

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER POSTGRADUATE COURSEWORK SCHOLARSHIP 2027 – *guidelines*

BACKGROUND

Menzies School of Health Research (“Menzies”) is offering scholarship assistance to one (1) outstanding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students enrolled in Charles Darwin University (CDU) in one of the following courses

- Master of Public Health
- Master of Health Research
- Graduate Diploma of Public Health or
- Graduate Diploma of Health Research

PURPOSE OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

Through this scholarship, Menzies reaffirms its commitment to expanding access to higher education for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, while empowering First Nations individuals to take on leadership roles in public health and/or health research.

ELIGIBILITY

- Must be admitted and offer accepted in one of the following CDU courses commencing study in semester 1, 2027
 - Master of Public Health
 - Master of Health Research
 - Graduate Diploma of Public Health or
 - Graduate Diploma of Health Research
- Must identify as a First Nations Australian student. You will be required to provide supporting documentation to confirm Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent
- Must not be in receipt of any other scholarship for the course of study* (see terms below)
- Must consent to appear in promotional material if successful

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Application to this scholarship is deemed acceptance of the terms and conditions.
2. The full scholarship is for payment of tuition fees up to
 - 12 units of the Master of Public Health or Master of Health Research or
 - 8 units of the Graduate Diploma of Public Health or Graduate Diploma of Health Research
3. Following successful enrolment, Menzies will pay the tuition fees directly to CDU on the recipient's behalf.
4. Payment will only be made for the enrolled units once and not for any subsequent attempts, should the recipient not successfully complete the enrolled unit.
5. A recipient is responsible for paying any other associated fees such as Student Services and Amenities Fees, administration, incidental and material fees.
6. A recipient is responsible for the purchase of any required textbooks and learning resources.
7. An offer of a scholarship may be made prior to a recipient's confirmation of enrolment but such offers will be conditional on successful enrolment in the student's course in semester 1, 2027.

8. The offer will lapse if not accepted within 10 business days.
9. Full time employment is acceptable under the terms of the scholarship.
10. A recipient may receive multiple scholarships however they may not be awarded a scholarship more than once for the same course or program; repeat funding for the same course is not permitted. The recipient must notify education@menzies.edu.au if they are in receipt of any additional scholarships, grants or financial assistance related to the same course or program.
11. The Education team at Menzies will monitor the recipient's progress throughout the course. The recipient is required to contact the team education@menzies.edu.au should extenuating and unexpected circumstances prevent them from successful progress.
12. The scholarship is not transferable or exchangeable and cannot be redeemed for cash.
13. When you apply for the scholarship, we will collect personal information in accordance with our [privacy policy](#).
14. The applicant consents to the use of their name, likeness, images and/or voice in the event they are a successful recipient for promotional, marketing and publicity purposes (photos, testimonials and articles) in various forms of publication media without remuneration.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The application must address each of the selection criteria to rank in the selection process. For additional guidance, see [Types of Evidence Required for Scholarship Applications](#).

ESSENTIAL

- Completed and signed scholarship application form.
- Evidence of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent:
 - A Confirmation of Indigeneity 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.
 - Centrelink Customer Reference Number (CRN) if in receipt of ABSTUDY or
 - If you currently do not have proof of heritage or are unsure of how to obtain this document please contact [First Nations Student Support](#)
- A [statutory declaration](#) confirming you are not in receipt of any other scholarship (or appropriate wording) for this course of study.
- Confirmation of enrolment or confirmation of acceptance of offer for semester 1, 2027
- Evidence of strong academic record. This may be in the form of an academic transcript.
- Evidence of strong First Nations leadership and community involvement. This could be through character references, a CV/resume or other work.
- A statement of purpose that includes your background, reasons why you are applying for the scholarship, demonstrate your ambitions in public health or health research, including employment goals. Your statement must also include whether you intend to study full time (4 units per semester) or part time (2 units per semester).
- Completed and signed Appearance Consent Form.

DESIRABLE

- Current resident of the Northern Territory.

For more information, please contact Menzies Education education@menzies.edu.au