

The Dr. Lawrence F. Smith Scholarship for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students in Dentistry

Terms and Conditions

1. Background

- a. Established in 2016, this Scholarship has been generously donated by Dr Lawrence F Smith to assist an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student studying in the area of dentistry at the University of Sydney.
- b. This Scholarship has been established by Dr Lawrence F Smith.

2. Eligibility

- a. Applicants must have an unconditional offer of admission or be currently enrolled full-time in one of the following degrees:
 - I. Doctor of Dental Medicine, or
 - II. Bachelor of Oral Health.
- b. Applicants must be of Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent.
- c. Applicants must be able to demonstrate financial need.

3. Selection Criteria

- a. The Scholarship will be awarded on the basis of:
 - I. academic merit,
 - II. demonstrated evidence of Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent,
 - III. demonstrated evidence of financial need, and
 - IV. a personal statement.
- b. The Scholarship will be awarded by the Head of School and Dean of the Sydney Dental School, or their nominated delegate.

4. Value

- a. The Scholarship is valued at \$6,000 per annum and is tenable for one year only.
- b. The Scholarship annual value will be paid in two equal instalments after the census date of each semester.
- c. Deferral of the Scholarship is not permitted and 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 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. receives Clinical Academic Professionalism demerit points,
 - III. commences part-time study without prior approval,
 - IV. does not maintain satisfactory academic performance,
 - 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 scholarship that provides a living allowance. In such circumstances this scholarship will be terminated in favour of the alternative scholarship where the alternative scholarship is of higher value,
 - VII. does not resume study at the end of a period of approved leave, or
 - VIII. 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.