National Broadband Network Co (NBN Co) Undergraduate Scholarship in Engineering and Information Technologies for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students

Terms and Conditions

The NBN Co Undergraduate Scholarship in Engineering and Information Technologies, valued at $30,000 per year, has been established to encourage prospective and enrolled students of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent to pursue further studies in civil engineering, electrical and information engineering and information technologies at the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies.

The scholarship shall be awarded under the following terms and conditions:

1. Eligibility
   a. The applicant must be an Indigenous person. A person will be considered to be an Indigenous person where the person:
      (i) is of Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent; and
      (ii) identifies as an Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander; and
      (iii) is accepted as an Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander in the community in which he/she lives or has lived.
   b. All students of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent are encouraged to apply, however preference will be given to those who are in receipt of a means tested Centrelink or other Government payment, such as ABSTUDY, Youth Allowance, or AUSTUDY.
   c. Applicants must qualify to enter a civil engineering, electrical and information engineering or information technologies bachelor degree program in the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies. Should the applicant obtain admission first? How will this work? Qualify to enter = meet ATAR requirements and get an offer of admission. Students apply for scholarship with the intention of commencing a bachelor degree and are issued a conditional scholarship offer. If students are unsuccessful in gaining an offer of admission the scholarship offer is void.
   d. For currently enrolled students, applicants must be enrolled on a full-time basis and show a minimum credit average academic performance as indicated by their tertiary academic transcripts.
   e. Applicants cannot hold any other primary scholarship valued at $6000 or above per year.
   f. Applicants must complete and submit an online scholarship application form addressing their personal qualities, leadership potential, extracurricular activities and community involvement,
as well as provide their Curriculum Vitae and latest Year 12 reports. Students with tertiary study should also include a copy of their academic transcript.

g. Shortlisted applicants must be available to attend an interview with the selection committee.

h. The recipient must be enrolled full time and complete 24 credit points per semester.

2. Awarding of the Scholarship

a. The scholarship shall be awarded by the Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies based on recommendation of the selection committee consisting of the Associate Dean, Education, an academic member of the faculty and a representative from NBN Co.

b. The scholarship shall be awarded based on eligibility to receive an offer for a civil engineering, electrical and information engineering or information technologies bachelor degree program in the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies. Personal qualities, leadership potential extracurricular activities and community involvement will also be taken into consideration.

3. Tenure

a. The scholarship is tenable for a maximum period of four years. In the case of a three year bachelor degree the scholarship may also cover an additional Honours year.

b. The scholarship must be taken up in the year for which it was awarded and may not be deferred.

c. Continuation of the scholarship and benefits are subject to the scholar maintaining satisfactory academic progress deemed to be a minimum of credit average (65%) each semester.

d. The scholarship holder agrees to the faculty reporting on satisfactory academic progress to the donor each semester.

e. The scholar shall not be required by the donor (or the University) to undertake employment as a condition of award of the scholarship.

f. Paid work experience and financial assistance for associated costs may be offered to the scholarship recipient by NBN Co. If this is to be offered, this will be separately negotiated between the scholarship recipient and the donor, outside the scholarship agreement.
4. **Value and Payment of Scholarship**

a. The value of the scholarship is $30,000 per annum. The value of the scholarship shall be distributed towards the recipients tuition fees, college accommodation and equity scholarship.

b. Tuition fees will be pre-paid from the scholarship fund to the value of $8,500.

c. College accommodation to the value of $15,000. Students who do not reside in college accommodation will not be eligible for this payment.

d. Equity scholarship to the value of $6,500 will be paid to each student's designated bank account.

e. Payments will be made in two instalments each year following the census date of each semester, subject to clause 3 (3c) above.

5. **Other Conditions**

a. A scholar may apply in writing for a suspension of the scholarship payment because of illness, injury or other extenuating circumstances. An application must be supported by appropriate documentary evidence. The scholarship will be extended for the period of suspension.

b. A scholarship shall terminate before its due date of conclusion if the scholar:

i. fails to fulfil any of the conditions of the scholarship; or

ii. relinquishes the scholarship; or

iii. ceases to be a full time student of the University, whichever first occurs.