

# Centre for Astrophysics and Supercomputing PhD student support

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The following indicates the minimum support to be provided to incoming PhD students beginning their studies in 2012 at the Centre for Astrophysics and Supercomputing (CAS). Although every effort was made to ensure this information was accurate at the time of writing, it is subject to change without notice. All monetary sums are in Australian dollars.

## ■ **Basic scholarship stipend:**

The minimum stipend will be \$23728 p.a. tax-free in 2012. Some scholarships may attract a higher stipend.

## ■ **Scholarship top-up:**

In 2012, the basic scholarship stipend above will be topped up by \$3000 p.a. tax-free. That is,

***the total scholarship stipend for CAS students will be at least \$26728 p.a. tax-free in 2012.***

## ■ **Research budget:**

In 2012, students may apply for up to \$3000 to attend conferences, workshops, training programs, telescope observing runs, collaborative visits etc. from CAS or the Faculty of Information and Communication Technologies. Students with additional, external research support or travel funding may not be eligible to apply.

## ■ **Maternity leave:**

Students who have completed 12 months of their scholarship are entitled to a maximum of 12 weeks paid maternity leave during their scholarship.

## ■ **Relocation subsidy:**

For relocating themselves, their spouse and dependants to Melbourne, the University provides each student with an allowance of \$505 per adult and \$255 per child up to a maximum of \$1455. CAS will consider a further subsidy of up to \$505 upon application and on a needs basis.

## ■ **Airport pick-up on first arrival:**

Swinburne provides a free pick-up service from Melbourne airport. See <http://www.international.swinburne.edu.au/arrival/arriving-in-melbourne/pick-up> for details.

## ■ **Initial accommodation on arrival:**

CAS can book up to 2 weeks of accommodation in a local budget hotel for the student, their spouse and dependants. Payment will be the student's responsibility or, by prior agreement, the student's supervisor.

## ■ **Computing start-up:**

All CAS students are allocated a high-end Mac or Linux desktop computer. They are also granted priority access to CAS's supercomputer.

## ■ **Thesis allowance:**

The University will reimburse each student up to \$840 for the costs of producing their PhD thesis.

