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# ACGR Sector Snapshot

2024 RTP Scholarship Base Rates

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# Overview

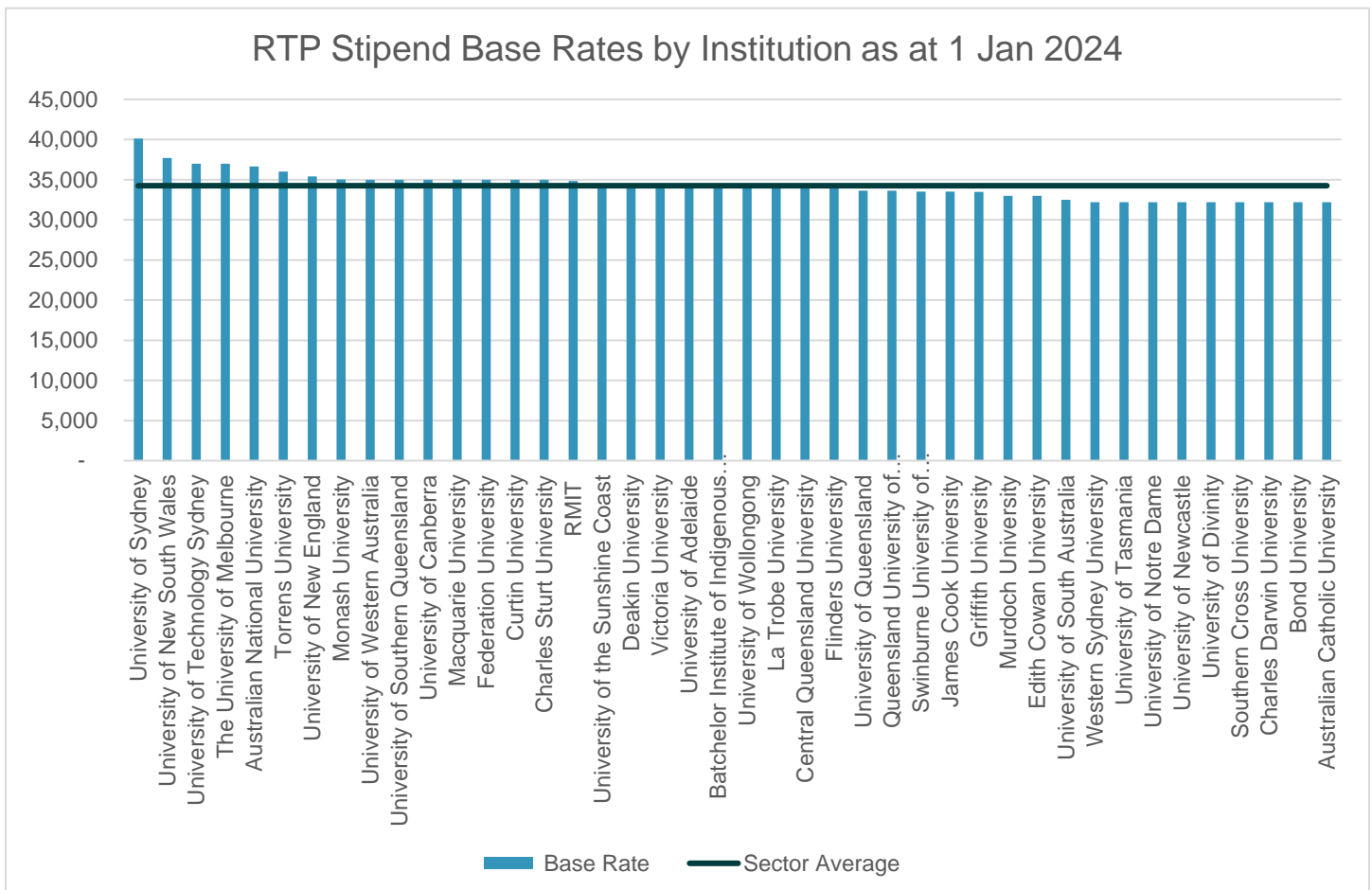
The Research Training program (RTP) provides block grants to higher education providers (HEPs) to support domestic and overseas students undertaking higher degrees by research (HDRs). This includes both research doctorates and research masters degrees. Students can be offered RTP scholarships to offset tuition fees, provide a stipend for general living costs and provide allowances related to the ancillary costs of HDRs.

The Australian Council of Graduate Research surveyed 42 member institutions, representing 100% of HEPs offering RTP stipends across Australia on RTP stipend base rates (not including any additional top-ups made by individual institutions on top of the base rate) for HDRs undertaking full-time research doctorates as of 1 January 2024. The survey was undertaken in repose to the Australian Universities Accord Report recommendation to lift the RTP stipend base rate. This report presents the survey findings to paint a whole sector picture of the dollar value and duration of RTP stipends across the Australian higher education sector.

## RTP Stipend Base Rates by Institution

The sector average RTP base rate stipend for 2024 is \$34,244.

Figure 1. RTP Stipend base rates by institution as at 1 Jan 2024.



# RTP Stipend Duration by Institution

The sector average RTP base rate duration (minus extensions) for 2024 is 3.3 years.

Figure 2. RTP Stipend duration by institution as at 1 Jan 2024.

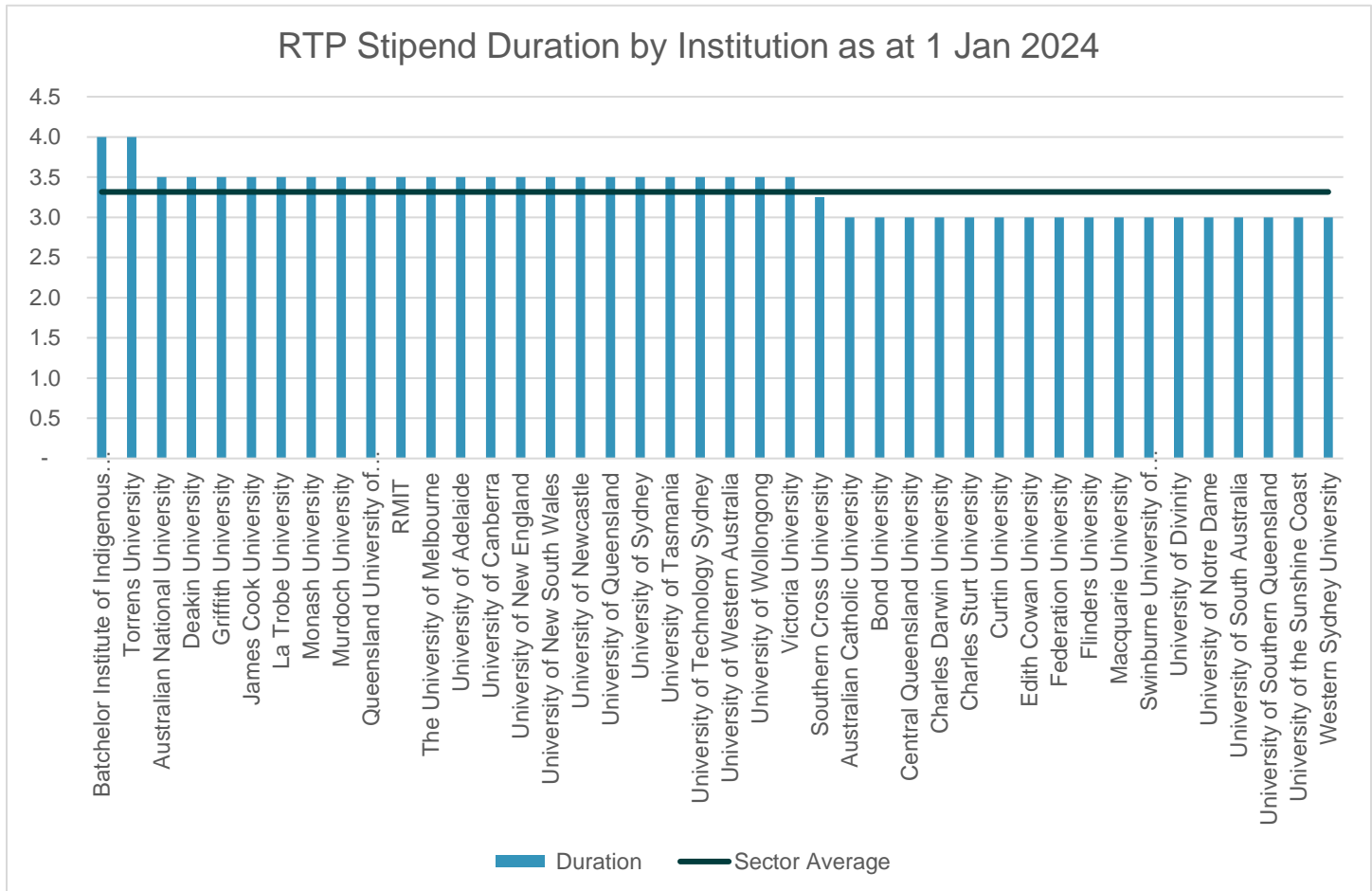


Table 1. RTP Stipend base rates and duration as at 1 Jan 2024.

