

Indigenous Commonwealth Scholarships – Semester 2, 2021

Scholarship payment amounts are available at the [Indigenous Commonwealth Scholarships](#) webpage.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

You must

- > provide proof of Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent. Acceptable documents may be one of the following:
 - o A Confirmation of Aboriginality letter stamped with a community seal and/or signed by a delegate of an incorporated Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander community organisation that you identify with. If you currently do not have proof of heritage or are unsure of how to obtain this document, please contact [Indigenous Student Services](#).
 - o Centrelink Customer Reference Number (CRN) if in receipt of ABSTUDY
- > be enrolled in the Tertiary Enabling Program or Preparation for Tertiary Success program, or an undergraduate course, or a post-graduate course (excluding research degrees)
- > be enrolled in at least 2 units (20 credit points) per semester
- > demonstrate financial hardship either by receiving a Centrelink (or other Commonwealth) means-tested income support payment (such as Austudy, ABSTUDY, Youth Allowance etc), or provide evidence that you have a personal income below the HECS-HELP repayment threshold for 2020/21 (currently \$46,620 per year)
- > demonstrate the need to move for study and be enrolled internally to be eligible for the Accommodation Scholarship
- > must not be in receipt of a current Indigenous Commonwealth Scholarship
- > (for continuing or previously enrolled students) demonstrate an appropriate academic record of a pass in more than 50% of the credit points attempted during the previous [academic progression period](#)
- > Priority will be given to students who are from regional/remote areas of Australia

You may not be eligible for a scholarship if you are

- > in receipt of a Centrelink Start-Up loan/Scholarship and/or a Relocation Scholarship and/or ABSTUDY Residential Costs Option

DURATION OF SCHOLARSHIP FOR SEMESTER 2, 2021 APPLICANTS

One (1) semester only. Applicants must reapply each year.

PAYMENT

- > Each recipient will be paid by electronic funds transfer to his/her nominated bank account.
- > Payment will be made after the Census dates in Semester 2.

MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PAYMENTS (EFFECTIVE FROM SEMESTER 1 2017)

Education and Accommodation Scholarships

Undergraduate – 8 payments

Postgraduate – 4 payments

Education and Accommodation Scholarships

Enabling – 2 payments

OTHER OBLIGATIONS AND CONDITIONS

- > The offer of the Scholarship is made subject to information provided by the recipient being true and accurate.
- > By accepting the offer of the Scholarship, each recipient agrees to the Scholarship Terms and Conditions.
- > The recipient is responsible for advising the Scholarships Officer of any changes in circumstances that would make him/her ineligible for continuation of the Scholarship.

TERMINATION OF SCHOLARSHIP

The Scholarship will terminate:

- > If the recipient does not meet the ongoing eligibility criteria; or
- > If the recipient withdraws from his/her course; or
- > If the recipient breaches any conditions of the Scholarship; or
- > If CDU determines that the student is guilty of serious misconduct

SERVICES AUSTRALIA AND ATO INFORMATION

Students who are receiving certain Commonwealth Benefits are recommended to advise [Services Australia](#) that you will be receiving a scholarship and the amount to be received to ensure your payments are calculated correctly. Please refer to the [Exempt equity and merit-based scholarships](#) section, the [Online guide to Social Security](#) or [contact Services Australia](#) directly.

You can learn more about the taxation conditions of your scholarship by using the [Australian Taxation Office \(ATO\) scholarship tool](#).