

Department of Education and Training First Nations Teacher Education Scholarship

DONOR

Northern Territory Government

PURPOSE

The First Nations Teacher Education Scholarship provides financial support to students who study an undergraduate or postgraduate initial teacher education course at CDU. The scholarship is open to First Nations students who want to study a teaching course to help increase the number of First Nations teachers. Students are encouraged to use their financial support to pay off any course unit fees or HECS-HELP debt each semester.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- > Must be enrolled in one of the following courses:
 - Bachelor of Education Birth to Five Years
 - Bachelor of Education in Early Childhood Teaching (Birth-12 Years)
 - Bachelor of Education Early Childhood and Primary
 - Bachelor of Education Primary
 - Bachelor of Education Secondary
 - Bachelor of Primary Education and Master of Secondary Teaching
 - Master of Teaching Birth to Five Years
 - Master of Teaching Early Childhood
 - Master of Teaching Primary
 - Master of Teaching Secondary
- > Must be enrolled full-time for the duration of the scholarship - i.e. enrolled in 30 credit points in each semester
- > Must be a First Nations student
- > Must be a current resident of the Northern Territory
- > Must not hold another Northern Territory Government –Department of Education and Training Scholarship/s

SELECTION CRITERIA

Essential

- > Provide a short summary which includes details of your background, reasons why you are applying for the scholarship, reasons for choosing your area of study and details of your future plans and ambitions, including employment goals
- > Explain your thoughts about the importance of First Nations educators as role model
- > Provide details of any special interests, skills or previous work experience related to education.

MAXIMUM VALUE

\$5,000

NUMBER AVAILABLE

Ten (10)

PAYMENTS

\$5,000 (one-off)

DURATION

One (1) semester

ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Students may be invited to engage with the DET, Aboriginal Workforce Strategy and Planning, regarding work opportunities and the promotion of their scholarship story.

PAYMENT OF BENEFITS

- > Each recipient will be paid by electronic funds transfer to their nominated bank account.
- > Payment will be made after the Census dates in Semester 1 and/or Semester 2.
- > Payments are subject to the recipient satisfying ongoing eligibility criteria as outlined in this document and the Donor Scholarship Policy.

DURATION

The duration of the Scholarship is as mentioned earlier; or when one of the following is true:

- > The maximum Scholarship value has been exhausted;
- > The student has completed their course of study;
- > The student no longer meets the ongoing eligibility requirements of the Scholarship.

A recipient who commences the Scholarship part way through their course may not receive the full Scholarship amount. This is also true for recipients who do not follow the usual full-time study load. The total value of the Scholarship may be exhausted prior to completion.

SELECTION

Eligible applications will be presented to the Selection Committee shortly after the scholarship closing date.

Offers will be authorised by the Chair of the Selection Committee in line with the Donor Scholarship Policy.

ONGOING ELIGIBILITY

NA

CDU Enrolment:

The recipient:

- > must continue to be enrolled in the required study load in the course under which the Scholarship was granted at CDU; or
- > If the recipient has an approved course transfer, they may apply to the Scholarships officer to transfer the Scholarship to the new course. If the Scholarship transfer is approved, all previous Scholarship payments will accumulate towards the total payments received.

Intermission:

- > If the recipient is granted an intermission for the semester, payment of the Scholarship will be suspended.
- > A Scholarship can be suspended for a maximum of two (2) semesters. This may include:
 - o One (1) or two (2) semesters of approved intermissions; or
 - o One (1) semester of approved intermission and one (1) semester of suspension on the grounds of failure to meet ongoing eligibility criteria.

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 them ineligible for continuation of the Scholarship, e.g. reducing study load to part-time, applying for an intermission or transferring to another course.

TERMINATION OF RECIPIENT'S SCHOLARSHIP

The Scholarship will be terminated:

- > If the recipient ceases to meet the eligibility criteria; or
- > If the recipient fails to meet the ongoing eligibility criteria for more than two (2) teaching periods; or
- > If the recipient withdraws from their course; or
- > If the recipient breaches any conditions of the scholarship; or
- > If CDU determines that the student is guilty of serious misconduct.