Institution	RTP Base Rate \$ Jan 2024	RTP Stipend Duration (years) Jan 2024	RTP Stipend Extension Jan 2024
University of Sydney	40,109	3.5	
University of New South Wales	37,684	3.5	
The University of Melbourne	37,000	3.5	
University of Technology Sydney	37,000	3.5	
Australian National University	36,652	3.5	3 -6 months
Torrens University	36,000	4	
University of New England	35,411	3.5	
Monash University	35,013	3.5	
University of Canberra	35,000	3.5	

University of Southern Queensland	35,000	3	6 months
University of Western Australia	35,000	3.5	
Charles Sturt University	35,000	3	6 months
Curtin University	35,000	3	3-6 months
Federation University	35,000	3	6 months
Macquarie University	35,000	3	
RMIT	34,841	3.5	
University of the Sunshine Coast	34,450	3	6 months
Deakin University	34,400	3.5	
Victoria University	34,320	3.5	
<b>Sector average</b>	<b>34,244</b>	<b>3.3</b>	
University of Adelaide	34,210	3.5	
Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education	34,192	4	
La Trobe University	34,000	3.5	6 months. Students with a disability up to 18 months - 12 months over RTP 4-year cap funded by La Trobe University.
University of Wollongong	34,000	3.5	
Central Queensland University	34,000	3	6-12 months
Flinders University	33,990	3	6 months
University of Queensland	33,641	3.5	3 months
Queensland University of Technology	33,637	3.5	
James Cook University	33,500	3.5	
Swinburne University of Technology	33,500	3	6 months
Griffith University	33,480	3.5	6 months
Edith Cowan University	33,000	3	6 months
Murdoch University	33,000	3.5	
University of South Australia	32,500	3	up to 6 months
Western Sydney University	32,192	3	6 months
Australian Catholic University	32,192	3	6 months
University of Newcastle	32,192	3.5	
University of Tasmania	32,192	3.5	
Southern Cross University	32,192	3.25	
Bond University	32,192	3	
Charles Darwin University	32,192	3	
University of Divinity	32,192	3	
University of Notre Dame	32,192	3	12 months

# RTP Stipend Base Rates by State

Figure 3. RTP Stipend base rate averages by state as at 1 Jan 2024.

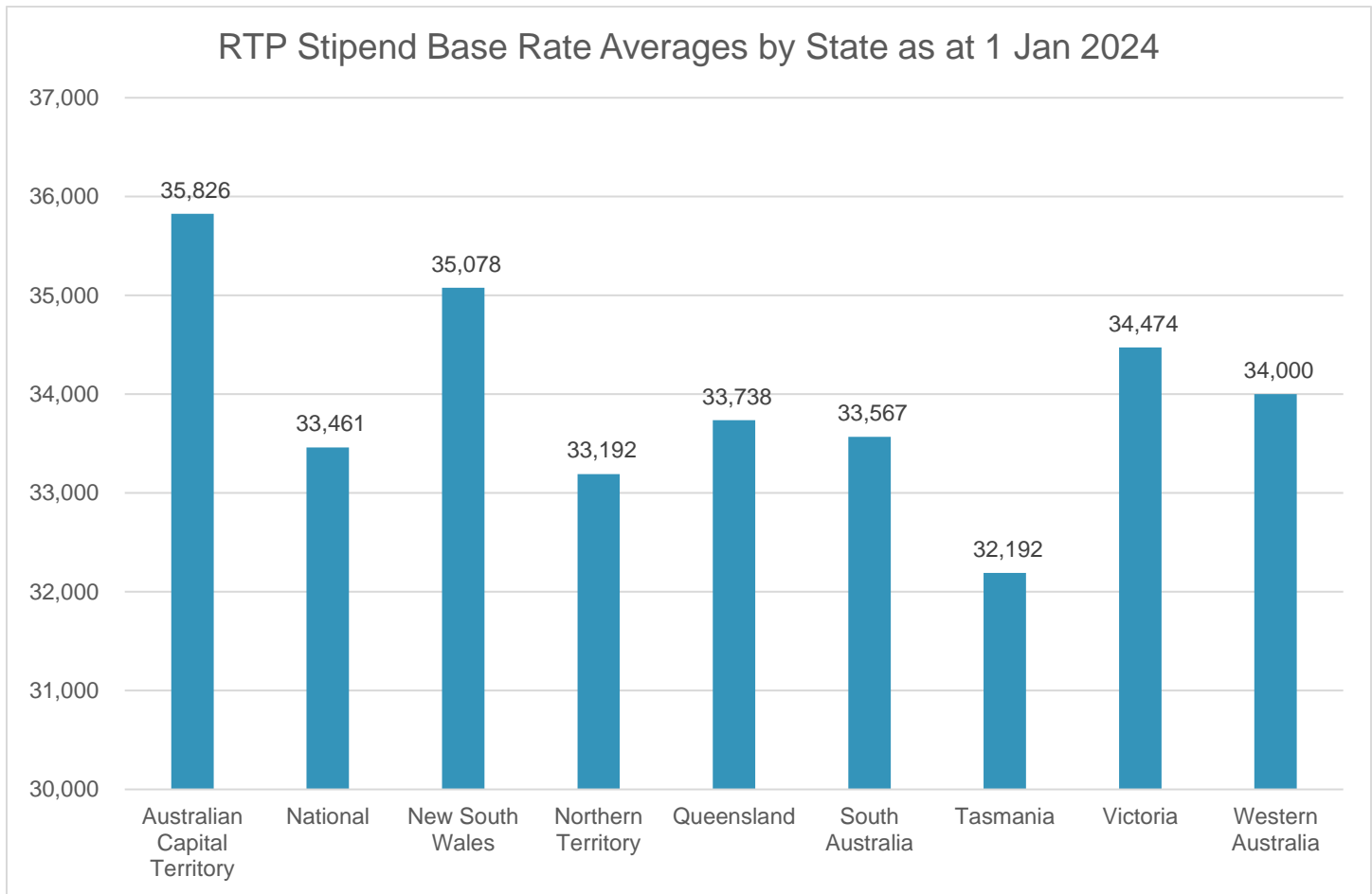


Table 2. RTP Stipend rates by institution and averages by state as at 1 Jan 2024.

State & Institution	RTP Base Rate \$ at Jan 2024
<b>Australian Capital Territory</b>	<b>35,826</b>
Australian National University	36,652
University of Canberra	35,000
<b>National</b>	<b>33,461</b>
Australian Catholic University	32,192
Torrens University	36,000
University of Notre Dame	32,192
<b>New South Wales</b>	<b>35,078</b>
Charles Sturt University	35,000
Macquarie University	35,000
Southern Cross University	32,192
University of New England	35,411
University of New South Wales	37,684

University of Newcastle	32,192
University of Sydney	40,109
University of Technology Sydney	37,000
University of Wollongong	34,000
Western Sydney University	32,192
<b>Northern Territory</b>	<b>33,192</b>
Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education	34,192
Charles Darwin University	32,192
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>33,738</b>
Bond University	32,192
Central Queensland University	34,000
Griffith University	33,480
James Cook University	33,500
Queensland University of Technology	33,637
University of Queensland	33,641
University of Southern Queensland	35,000
University of the Sunshine Coast	34,450
<b>South Australia</b>	<b>33,567</b>
Flinders University	33,990
University of Adelaide	34,210
University of South Australia	32,500
<b>Tasmania</b>	<b>32,192</b>
University of Tasmania	32,192
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>34,474</b>
Deakin University	34,400
Federation University	35,000
La Trobe University	34,000
Monash University	35,013
RMIT	34,841
Swinburne University of Technology	33,500
The University of Melbourne	37,000
University of Divinity	32,192
Victoria University	34,320
<b>Western Australia</b>	<b>34,000</b>
Curtin University	35,000
Edith Cowan University	33,000
Murdoch University	33,000
University of Western Australia	35,000
<b>Sector average</b>	<b>34,244</b>

# RTP Stipend Duration by State

Figure 4. RTP Stipend duration averages by state as at 1 Jan 2024.

