

Conditions of The Notre Dame Opportunity Program Scholarships

The Notre Dame Opportunity Program Scholarships (*Scholarship*) form part of the Notre Dame Opportunity Program, established by the University. The Scholarship is administered in accordance with the following scholarship program conditions, and the University's [Student Scholarships Policy](#) and [Procedure](#).

1. NAME OF SCHOLARSHIP

The Notre Dame Opportunity Program Scholarships

2. PURPOSE OF SCHOLARSHIP

The purpose of the Scholarship is to provide financial support to students from equity cohorts who are enrolled at The University of Notre Dame Australia (*University*) and are experiencing financial hardship or other circumstances that may impact their educational participation and success.

3. CATEGORY OF SCHOLARSHIP

The Scholarships are categorised as equity, based on the core purpose and criteria.

4. VALUE OF SCHOLARSHIP

The Program comprises two (2) scholarships:

4.1 Notre Dame Opportunity Scholarship

The Notre Dame Opportunity Scholarship is valued at up to \$7,500, payable at \$2,500 per annum.

4.2 Notre Dame Opportunity Plus Scholarship

The Notre Dame Opportunity Plus Scholarship is valued at up to \$20,000, payable at \$10,000 in the first year of study, and \$5,000 for each subsequent year of study.

5. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for the Scholarship, applicants must:

- a) Be a citizen or permanent resident of Australia;
- b) Be enrolled in an undergraduate or postgraduate award program at the University, excluding PhD programs; and
- c) Meet the selection criteria outlined in section 6.

6. SELECTION CRITERIA

Scholarships will be awarded to applicants who, in the opinion of the Selection Committee, best demonstrate through their application and supporting documentation:

- a) Meet at least one of the following criteria:
 - i. Be from a low socio-economic background – as determined by a permanent home address falling within the lowest quartile in the Australian Bureau of Statistics' [Index of Education and Occupation by Statistical Area 1](#);
 - ii. Be from a regional or remote area – as determined by a permanent home address being classified as Inner Regional, Outer Regional, Remote or Very Remote in the Australian Bureau of Statistics' [Australian Statistical Geography Standard \(ASGS\) Edition 3](#);
 - iii. Be an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person.
- b) Financial hardship;
- c) Any personal circumstances that have impacted, or may impact university studies, including but not limited to:
 - i. First in family to attend university;
 - ii. Disability or ongoing medical condition;
 - iii. Caring responsibilities;
 - iv. Housing instability or relocation requirements;
 - v. Cultural or community obligations;
 - vi. Other circumstances affecting ability to study.

Further guidance on preparing your application, including examples of supporting documentation, is available on the Scholarships [website](#).

7. APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

- a) Applications and selection will be administered in accordance with the [Student Scholarships Procedure](#).
- b) Applications must be submitted via the University website.
- c) Eligible applicants will automatically be considered for both scholarships outlined in section 4.
- d) Selection must be undertaken by the Notre Dame Scholarships Selection Committee.
- e) Selection will be based on an assessment of the application and any supporting documentation required under sections 5 and 6.
- f) The type and value of Scholarship awarded will be determined by the Selection Committee based on the applicant's assessment and the remaining duration of their program.
- g) All applicants will be notified of the outcome via email.
- h) The University reserves the right not to award the Scholarship.

8. DURATION OF SCHOLARSHIPS

- a) Subject to section 11, the Scholarship will be tenable for the duration of the recipient's program, up to a maximum of three (3) years of full-time equivalent study.
- b) The Scholarship is not transferable to any other organisation or institution.

9. QUANTITY OF SCHOLARSHIPS

The quantity of scholarships available annually will be at the discretion of the University.

10. METHOD OF PAYMENT

- a) Scholarship funds will be paid directly to the student as determined by the University.
- b) Recipients are required to provide their bank account details for payment of the Scholarship.
- c) Scholarship funds will be paid in two instalments each year, at the beginning of each semester, provided the recipient meets the Conditions of Continuation in section 11.

11. CONDITIONS OF CONTINUATION

The Scholarship will continue to be paid subject to the recipient meeting the General Scholarship Terms outlined in the [Student Scholarships Procedure](#), including:

- a) Maintaining Satisfactory Academic Progress each semester; and
- b) Maintaining full-time enrolment in the same program upon receiving the scholarship.

The recipient forfeits the Scholarship if they:

- a) Fail to meet the requirements in a) and b) above;
- b) Breach the University's Student Code of Conduct or is the subject of disciplinary action under the University's General Regulations;
- c) Discontinue their program;
- d) Defer their enrolment.

The recipient may suspend the Scholarship if they take an approved Leave of Absence.

If the recipient has not maintained the Conditions of Continuation due to extenuating circumstances, the recipient may make an application in writing to the National Manager, Student Success, who has discretion to determine the ongoing status of the Scholarship.

12. STUDENT REQUIREMENTS

Scholarship recipients are required to:

- a) Submit an Annual Scholarship Update at the end of each calendar year throughout the scholarship term.
- b) Notify the University of any changes in circumstances throughout the scholarship term.

Scholarship recipients may be invited to:

- c) Participate in publications, media and events related to the award of the Scholarship.
- d) Complete a survey describing the impact of the Scholarship on their ability to continue their studies.

13. ADMINISTERING BODY

The Scholarship is administered by The University of Notre Dame Australia.

14. PRIVACY

The University is committed to the principles contained in the Privacy Act 1988 (Commonwealth) and the Privacy Amendment (Private Sector) Act 2000 (Commonwealth) and will not disclose any personal information (as defined in the Privacy Act) relating to this Scholarship to any third-party without the written consent of the applicant as obtained by the student declarations on the student application form.

The University may share personal information obtained through the Scholarship application with third parties where that third-party is a member of the Selection Committee. This information is shared for the purposes of selection only.

The University may also share personal information for reporting purposes, including monitoring compliance with the recipient requirements; or where the student consents in writing to participate in publications, media and events related to the award of the Scholarship. This may include arranging for media opportunities that include the student and the third-party donor.

15. GENERAL PRINCIPLES

- a) These Conditions must comply with any University Regulations regarding the awarding of scholarships and prizes.
- b) The Vice Chancellor may vary the Conditions of the Scholarship at any time.

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