Sydney Dental Hospital Indigenous Scholarship

Terms and Conditions

1. Background
   a. This Scholarship was established in 2019 to provide assistance to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students studying dentistry or oral health at the University of Sydney with the aim of increasing the representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders in the dentistry and oral health workforce.
   b. This Scholarship is funded by the Sydney Local Health District.

2. Eligibility
   a. Applicants must be an Australian Citizen and be of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander identity.
   b. Applicants must be currently enrolled full-time in the Bachelor of Oral Health or the Doctor of Dental Medicine Program at the University of Sydney.

3. Selection Criteria
   a. The Scholarship will be awarded on the basis of:
      I. academic merit, and
      II. a personal statement and evidence of community engagement.
   b. The Scholarship will be awarded by the Head of School and Dean of the Sydney Dental School, or their nominated delegates, on the recommendation of the selection committee consisting of the nominated Indigenous Lead from Sydney Dental School, a representative from Sydney Dental Hospital, and a Centre for Oral Health Strategy NSW Aboriginal Oral Health Policy Analyst, or equivalent.

4. Value
   a. The Scholarship is valued at $17,000 per annum and is tenable for one year.
   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 it is not transferable to another University school, faculty or university without prior approval.
   d. The Scholarship will be offered subject to the availability of funds.
   e. No other amount is payable.

5. Ongoing eligibility
   a. To continue receipt of the Scholarship, the recipient must maintain a minimum Semester Average Mark (SAM) of 50 each semester.
Sydney Dental Hospital Indigenous Scholarship

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. commences part-time study,

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 and accepts an alternative scholarship valued at $6,000 per annum or more 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,

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 unless due to University error.

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.

7. Other Requirements

a. The successful recipient must in their best efforts be available to meet a member of the Sydney Local Health District if requested by the University of Sydney School of Dentistry.