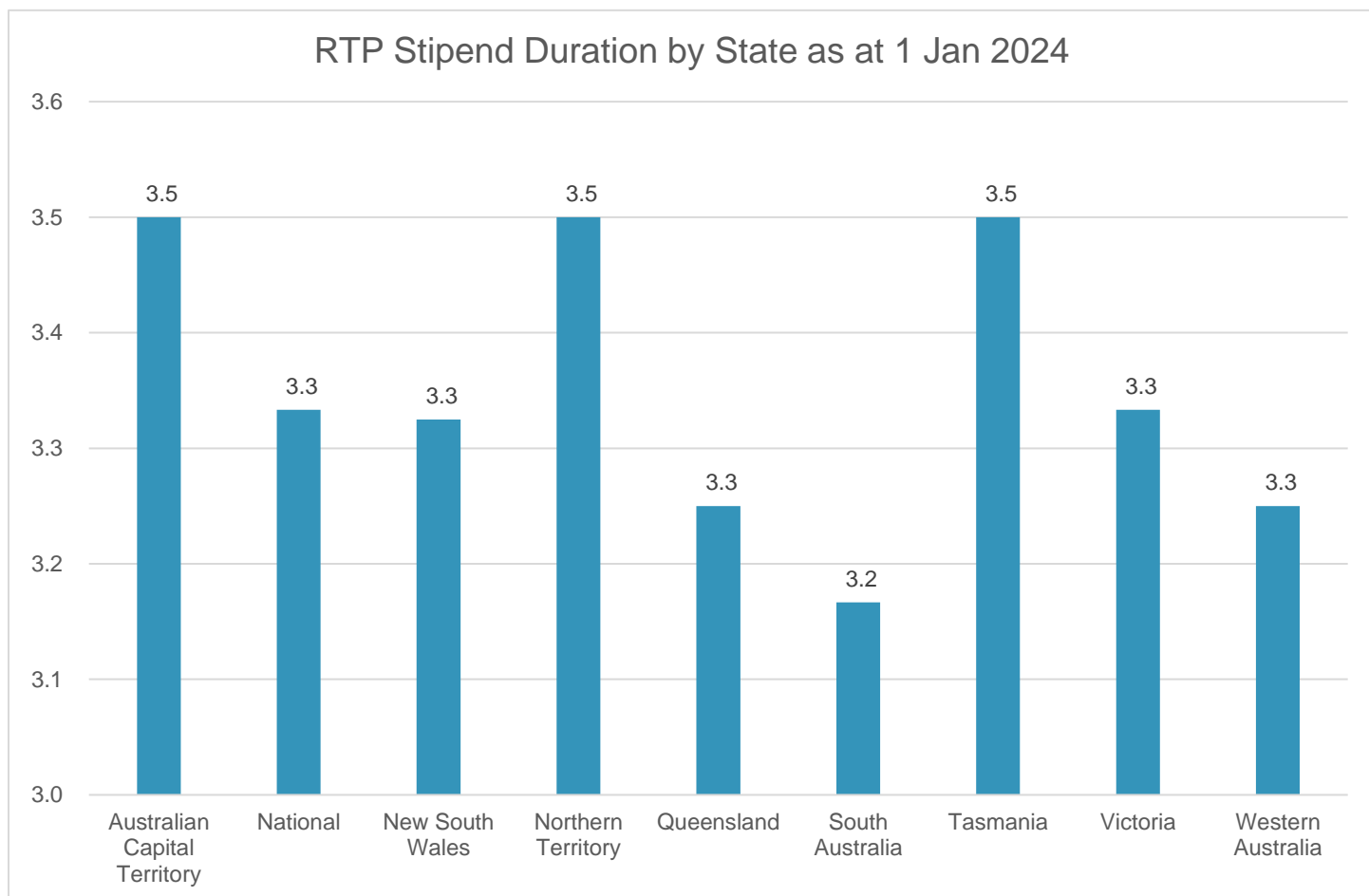


Table 3. RTP Stipend duration by institution and averages by state as at 1 Jan 2024.

Institution	RTP Stipend duration in years at Jan 2024
<b>Australian Capital Territory</b>	<b>3.5</b>
Australian National University	3.5
University of Canberra	3.5
<b>National</b>	<b>3.3</b>
Australian Catholic University	3.0
Torrens University	4.0
University of Notre Dame	3.0
<b>New South Wales</b>	<b>3.3</b>
Charles Sturt University	3.0
Macquarie University	3.0
Southern Cross University	3.3
University of New England	3.5



University of New South Wales	3.5
University of Newcastle	3.5
University of Sydney	3.5
University of Technology Sydney	3.5
University of Wollongong	3.5
Western Sydney University	3.0
<b>Northern Territory</b>	<b>3.5</b>
Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education	4.0
Charles Darwin University	3.0
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>3.3</b>
Bond University	3.0
Central Queensland University	3.0
Griffith University	3.5
James Cook University	3.5
Queensland University of Technology	3.5
University of Queensland	3.5
University of Southern Queensland	3.0
University of the Sunshine Coast	3.0
<b>South Australia</b>	<b>3.2</b>
Flinders University	3.0
University of Adelaide	3.5
University of South Australia	3.0
<b>Tasmania</b>	<b>3.5</b>
University of Tasmania	3.5
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>3.3</b>
Deakin University	3.5
Federation University	3.0
La Trobe University	3.5
Monash University	3.5
RMIT	3.5
Swinburne University of Technology	3.0
The University of Melbourne	3.5
University of Divinity	3.0
Victoria University	3.5
<b>Western Australia</b>	<b>3.3</b>
Curtin University	3.0
Edith Cowan University	3.0
Murdoch University	3.5
University of Western Australia	3.5
<b>Sector average</b>	<b>3.3</b>

# RTP Stipend Base Rates by Network

Figure 5. RTP Stipend base rate averages by network as at 1 Jan 2024.

