

## Bilya Boorn Scholarship

**A number of commercial law firms in Perth have agreed to donate funds to The University of Western Australia (the University) to assist and encourage Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students to study an undergraduate or post graduate law degree at any of the 5 Western Australian universities.**

Scholarship conditions	
<b>1. Title:</b>	Bilya Boorn Scholarship
<b>2. Governed by:</b>	The policies of the University attended by the student. The conditions below prevail over the Policy to the extent of any inconsistency.
<b>3. Purpose:</b>	To enable Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students to pursue an undergraduate or post graduate law degree at any of the five Western Australian universities including the University.
<b>4. Number of scholarships:</b>	One (1)
<b>5. Value:</b>	\$10,000 per year for full time enrolment, and pro rata for part time enrolment.
<b>6. Duration of scholarship:</b>	The scholarship will be offered for: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>at least two years; or</li><li>if funds permit, the full (or remaining) duration of the applicant's degree regardless of whether the applicant undertakes a single or double law degree, and an undergraduate or postgraduate degree.</li></ol>
<b>7. Concurrent scholarships:</b>	The scholarship may be held concurrently with any other scholarship or award, provided that: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>the applicant discloses any other scholarship, bursary or award of \$5,000 or more that they currently hold; and</li><li>this is permitted by the conditions of the concurrent scholarship, bursary or award.</li></ol>

<p><b>8. Eligibility requirements:</b></p>	<p>To be eligible to apply for the scholarship, an applicant must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. be a domestic student<sup>1</sup>;</li> <li>2. be an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander<sup>2</sup>;</li> <li>3. reside or intend to reside in Western Australia at the time of undertaking their studies;</li> <li>4. study at or intend to study at a Western Australian university<sup>3</sup>;</li> <li>5. be enrolled, or eligible to enrol in the equivalent of at least 2 full time units per semester.</li> </ol> <p><sup>1</sup> Applicants must be an Australian citizen or permanent resident.</p> <p><sup>2</sup> A person who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• is of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent;</li> <li>• identifies as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander; and</li> <li>• is accepted as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander in the community in which he or she lives or has lived.</li> </ul> <p><sup>3</sup> The University of Western Australia, Murdoch University, Edith Cowan University, Curtin University or The Notre Dame University of Australia (Fremantle), but applicants may undertake limited study at another university, abroad or on a student exchange program as part of the course of study at the Western Australian University.</p>
<p><b>9. Eligibility to take up:</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The scholarship must be taken up in the semester for which it is awarded.</li> <li>2. To be eligible to take up the scholarship, the recipient must be enrolled — <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) in an accredited bachelor of laws degree or an accredited double degree (otherwise called a dual or combined degree), where one of those degrees is a bachelor of laws; or</li> <li>(b) in an accredited postgraduate law degree; and</li> <li>(c) at a Western Australian university; and</li> <li>(d) in the equivalent of at least 2 full time units per semester (either online or in person).</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. To be eligible to take up the scholarship, the recipient must be residing in Western Australia while undertaking their studies.</li> <li>4. The selection committee may agree to defer or suspend for up to 12 months the applicant taking up the Scholarship in exceptional circumstances such as for a medical condition, or major family or cultural commitments. If granted, there is no need to re-apply for the scholarship.</li> </ol>
<p><b>10. Selection criterion/criteria:</b></p>	<p>Criteria for selection is based on a consideration of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. financial hardship and/or personal circumstances (such as but not limited to the types of matters set out in the <a href="#">TISC EAS guidelines</a>);</li> <li>2. satisfactory academic standing;</li> <li>3. community engagement; and</li> <li>4. other achievements or information the applicant may wish to provide.</li> </ol>

