

The Aboriginal Health Pathways Scholarships are funded under a Grant Agreement between the Western Australian Department of Health and the University dated June 2019.

The Aboriginal Health Pathways Scholarships (*Scholarship*) is administered in accordance with the following conditions:

1. NAME OF SCHOLARSHIP

The Aboriginal Health Pathway Scholarships.

2. PURPOSE OF SCHOLARSHIP

The purpose of the Scholarship is to provide support for Aboriginal students to access and attain tertiary qualifications in health related disciplines offered within the following Schools:

- a) School of Health Sciences;
- b) School of Medicine;
- c) School of Nursing and Midwifery; or
- d) School of Physiotherapy.

The Scholarship provides financial support to recipients which may be used to assist with general living and educational expenses.

3. VALUE OF SCHOLARSHIP

Up to eight scholarships will be awarded in the year in which the scholarship is available.

Each scholarship will comprise of a cash payment of \$5,000 per year to assist students with expenses towards continuing their studies at the University. In addition to the \$5,000 for the year, each recipient will receive a cash payment of up to \$1500 awarded for the purpose of material support and resources such as the purchase of textbooks, a laptop or tablet.

4. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for the Scholarship, applicants must:

- a) Be an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person and state that he/she identifies as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person and is recognised by his/her community as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person;
- b) Be enrolled as a full-time student at The University of Notre Dame Australia, Fremantle or Broome in one of the above listed Schools;
- c) Be able to demonstrate satisfactory academic achievement throughout the semester in which the Scholarship is awarded; and
- d) Be able to demonstrate that their educational opportunities are limited due to adverse circumstances and that the award of the Scholarship would assist them to address these limitations.

5. SELECTION COMMITTEE

The Selection Committee for the Scholarship will comprise:

- a) The National Head of School, School of Medicine (or nominee);
- b) The National Director of Indigenous Education (or nominee); and
- c) Associate Dean, Aboriginal Health, Fremantle (or nominee).

6. SELECTION CRITERIA

The Scholarship is awarded up to eight recipients in the semester who, in the opinion of the Selection Committee, best demonstrate through their application and supporting documentation:

- a) Academic merit;
- b) Adverse circumstances as set out in clause 4(iv);
- c) Personal circumstances or background which, in the opinion of the Selection Committee, warrants special consideration; and
- d) Personal determination to work in a health context.

7. DURATION OF SCHOLARSHIP

- a) A Scholarship will be tenable for the equivalent of one semester of full time study.
- b) The Scholarship is conditional on the recipients maintaining enrollment at the University.

8. CONCURRENT AND REPEAT SCHOLARSHIPS

Recipients of the Scholarship are eligible for repeat awards provided the eligibility requirements continue to be met. Recipients must reapply each year.

9. METHOD OF PAYMENT

- a) Scholarship funds will be paid directly into the student's bank account in two installments, at the beginning of Semester 1 and 2, as determined by the University.
- b) Recipients are required to complete a Student Payment Form for payment of funds.

10. STUDENT REQUIREMENTS

- a) The recipient of the Scholarship must:
- b) Scholarship recipients are required to submit an end of year report to the University, outlining their progress and achievements.
- c) Reports should include examination results, and other relevant feedback. The Fremantle Medical Program will notify the scholarship recipients of the report submission due date.
- d) Participate in any publications, media and events related to the award of the Scholarship.

11. ADMINISTERING BODY

The Scholarship is administered by the Fremantle Medical Program.

12. 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.

Purpose:	The purpose of the Scholarship is: to increase the number of Aboriginal people who attain qualifications in health and human services or related fields at a Western Australian tertiary institution; to increase Aboriginal student awareness of the health sector employment opportunities and networks; to increase access to health services by Aboriginal communities, families and individuals through a skilled Aboriginal health workforce.
Responsible Executive:	Associate Dean, Aboriginal Health, Fremantle
Responsible Office:	Fremantle Medical Program
Contact Officer:	Senior Administrative Officer, Fremantle Medical Program
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