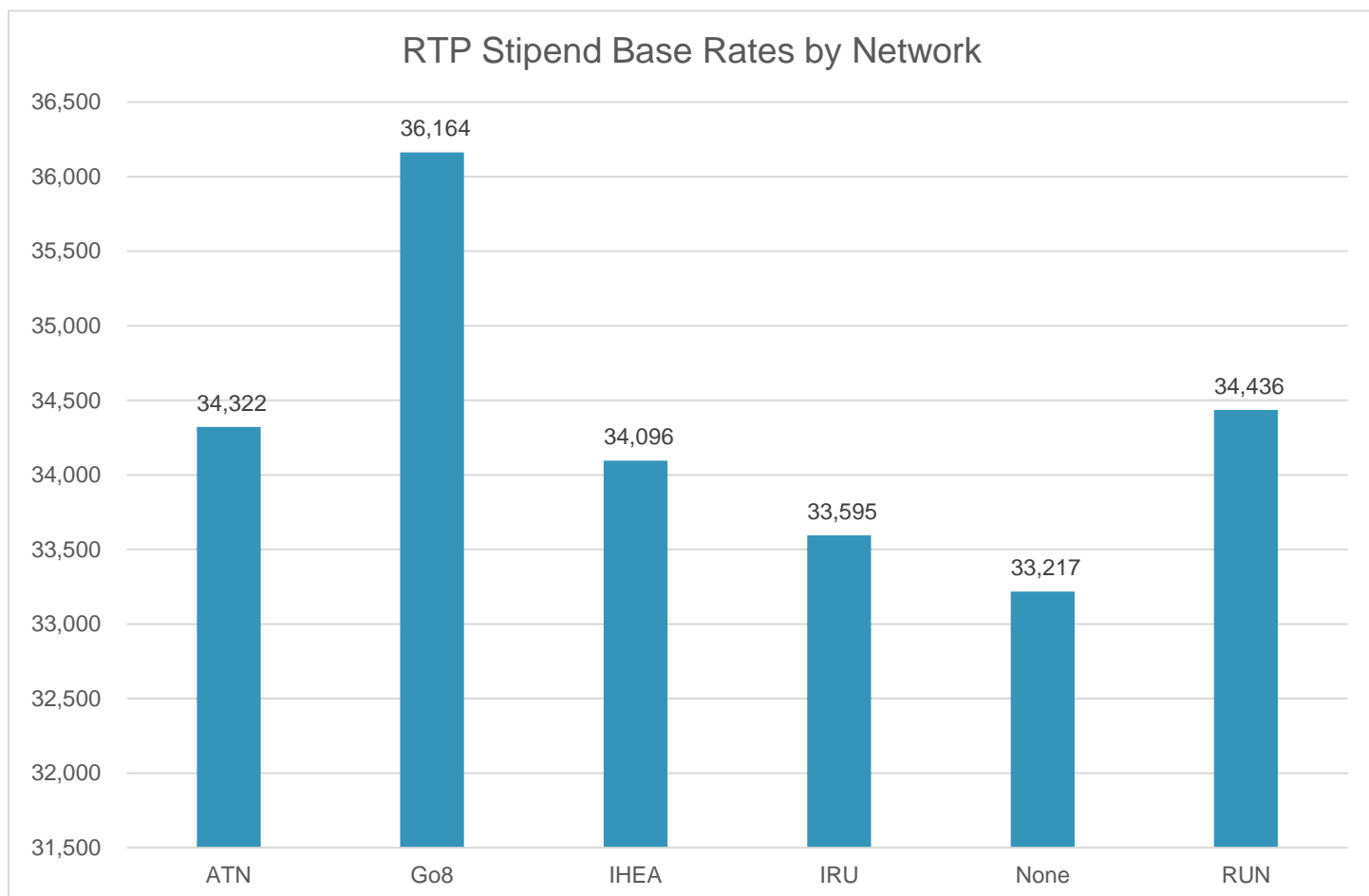


Table 4. RTP Stipend rates by institution and averages by network as at 1 Jan 2024.

Institution	RTP Base Rate \$ at Jan 1 2024
<b>ATN</b>	<b>34,322</b>
Curtin University	35,000
Deakin University	34,400
RMIT	34,841
University of Newcastle	32,192
University of South Australia	32,500
University of Technology Sydney	37,000
<b>Go8</b>	<b>36,164</b>
Australian National University	36,652
Monash University	35,013
The University of Melbourne	37,000
University of Adelaide	34,210
University of New South Wales	37,684

University of Queensland	33,641
University of Sydney	40,109
University of Western Australia	35,000
<b>IHEA</b>	<b>34,096</b>
Torrens University	36,000
University of Divinity	32,192
<b>IRU</b>	<b>33,595</b>
Flinders University	33,990
Griffith University	33,480
James Cook University	33,500
La Trobe University	34,000
Murdoch University	33,000
University of Canberra	35,000
Western Sydney University	32,192
<b>None</b>	<b>33,217</b>
Australian Catholic University	32,192
Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education	34,192
Bond University	32,192
Charles Darwin University	32,192
Edith Cowan University	33,000
Macquarie University	35,000
Queensland University of Technology	33,637
Swinburne University of Technology	33,500
University of Notre Dame	32,192
University of Tasmania	32,192
University of Wollongong	34,000
Victoria University	34,320
<b>RUN</b>	<b>34,436</b>
Central Queensland University	34,000
Charles Sturt University	35,000
Federation University	35,000
Southern Cross University	32,192
University of New England	35,411
University of Southern Queensland	35,000
University of the Sunshine Coast	34,450
<b>Sector average</b>	<b>34,244</b>

# RTP Stipend Duration by Network

Figure 6. RTP Stipend duration averages by network as at 1 Jan 2024.

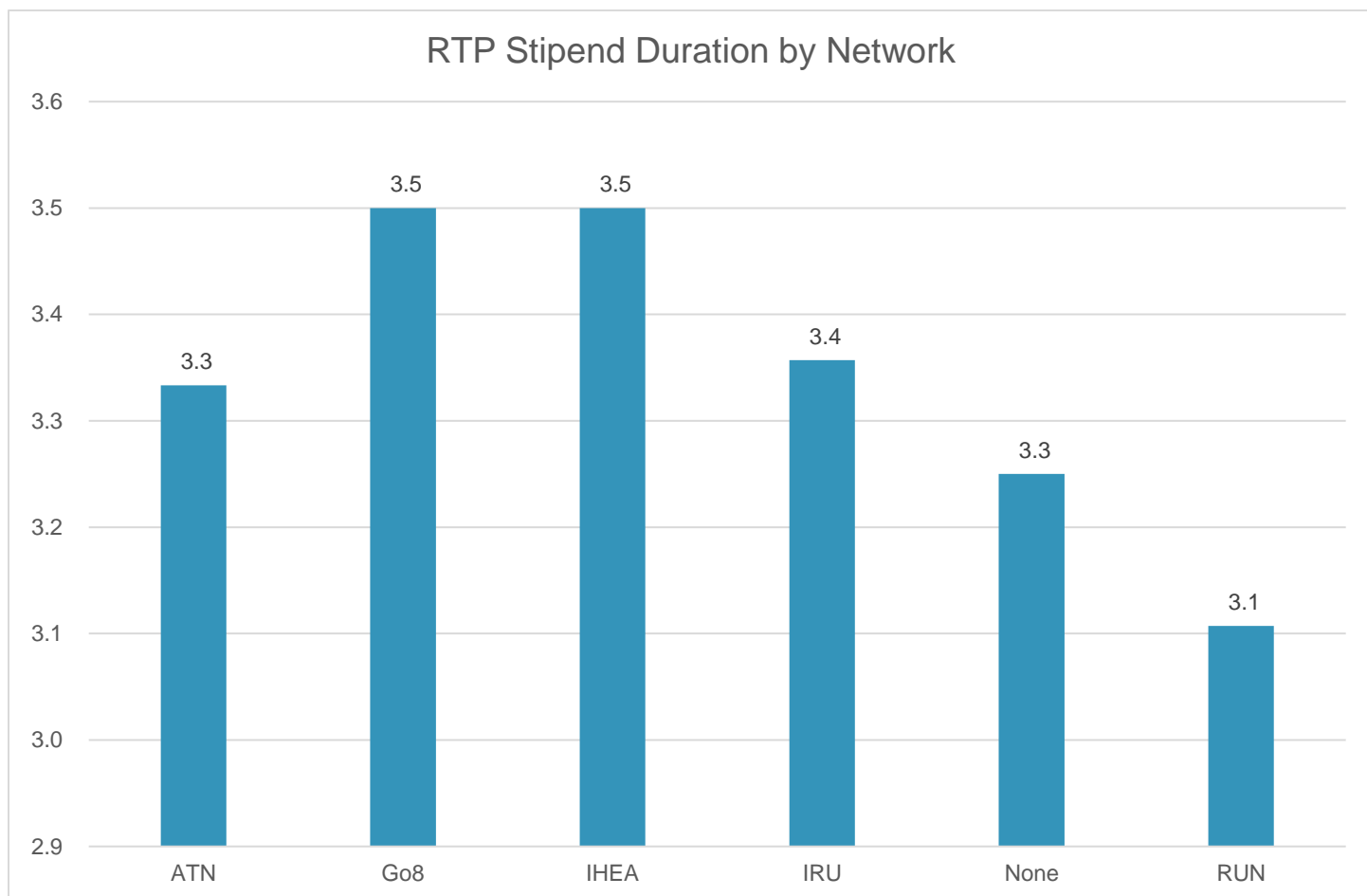


Table 5. RTP Stipend duration by institution and averages by network as at 1 Jan 2024.

