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The two streams will provide PhD Candidates with the opportunity to undertake a research project with an industry application, equipping candidates with the skills and experience to work at the interface of university and industry research sectors.

Stream 1: Industry Linked PhDs

Outstanding PhD Candidates undertake a research project co-designed by university and industry, with opportunities to be embedded in an industry setting

$7K — Stipend top-up from government

\+ **$10K (min)** — Stipend top-up from Industry Partner

\+ **$34K (min)** — Research Training Program (RTP) stipend under the Research Block Grant (or equivalent)

= **$51K (min)** — Total stipend amount PhD Candidates receive

$7K + $10K: Additional funding provided under the program

$34K: Existing funding or allocation

Stream 2: Industry Researcher PhDs

Highly capable industry professionals undertake a PhD project in partnership with a university while retaining industry employment and full salary benefits

$48K — Employers to receive subsidy to support staff salary and other costs, per annum, up to four years from government

Participating University

Receive $12K per PhD for both streams

$12K — Participating universities to receive annual administration fee from government

Notes

1 Funding rates are 2026 amounts, provided per annum for up to four years for a full-time PhD candidate (up to 8 years for a part-time PhD candidate at 50 per cent of the full-time rate).

2 Other equivalent (non-RTP) stipends need to be provided at the RTP stipend base rate as a minimum.