

Susan Wakil Scholarship - Undergraduate Indigenous Australia

Terms and Conditions

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1. Background

- a. Established in 2016, this Scholarship has been generously donated by the Susan and Isaac Wakil Foundation to encourage and support Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander students to undertake nursing education at The University of Sydney Susan Wakil School of Nursing and Midwifery (Sydney Nursing School).

2. Eligibility

- a. To be eligible for the Scholarship, applicants must:
 - I. be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background,
 - II. be commencing the first year of a Bachelor of Nursing (Advanced Studies) at Sydney Nursing School, and
 - III. be enrolled in 24 credit points for the first semester.
- b. If successful, recipients must not defer their tuition fees to a HECS-HELP loan for the tenure of the Scholarship.

3. Selection Criteria

- a. The Scholarship will be awarded on the basis of:
 - I. academic merit, and
 - II. a personal statement.
- b. Shortlisted applicants may need to attend an interview with the selection committee.
- c. Applicants will be shortlisted and interviewed by the selection committee. The selection committee will consist of the Head of School and Dean of Sydney Nursing School (or delegate), at least one representative of the Susan and Isaac Wakil Foundation, Academic Lead (Education), Pre-Registration Program Director, School Manager, Associate Director Development, and Administration Officer.

4. Value

- a. The Scholarship is valued at \$14,500 per semester to cover tuition fees. Any remaining funds will be dispersed to the student.
- b. An additional one-off payment of \$500 will be paid to the recipient in the first semester of award.
- c. The Scholarship is tenable for six (6) semesters only. The total value received by each recipient is capped at \$87,500.
- d. Scholarship funds will be paid after the relevant census date of each semester.
- e. Deferral of the Scholarship is not permitted without the prior permission of the

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Academic Lead (Education) and it is not transferable to another faculty or University.

- f. The Scholarship will be offered subject to the availability of funds.
- g. No other amount is payable.

5. Ongoing eligibility

- a. To continue receipt of the Scholarship, recipients must maintain a minimum Semester Average Mark (SAM) of 50 each semester and must remain enrolled in a minimum of 24 credit points each semester in their eligible course.
- b. Recipients undertaking an exchange during the tenure of this Scholarship must achieve a Satisfied Requirements grade (SR) to receive their next payment.
- c. Recipients must not defer their fees to a HECS-HELP loan during the tenure of this Scholarship.

6. Other Requirements

- a. Successful recipients of this Scholarship are required to:
 - I. attend annual School Scholarships and Prizes events to receive their award during the tenure of this Scholarship,
 - II. contribute to other communications and events to update the Foundation on their progress,
 - III. actively participate in Susan Wakil Scholars Academy, and
 - IV. meet with the Academic Lead (Education) or the designated academic once each semester during the tenure of this Scholarship to discuss their academic progression.

7. Termination

- a. The Scholarship will be terminated if the recipient:
 - I. withdraws from an eligible course or fails to enrol,
 - II. enrolls in less than 24 credit points,
 - III. undertakes a leave of absence without prior approval,
 - IV. does not maintain satisfactory academic performance as determined by the Academic Lead (Education),
 - V. 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,
 - VI. is awarded an alternative primary tuition fee Scholarship. In such circumstances this Scholarship will be terminated in favour of the alternative Scholarship where it is of higher value,
 - VII. does not resume study at the end of a period of approved leave, or
 - VIII. does not meet any other provision as indicated in these terms that would lead to termination.

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- b. 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.