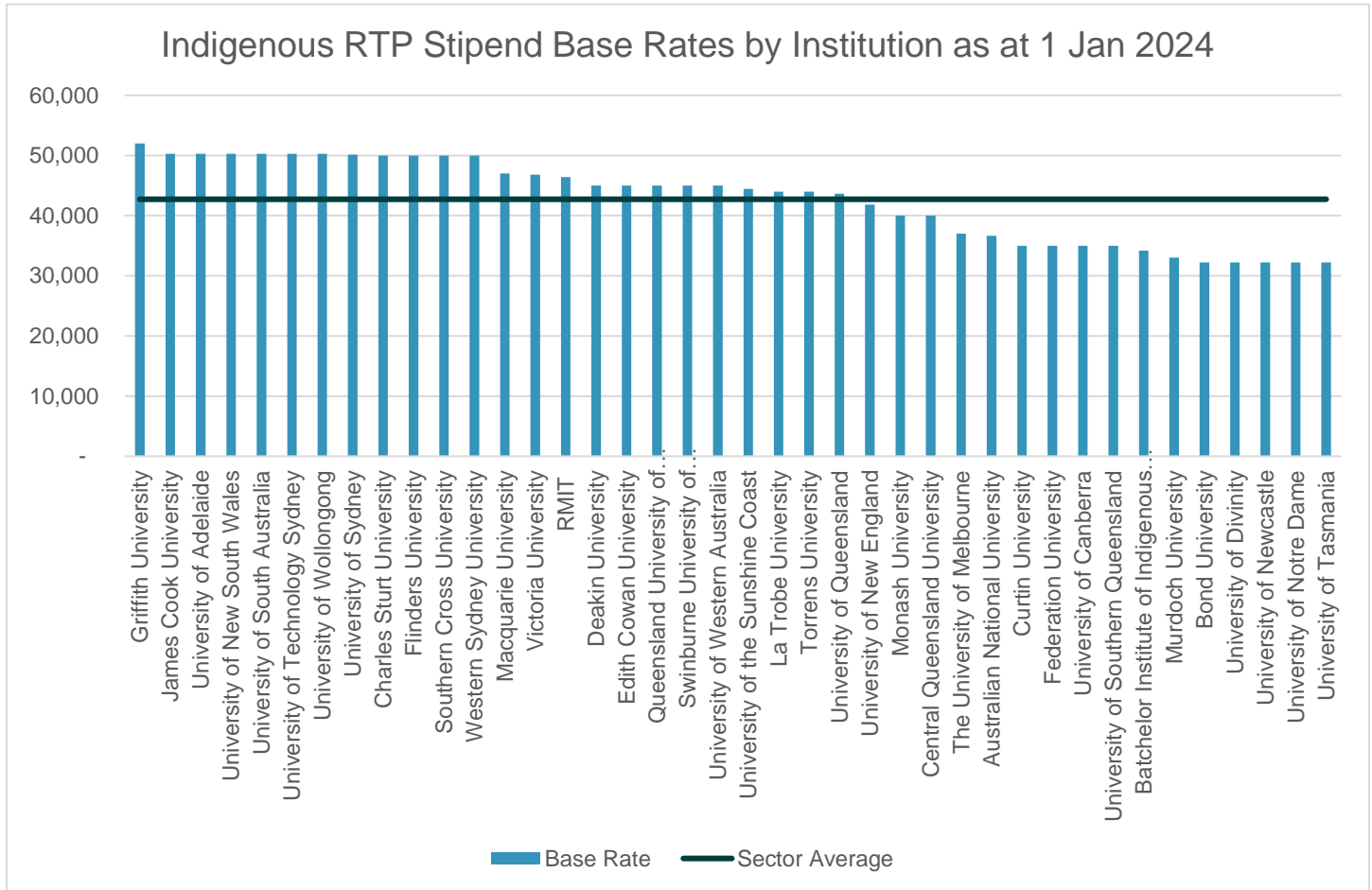
Institution	RTP Stipend duration in years at Jan 2024
<b>ATN</b>	<b>3.3</b>
Curtin University	3.0
Deakin University	3.5
RMIT	3.5
University of Newcastle	3.5
University of South Australia	3.0
University of Technology Sydney	3.5
<b>Go8</b>	<b>3.5</b>
Australian National University	3.5
Monash University	3.5
The University of Melbourne	3.5
University of Adelaide	3.5
University of New South Wales	3.5

University of Queensland	3.5
University of Sydney	3.5
University of Western Australia	3.5
<b>IHEA</b>	<b>3.5</b>
Torrens University	4.0
University of Divinity	3.0
<b>IRU</b>	<b>3.4</b>
Flinders University	3.0
Griffith University	3.5
James Cook University	3.5
La Trobe University	3.5
Murdoch University	3.5
University of Canberra	3.5
Western Sydney University	3.0
<b>None</b>	<b>3.3</b>
Australian Catholic University	3.0
Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education	4.0
Bond University	3.0
Charles Darwin University	3.0
Edith Cowan University	3.0
Macquarie University	3.0
Queensland University of Technology	3.5
Swinburne University of Technology	3.0
University of Notre Dame	3.0
University of Tasmania	3.5
University of Wollongong	3.5
Victoria University	3.5
<b>RUN</b>	<b>3.1</b>
Central Queensland University	3.0
Charles Sturt University	3.0
Federation University	3.0
Southern Cross University	3.3
University of New England	3.5
University of Southern Queensland	3.0
University of the Sunshine Coast	3.0
<b>Sector average</b>	<b>3.3</b>

# Indigenous RTP Stipend Base Rates by Institution

The sector average RTP Base rate stipend for Indigenous candidates (minus institutional top-ups) as at 1 Jan 2024 is \$42,721. The average sector RTP Base rate stipend for Indigenous candidates is 24.7% higher than non-Indigenous candidates as at 1 Jan 2024. (2 institutions did not report RTP Stipend rates for Indigenous candidates)

Figure 7. Indigenous RTP Stipend base rates by institution as at 1 Jan 2024.



# Indigenous RTP Stipend Duration by Institution

The sector average RTP Base rate duration for Indigenous candidates (minus extensions) for 2024 is 3.4 years. This is the same average duration as non-Indigenous candidates.

Figure 8. Indigenous RTP Stipend duration by institution as at 1 Jan 2024.

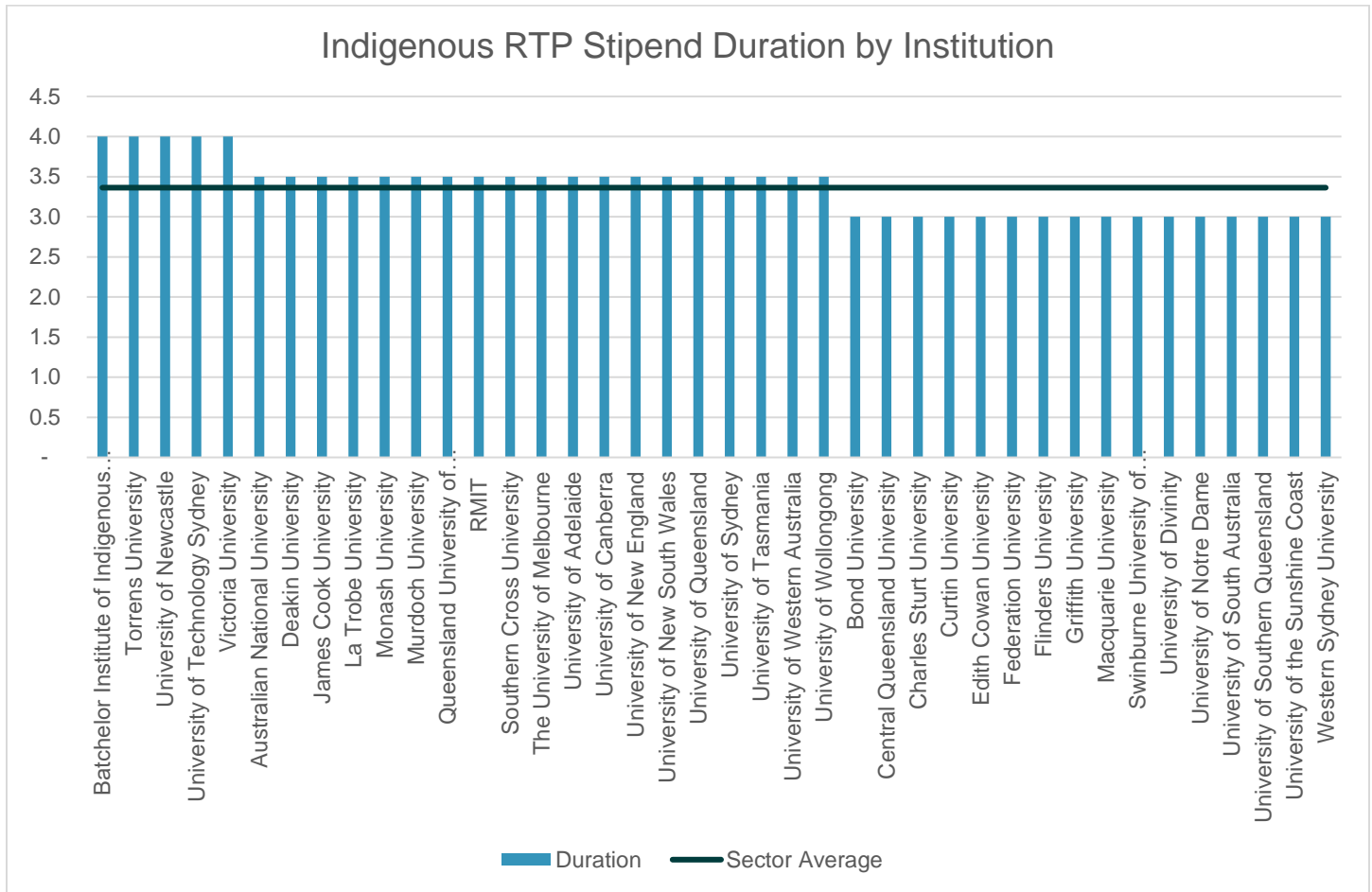


Table 6. Indigenous RTP Stipend base rates and duration as at 1 Jan 2024.

