

**THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY**  
**RESEARCH SCHOOL OF PHYSICS AND ENGINEERING**  
**ROBERT AND HELEN CROMPTON AWARD**

**Conditions of Award**

1. The Robert and Helen Crompton Award of up to A\$15,000 will be available each year to assist postgraduate research students enrolled at the Research School of Physics and Engineering (RSPE) to undertake part of the research program overseas or make a collaborative visit to an overseas institution, for 3 to 6 months. It is the intention of the Research School and the donor that the Award is used to enhance career opportunities and experience of students.
2. An eligible student will be a currently enrolled postgraduate research student (enrolled in a PhD or MPhil degree program) at the Research School of Physics and Engineering who:
  - (i) has completed all of the required milestones (annual progress reports, mid-term review);
  - (ii) has a record of achievement, as shown by the academic record, professional recognition, publications or presentations;
  - (iii) has demonstrated good citizenship and engagement with the RSPE and the wider community, such as community work (including charity work, honorary service to University organisations, honorary service to community organisations), outreach activities, teaching and demonstrations;
  - (iv) will be able to act as an ambassador for the RSPE.
3. One Robert and Helen Crompton Award will be made available each year. However, on the recommendation of Selection Committee, the Director may determine, in any year, not to make an award or may make an award at any time.
4. Nominations will be considered by a Selection Committee and recommended to the Director.
5. The membership of the Selection Committee will be nominated to the Director by the Graduate Convener of RSPE (or nominee).
6. Nominations may be made by supervisors, Heads of Departments and students.
7. Nominations will be called for each year.

8. Nominations will be in the form of a statement addressing the selection criteria (as set out in clause 2) and should also:
  - (i) define the potential benefits to the applicant and the Research School;
  - (ii) outline long-term links that may be established at a personal, industry or professional level; and
  - (iii) propose a budget, clearly stating the amount requested and the breakdown of expenses.
  
9. The Award must be used within twelve months of it being granted. If the recipient is unable to make the research visit for which the Award was granted, the Director has the discretion to approve that the funds awarded be:
  - (i) held over, for up to twelve months, until an identical journey can be made in the future; or
  - (ii) held for use by the recipient for another, not necessarily identical, journey to be taken within twelve months of the award being made. This may require the recipient to forward a new budget proposal; or
  - (iii) forgone, and possibly awarded to the next person on the reserve list as recommended by the Selection Committee.
  
10. The recipient must be, and remain, enrolled as a full-time student in the research program at RSPE for the duration of the Award. In the event that the Award recipient withdraws from the course while undertaking the research visit for which the Award was granted the Committee will decide whether it is appropriate for the student to make a pro rata repayment of award monies.
  
11. A successful applicant is ineligible to apply for the Award again.
  
12. The Robert and Helen Crompton Award recipient may be requested to participate in publicity of the Award. This may include participating in activities including, but not limited to, an interview, a photograph, and a formal Award presentation ceremony. The School may also request the recipient for written responses on profile information, description of Award experiences, and a note of appreciation for the Donor who has funded their Award.
  
13. This Award is funded by an endowment made to The Australian National University in 2000 by Professor W Crompton and Mrs Helen Crompton. Professor Crompton was the Head of the Atomic and Molecular Physics Laboratories of the Research School of Physical Sciences from 1981 to 1991.

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