia Awards Delivery Section directly to the institution	Institutions assess whether awardees are required to undertake preparatory programs before commencing their main course of study. See Section 5.2
Reunion airfare	Paid by the Australia Awards Delivery Section to the institution to then book and pay for on behalf of the awardee	Unaccompanied awardees, whose scholarship period is two years or more, are eligible for the reunion airfare. See Section 10.8

Fieldwork	Paid by the Australia Awards Delivery Section to the institution	Awardees undertaking a PhD or Master's by research (or coursework with a compulsory fieldwork component) are eligible for funding for fieldwork travel. See Section 12.3
Disability Support	Paid by the Australia Awards Delivery Section to the institution	Awardees assessed as eligible for Disability Support Arrangement are entitled to individual Reasonable Accommodations provided by DFAT.


10.2. Establishment allowance

10.2.1. Awardees are provided with a once-only establishment allowance of A\$5,000 on arrival in Australia. No re-establishment allowance is paid when an awardee transfers between institutions, or returns from a period of suspension. Program Areas must enter passport details into OASIS at least three weeks prior to the Recommended Arrival Date to ensure timely provision of the establishment allowance.

10.2.2. The allowance is a contribution toward expenses such as rental bonds, text books, study materials – including IT equipment, laboratory coats, additional medical insurance and home contents insurance. It is paid in a lump sum for awardees to use at their discretion.

10.2.3. Awardees should come prepared with funds (in Australian dollars) to ensure they have enough money to cover any costs that may be incurred before they receive their establishment allowance. 

10.2.4. Awardees should note that it may take a number of days for the bank to process the institution's establishment allowance payment.

10.2.5. The institution must pay the full establishment allowance into a bank account nominated by the awardee on their arrival in Australia or by the next banking day. The institution will help awardees open a bank account on arrival. If there are delays opening a bank account the institution may give students their establishment allowance in cheque format. 

10.3. Contribution to living expenses

10.3.1. A contribution to living expenses is paid to awardees to help them meet everyday living costs such as accommodation, transport, food, entertainment and stationery. DFAT reviews the payment rate regularly.

10.3.2. Entitlement to the contribution to living expenses allowance commences on the awardee's date of arrival in Australia, which must be no more than 14 days before commencement of their Introductory Academic Program.