Institution	Indigenous RTP Base Rate \$ Jan 2024	Indigenous RTP Duration (years) Jan 2024	Indigenous RTP Extension Jan 2024
Griffith University	52,000	3	6 months
James Cook University	50,291	3.5	
University of New South Wales	50,291	3.5	
University of Wollongong	50,291	3.5	
University of Technology Sydney	50,291	4	
University of Adelaide	50,291	3.5	
University of South Australia	50,291	3	up to 6 months
University of Sydney	50,109	3.5	
Charles Sturt University	50,000	3	6 months
Flinders University	50,000	3	6 months
Southern Cross University	50,000	3.5	
Western Sydney University	50,000	3	6 months
Macquarie University	47,000	3	

Victoria University	46,800	4	
RMIT	46,428	3.5	
Deakin University	45,000	3.5	
Edith Cowan University	45,000	3	6 months
Queensland University of Technology	45,000	3.5	
Swinburne University of Technology	45,000	3	6 months
University of Western Australia	45,000	3.5	
University of the Sunshine Coast	44,450	3	6 months
La Trobe University	44,000 plus \$3,000 per annum research support for 3 years	3.5	6 months
Torrens University	44,000	4	
University of Queensland	43,641	3.5	3 months
<b>Sector average</b>	<b>42,721</b>	<b>3.4</b>	
University of New England	41,849 plus \$7,000 per annum cultural supervision/mentoring	3.5	
Monash University	40,013	3.5	
Central Queensland University	40,000	3	6-12 months
The University of Melbourne	37,000	3.5	
Australian National University	36,652	3.5	3-6 months
University of Canberra	35,000	3.5	
Curtin University	35,000	3	3-6 months
Federation University	35,000	3	6 months
University of Southern Queensland	35,000	3	6 months
Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education	34,192	4	
Murdoch University	33,000	3.5	
University of Tasmania	32,192	3.5	
Bond University	32,192	3	
University of Divinity	32,192	3	
University of Newcastle	32,192	4	
University of Notre Dame	32,192	3	12 months
Australian Catholic University	not reported	not reported	
Charles Darwin University	not reported	3	



# Indigenous RTP Stipend Base Rate by State

Figure 9. Indigenous RTP Stipend base rate averages by state as at 1 Jan 2024.

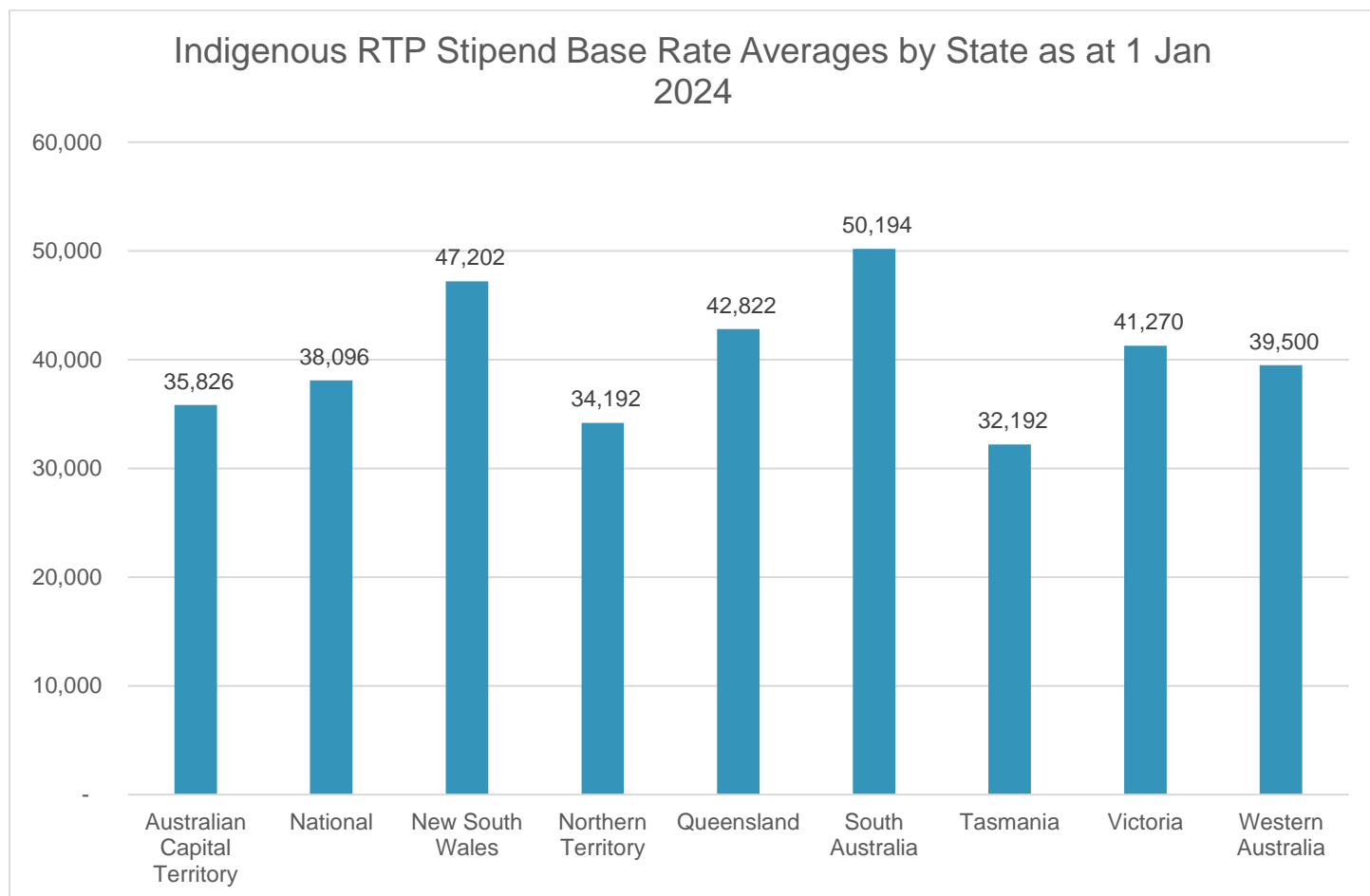


Table 7. Indigenous RTP Stipend rates by institution and averages by state as at 1 Jan 2024.

Institution	RTP Base Rate \$ at Jan 2024
<b>Australian Capital Territory</b>	<b>35,826</b>
Australian National University	36,652
University of Canberra	35,000
<b>National</b>	<b>38,096</b>
Torrens University	44,000
University of Notre Dame	32,192
<b>New South Wales</b>	<b>47,202</b>
Charles Sturt University	50,000
Macquarie University	47,000
Southern Cross University	50,000

University of New England	41,849
University of New South Wales	50,291
University of Newcastle	32,192
University of Sydney	50,109
University of Technology Sydney	50,291
University of Wollongong	50,291
Western Sydney University	50,000
<b>Northern Territory</b>	<b>34,192</b>
Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education	34,192
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>42,822</b>
Bond University	32,192
Central Queensland University	40,000
Griffith University	52,000
James Cook University	50,291
Queensland University of Technology	45,000
University of Queensland	43,641
University of Southern Queensland	35,000
University of the Sunshine Coast	44,450
<b>South Australia</b>	<b>50,194</b>
Flinders University	50,000
University of Adelaide	50,291
University of South Australia	50,291
<b>Tasmania</b>	<b>32,192</b>
University of Tasmania	32,192
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>41,270</b>
Deakin University	45,000
Federation University	35,000
La Trobe University	44,000
Monash University	40,013
RMIT	46,428
Swinburne University of Technology	45,000
The University of Melbourne	37,000
University of Divinity	32,192
Victoria University	46,800
<b>Western Australia</b>	<b>39,500</b>
Curtin University	35,000
Edith Cowan University	45,000
Murdoch University	33,000
University of Western Australia	45,000
<b>Sector average</b>	<b>42,721</b>

# Indigenous RTP Stipend Duration by State

Figure 10. Indigenous RTP Stipend duration averages by state as at 1 Jan 2024.

