National Broadband Network Co UGSship in Engineering & IT for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students

Established in 2014, this Scholarship has been generously funded by the National Broadband Network Co (NBN Co) to encourage prospective and enrolled students that identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander to pursue further studies in civil engineering, electrical and information engineering, project management and information technologies at the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies at the University of Sydney.

Scholarship value and duration

$30,000 per annum, tenable for a maximum period of 4 years. In the case of a three year bachelor degree the scholarship may also cover an additional Honours year.

Eligibility criteria

- To be eligible for the Scholarship, applicants must identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander and who apply and whom subsequently enrol into a civil engineering, electrical and information engineering, project management, or information technologies undergraduate program offered by the University of Sydney.

- Applicants cannot hold any other primary scholarship offered by the University of Sydney.

- Current students undertaking studies in one of the eligible programs at the University of Sydney are also eligible providing they have at least one full-time year of candidature remaining and have a minimum weighted average mark of 65.

Selection criteria

- The Scholarship will be awarded on the basis of:
  - academic merit,
  - curriculum vitae and latest Year 12 reports/academic transcripts, and
  - a personal statement addressing their personal qualities, leadership potential, extracurricular activities and community involvement.

- Preference will be given to applicants who demonstrate:
  - a strong interest in cyber security, and
  - financial hardship as they rely on government provided financial assistance such as a Centrelink payment.

- Shortlisted applicants may be required to attend an interview either in-person or by Skype.

- The Scholarship will be awarded on the nomination of a selection committee consisting of the Associate Dean (Education), an academic member of the Faculty and a representative from NBN Co, or their nominated delegates.

Ongoing eligibility

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

- Continuation of the scholarship is subject to the recipient maintaining a minimum SAM of 65% each semester.

Payment schedule

Payments will be made in two instalments after the census date of each relevant semester.

For more information

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Terms and Conditions

1. Background
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4. Value
   a. The Scholarship is valued at $30,000 and is tenable for four years only. For three year degree programs, the scholarship may be extended to cover an honours year.
   b. The Scholarship value will be paid in two equal instalments after the census date of each relevant semester.
c. Deferral of the Scholarship is not permitted without the prior permission of the Associate Dean and it is not transferable to another faculty or university.

d. The Scholarship will be offered subject to the availability of funds.

e. The recipient must not 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 NBN Co, outside the Scholarship agreement.

g. No other amount is payable.

5. Ongoing eligibility

a. To continue receipt of the Scholarship, the recipient must maintain a minimum SAM of 65 each semester.

b. The recipient must remain enrolled full-time and complete 24 credit points per semester.

c. Recipients undertaking an exchange during the tenure of this Scholarship are required to have achieved a Satisfied Requirements grade (SR) to receive their next payment.

6. Termination

a. The Scholarship will be terminated if the recipient:

   I. withdraws from an eligible course or fails to enrol,
   II. commences part-time study without prior approval,
   III. does not maintain satisfactory academic performance,
   IV. is determined by the University to be guilty of serious misconduct, including, but not limited to, having provided false or misleading information as part of their Scholarship application,
   V. is awarded an alternative primary scholarship. In such circumstances this scholarship will be terminated in favour of the alternative scholarship where the alternative scholarship is of higher value,
   VI. does not resume study at the end of a period of approved leave, or
   VII. any other provision as indicated in these terms that would lead to termination.

b. Once the Scholarship has been terminated, it will not be reinstated.

c. Where a student is found guilty of serious misconduct or withdraws from the relevant course, the University reserves the right to request that any Scholarship funds paid to the Scholarship recipient be reimbursed.