



Guidelines of The Aboriginal Health Pathways Scholarships

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*) are administered in accordance with the following conditions:

1. NAME OF SCHOLARSHIP

The Aboriginal Health Pathways 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 seven 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 per year, each recipient will receive a cash payment of up to \$1,500 per year 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 year 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) Pro Vice Chancellor & Head of Fremantle Campus (or nominee);
- b) The Dean of the School of Medicine, Fremantle (or nominee);
- c) The Head of Aboriginal Health Curriculum, Fremantle (or nominee); and
- d) Associate Dean, Aboriginal Health, Fremantle (or nominee).

6. SELECTION CRITERIA

The Scholarship is awarded to seven recipients per year 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(d);
- 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. AWARD OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

- a) The Scholarship will be awarded by the University, on the recommendation of the Selection Committee.
- b) The successful recipients will be notified in writing by the School of Medicine.

8. DURATION OF SCHOLARSHIP

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

9. 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.

10. METHOD OF PAYMENT

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

11. STUDENT REQUIREMENTS

The recipient of the Scholarship must:

- a) Submit an end of year report to the University, outlining their progress and achievements, and including examination results, and other relevant feedback (the School of Medicine will notify the Scholarship recipients of the report submission due date); and
- b) Participate in any publications, media and events related to the award of the Scholarship.

12. ADMINISTERING BODY

The Scholarship is administered by the School of Medicine, Fremantle and the Office of University Relations, Fremantle.

13. 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.
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Responsible Office:	School of Medicine, Fremantle
Contact Officer:	Head of Aboriginal Health Curriculum, Fremantle
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