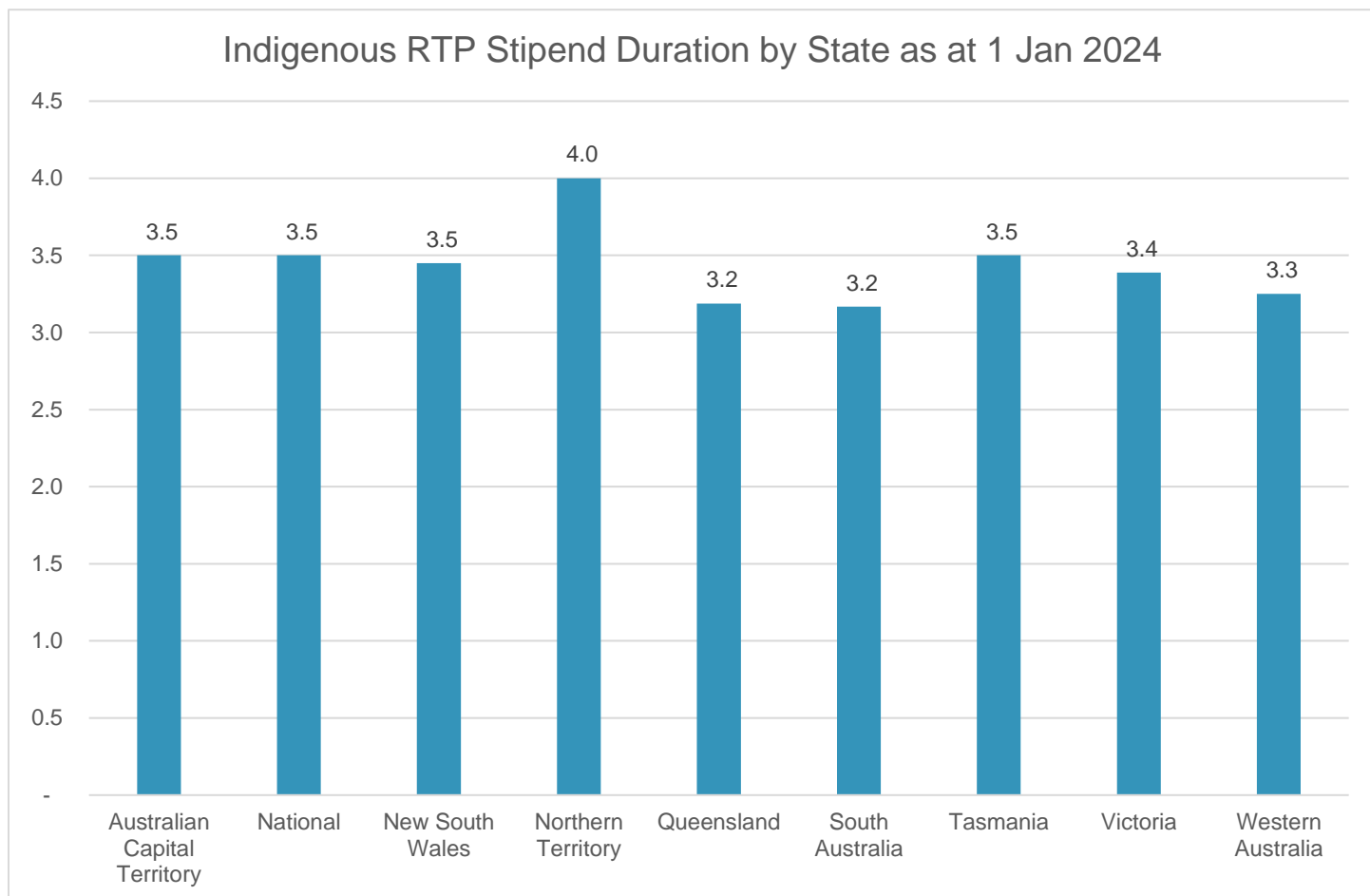


Table 8. Indigenous RTP Stipend duration by institution and averages by state as at 1 Jan 2024.

Institution	RTP Stipend duration in years at Jan 2024
<b>Australian Capital Territory</b>	<b>3.5</b>
Australian National University	3.5
University of Canberra	3.5
<b>National</b>	<b>3.5</b>
Torrens University	4.0
University of Notre Dame	3.0
<b>New South Wales</b>	<b>3.5</b>
Charles Sturt University	3.0
Macquarie University	3.0
Southern Cross University	3.5
University of New England	3.5

University of New South Wales	3.5
University of Newcastle	4.0
University of Sydney	3.5
University of Technology Sydney	4.0
University of Wollongong	3.5
Western Sydney University	3.0
<b>Northern Territory</b>	<b>4.0</b>
Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education	4.0
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>3.2</b>
Bond University	3.0
Central Queensland University	3.0
Griffith University	3.0
James Cook University	3.5
Queensland University of Technology	3.5
University of Queensland	3.5
University of Southern Queensland	3.0
University of the Sunshine Coast	3.0
<b>South Australia</b>	<b>3.2</b>
Flinders University	3.0
University of Adelaide	3.5
University of South Australia	3.0
<b>Tasmania</b>	<b>3.5</b>
University of Tasmania	3.5
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>3.4</b>
Deakin University	3.5
Federation University	3.0
La Trobe University	3.5
Monash University	3.5
RMIT	3.5
Swinburne University of Technology	3.0
The University of Melbourne	3.5
University of Divinity	3.0
Victoria University	4.0
<b>Western Australia</b>	<b>3.3</b>
Curtin University	3.0
Edith Cowan University	3.0
Murdoch University	3.5
University of Western Australia	3.5
<b>Sector average</b>	<b>3.4</b>

# Indigenous RTP Stipend Base Rates by Network

Figure 11. Indigenous RTP Stipend base rate averages by network as at 1 Jan 2024.

