



Conditions of the Indigenous Commonwealth Scholarships

The Indigenous Commonwealth Scholarships are administered in accordance with the Indigenous Student Assistance Grants Guidelines 2017 (ISSP Guidelines) with the following conditions:

1. NAME OF SCHOLARSHIPS

The Indigenous Commonwealth Accommodation Scholarship (ICAS) and the Indigenous Commonwealth Education Costs Scholarship (ICECS).

2. PURPOSE OF SCHOLARSHIPS

These Scholarships assist Indigenous students experiencing financial hardship with the costs of studying, in particular, those students relocating from a remote or regional area to study at the University.

3. VALUE OF SCHOLARSHIPS

Funds for ICAS and ICECS will be allocated proportionate to need and the availability of funding which is subject to change on a year by year basis. The following values are typical:

- a) ICAS – funding of up to \$3,000.00 for the year
- b) ICECS – Scholarships from \$500 (low need) up to \$2,500.00 (high need) for the year
- c) Scholarships may be paid as a combination of cash and redeemable vouchers;
- d) Scholarships payments will be paid in 2 equal instalments in the year;
- e) Recipients of Scholarships awarded in the first semester of a year must confirm they continue to meet eligibility requirements prior to payment of the second instalment; and
- f) Scholarships awarded for the first time in the second semester of a year will consist of a single pro-rated payment.

4. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for these Scholarships, applicants must:

- a) Be of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent and state that he/she identifies as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person and is recognised by his/her community as a person of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent.
- b) Confirmation of Aboriginality signed by an authorised Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person or organisation, or by Statutory Declaration;
- c) Be enrolled or intending to enrol as a student at Notre Dame in an undergraduate or sub-bachelor program leading to undergraduate study, including an enabling program;
- d) Demonstrate financial hardship;
- e) Not be in receipt of a concurrent Student start-up Scholarship or Loan through Centrelink or the Department of Veterans' Affairs for the same purpose; and
- f) Not be in receipt of a Commonwealth Scholarship awarded prior to 2017.

Recipients must also:

- a) Remain enrolled in approved course of study; and
- b) Maintain Good Standing in accordance with the University's General Regulations.

Additional criteria for the Indigenous Commonwealth Accommodation Scholarship (ICAS):

- a) Have relocated from a Remote or Regional Area of Australia to study at the University (see map at:
- b) Not be in receipt of a Relocation Scholarship through Centrelink; and
- c) Not be in receipt of the ABSTUDY Residential Costs Option through Centrelink.

5. SELECTION COMMITTEE

The Selection Committee for the Scholarship will comprise:

- a) Chair of ISSP Oversight Committee (or nominee);
- b) Director of Indigenous Education (or nominee);
- c) Director of Office of University Relations (or nominee);
- d) Manager, Fees Office Fremantle campus (or nominee).

6. SELECTION PROCESS

The Scholarships will be awarded as follows:

- a) ICAS will be awarded in accordance with the ISSP Guidelines, on the basis of financial need calculated using the ISSP Needs Assessment Framework (Scholarships) with additional consideration for the need to relocate from their home in a remote or regional area on Australia in order to study at a tertiary level;
- b) ICECS will be awarded on the basis of need calculated using the ISSP Needs Assessment Framework (Scholarships). Priority will be given to those students most in need and whether the student is from remote areas or regional areas.

7. SELECTION PROCESS AND AWARDING PROCESS

- a) The Scholarships will be awarded on the recommendation of the Selection Committee;
- b) All applicants will be notified of the outcome via their student email address.

8. DURATION OF SCHOLARSHIP

- a) The Scholarships are awarded for the current calendar year only.

9. METHOD OF PAYMENT

- a) Scholarships may be paid in a combination of cash and redeemable vouchers.
- b) The cash component of the scholarship will be paid by electronic deposit into a bank account in the recipient's name.
- c) Scholarships will be paid in two instalments, close to the commencement of Semesters 1 and 2.

10. CONDITIONS OF CONTINUATION

The Scholarships will be paid for a subsequent semester of the same calendar year subject to the recipient:

- a) Maintaining satisfactory academic performance as defined by the University's General Regulations;
- b) Remaining enrolled in an approved course of study; and
- c) Completion of a Statutory Declaration stating their continued eligibility.

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Responsible Executive:	Pro Vice Chancellor, International
Responsible Offices:	Study Centre Fremantle campus Study Centre Sydney campus
Contact Officer:	Indigenous Student Support Officer
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