

Indigenous Scholarship in Social Work

Terms and Conditions March 2018

1. Background

- a. This Scholarship was established in 2018 to provide financial support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to become qualified social workers, equipped with skills they need to offer vital health care and support to their communities.

2. Eligibility

- a. Applicants must identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander.
- b. Applicants must be an Australian Citizen, New Zealand Citizen, or Australian Permanent Resident.
- c. Applicants must have an unconditional offer or be enrolled full-time at the University of Sydney in one of the following:
 - I. Bachelor of Social Work,
 - II. Master of Social Work (Qualifying), or
 - III. Graduate Certificate in Human and Community Services.

3. Selection Criteria

- a. The Scholarship will be awarded on the basis of:
 - I. academic merit, and
 - II. personal statement explaining applicant's reasons for pursuing a degree in social work.
- b. The Scholarship will be awarded by the Head of School and Dean of Sydney School of Education and Social Work, or their nominated delegate on the recommendation of a selection committee.

4. Value

- a. The Scholarship is valued at \$1,000 per annum and is tenable for the full time duration of the degree.
- b. The Scholarship annual value will be paid in a two equal instalments after the census date of each semester.
- c. Deferral of the Scholarship is not permitted without the prior permission of the Head of School and Dean of Sydney School of Education and Social Work and it is not transferable to another University school, faculty or university.
- d. The Scholarship will be offered subject to the availability of funds.
- e. No other amount is payable.

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5. Ongoing eligibility

- a. To continue receipt of the Scholarship, the recipient must maintain a minimum Weighted Average Mark (WAM) of 65 each semester.
- b. Recipients undertaking an exchange or professional experience 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. does not resume study at the end of a period of approved leave, or
 - VI. 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.