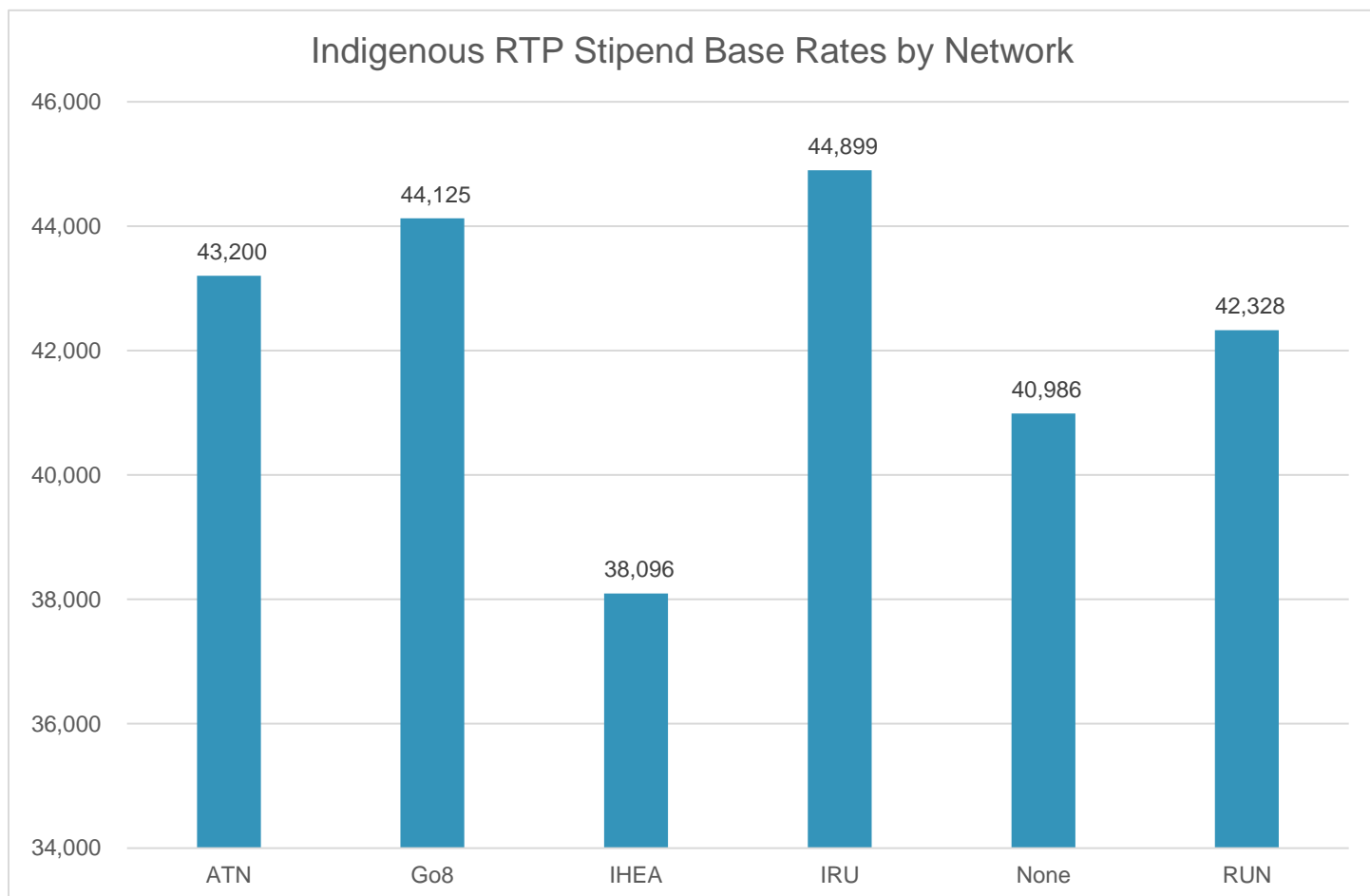


Table 9. Indigenous RTP Stipend rates by institution and averages by network as at 1 Jan 2024.

Institution	RTP Base Rate \$ at Jan 1 2024
<b>ATN</b>	<b>43,200</b>
Curtin University	35,000
Deakin University	45,000
RMIT	46,428
University of Newcastle	32,192
University of South Australia	50,291
University of Technology Sydney	50,291
<b>Go8</b>	<b>44,125</b>
Australian National University	36,652
Monash University	40,013

The University of Melbourne	37,000
University of Adelaide	50,291
University of New South Wales	50,291
University of Queensland	43,641
University of Sydney	50,109
University of Western Australia	45,000
<b>IHEA</b>	<b>38,096</b>
Torrens University	44,000
University of Divinity	32,192
<b>IRU</b>	<b>44,899</b>
Flinders University	50,000
Griffith University	52,000
James Cook University	50,291
La Trobe University	44,000
Murdoch University	33,000
University of Canberra	35,000
Western Sydney University	50,000
<b>None</b>	<b>40,986</b>
Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education	34,192
Bond University	32,192
Edith Cowan University	45,000
Macquarie University	47,000
Queensland University of Technology	45,000
Swinburne University of Technology	45,000
University of Notre Dame	32,192
University of Tasmania	32,192
University of Wollongong	50,291
Victoria University	46,800
<b>RUN</b>	<b>42,328</b>
Central Queensland University	40,000
Charles Sturt University	50,000
Federation University	35,000
Southern Cross University	50,000
University of New England	41,849
University of Southern Queensland	35,000
University of the Sunshine Coast	44,450
<b>Sector average</b>	<b>42,721</b>

# Indigenous RTP Stipend Duration by Network

Figure 12. RTP Stipend duration averages by network as at 1 Jan 2024.

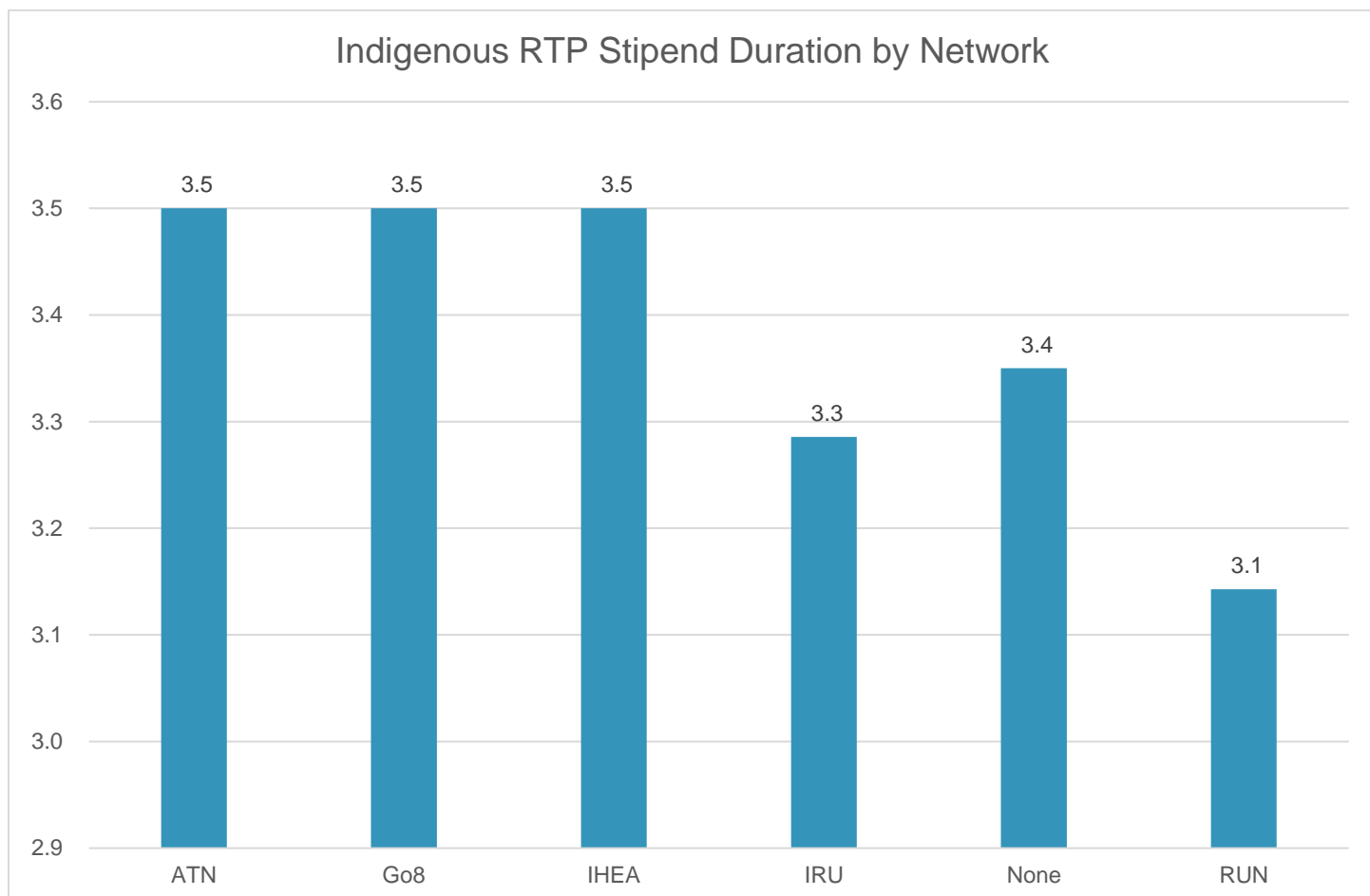


Table 10. Indigenous RTP Stipend duration by institution and averages by network as at 1 Jan 2024.

Institution	RTP Stipend duration in years at Jan 2024
<b>ATN</b>	<b>3.5</b>
Curtin University	3.0
Deakin University	3.5
RMIT	3.5
University of Newcastle	4.0
University of South Australia	3.0
University of Technology Sydney	4.0
<b>Go8</b>	<b>3.5</b>
Australian National University	3.5

Monash University	3.5
The University of Melbourne	3.5
University of Adelaide	3.5
University of New South Wales	3.5
University of Queensland	3.5
University of Sydney	3.5
University of Western Australia	3.5
<b>IHEA</b>	<b>3.5</b>
Torrens University	4.0
University of Divinity	3.0
<b>IRU</b>	<b>3.3</b>
Flinders University	3.0
Griffith University	3.0
James Cook University	3.5
La Trobe University	3.5
Murdoch University	3.5
University of Canberra	3.5
Western Sydney University	3.0
<b>None</b>	<b>3.4</b>
Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education	4.0
Bond University	3.0
Edith Cowan University	3.0
Macquarie University	3.0
Queensland University of Technology	3.5
Swinburne University of Technology	3.0
University of Notre Dame	3.0
University of Tasmania	3.5
University of Wollongong	3.5
Victoria University	4.0
<b>RUN</b>	<b>3.1</b>
Central Queensland University	3.0
Charles Sturt University	3.0
Federation University	3.0
Southern Cross University	3.5
University of New England	3.5
University of Southern Queensland	3.0
University of the Sunshine Coast	3.0
<b>Sector average</b>	<b>3.4</b>