Candidate Project Funds (CPFs) can be accessed by research candidates for research and research-related expenses of up to $3000 per candidate per full-time year. CPFs may be made available, upon application, to assist candidates to meet some of the costs of their research and/or research training program. CPFs are available for a range of items including, for example, skill development programs, research materials or equipment, fieldwork, travel for conference attendance, registration fees, writing skill development, thesis binding, and special software purchases. Equipment purchased will normally remain the property of UWS and is to be returned to the School upon completion of study or withdrawal from candidature. Candidates can only apply for a maximum amount of $3000 a year as advances of funds cannot be granted. Further, CPFs are not available for travel to UWS for those candidates external to Sydney. The use of CPFs should be carefully discussed with the supervisory panel as part of the thesis proposal and annual progress reviews. Enquires and applications for funding are to be sent via email to the School's Postgraduate Liaison Officer at: soss-research@uws.edu.au.

Completing an application form

The following steps are intended as a guide for research candidates preparing an application for funding.

1. The candidate should complete the necessary sections of the School of Social Sciences Candidature Project Funds Application Form outlining in detail the types of research activities that require funding assistance, the resources required, and projected expenses.

2. The candidate must provide all supporting documentation and relevant forms. For example, conference acceptance emails, details of registration fees for conferences/workshops, and quotes for estimated travel and accommodation expenses.

3. The candidate should discuss the application with the primary supervisor and receive their endorsement.

4. If applicable, the candidate should state how much they have already received in funding for the current calendar year.

5. The completed application form should be sent to soss-research@uws.edu.au for review. The application will be reviewed by the Postgraduate Liaison Officer and forwarded to the Research Training Convenor for assessment. Once an assessment of your application has been made, you will be contacted by the Postgraduate Liaison Officer advising you of the outcome of your funding application.

6. Original receipts and/or invoices must be retained to enable payment of the application.