	Overall the scholarship is based on equity considerations in preference to academic achievements.
<b>11. Application documentation:</b>	<p>Applicants are to provide information or documents addressing the <b>selection criteria</b> which may be in the form of a personal statement explaining how the Scholarship would support the applicant in their studies and career aspirations.</p> <p>Applicants are to provide information or documents addressing the <b>eligibility criteria</b> which show:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. evidence of enrolment or intention to enrol;</li> <li>2. evidence of academic standing; and</li> <li>3. confirmation of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status or proof from the relevant University that the Applicant has provided that University with confirmation of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status.</li> </ol>
<b>12. Selection process:</b>	By the selection committee having regard to the applications, supporting documentation, and any statement the applicant may choose to provide in person.
<b>13. Method of payment:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Two equal instalments each year, paid on or after the academic census date in each semester.</li> <li>2. Funds are allocated on a pro-rata basis depending on the number of units being undertaken per semester: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) full semester scholarship amount will be paid for students enrolled in 3 or more units; and</li> <li>(b) on a pro rata basis for students enrolled in 2 units, unless the selection committee determines otherwise.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
<b>14. Criteria for continuation:</b>	<p>The recipient must—</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. continue to meet the eligibility requirements in clause 9 of these conditions;</li> <li>2. remain enrolled in the equivalent of at least 2 full time units;</li> <li>3. make satisfactory progress in accordance with the rules for the course for which the scholarship is awarded; and</li> <li>4. confirm twice annually, in the manner and by the dates specified by the Inaugural Firms or the University, that they continue to meet the eligibility requirements of the scholarship.</li> </ol> <p>The selection committee may agree to waive or suspend for up to 12 months the student's continuation under the scholarship in exceptional circumstances such as for a medical condition, or major family or cultural commitments. If granted, there is no need to re-apply for the scholarship.</p>
<b>15. Application procedure:</b>	Applications must be submitted by the advertised closing date ( <b>Thursday 28 March 2024</b> ) and may be lodged via:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the online form at <a href="https://www.cognitofirms.com/HSF8/BilyaBoornScholarshipApplicationForm">https://www.cognitofirms.com/HSF8/BilyaBoornScholarshipApplicationForm</a>);</li> <li>by email to <a href="mailto:BilyaBoornScholarship@allens.com.au">BilyaBoornScholarship@allens.com.au</a>; or</li> <li>delivered by hand to:  <i>Bilya Boorn Scholarship  C/- Allens  Level 11, Mia Yellagonga Tower 2  5 Spring Street  Perth WA 6000</i></li> </ul> <p><b>For the attention of: Emma Boogaardt and Cassie Chu-Yu Chee</b></p>
<b>16. Student opportunity:</b>	<p>Student networking and mentoring opportunities will be offered through the Aboriginal/indigenous students unit at the University attended by the student.</p> <p>Low key professional networking and mentoring opportunities will be provided from time to time through the participating law firms.</p>
<b>17. Other conditions:</b>	<p>The offer of the scholarship must be accepted by the date specified in the letter of offer.</p>
<b>18. Publications, media and events:</b>	<p>The student may be invited to appear in publications, media and events related to the award of the scholarship and may acknowledge the scholarship in any thesis, dissertation or other publication resulting from research undertaken by the recipient while in receipt of the scholarship.</p>
<b>19. Intellectual property:</b>	<p>Governed by the policy on intellectual property of the University attended by the student.</p>

<b>Administrative conditions</b>	
<b>20. File number:</b>	N/A
<b>21. Donors:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Allens;</li> <li>(b) Clayton Utz;</li> <li>(c) Clifford Chance;</li> <li>(d) Herbert Smith Freehills;</li> <li>(e) MinterEllison;</li> <li>(f) Steinepreis Paganin; and</li> <li>(g) Thomson Geer,</li> </ul> <p><b>(Inaugural Firms)</b></p>
<b>22. Selection Committee:</b>	<p>The Selection Committee is to comprise one representative of each of the following:</p>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. An Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander member of the legal profession in Western Australia (who may but need not be practising); and</li> <li>2. A University staff member or academic: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) from the Indigenous School of a University, howsoever titled;</li> <li>(b) from the law faculty of a University, howsoever titled; or</li> <li>(c) with experience at best practice scholarship selection; and</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. A representative of the Inaugural Firms (as defined in item 21 above), who will be appointed on a rotational basis.</li> </ol> <p>Wherever possible, the members of the Selection Committee referred to in paragraphs 2 and 3 above will be Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people.</p>
<b>23. Awarding body:</b>	Selection Committee
<b>23. Administered by:</b>	Inaugural Firms with assistance from the Scholarship Administrator (UWA initially)
<b>24. Year scholarship(s) first offered:</b>	2024
<b>25. Period of funding:</b>	Awarded based on capital funding available from the Inaugural Firms, with initial total period of 3 years.
<b>26. Date established:</b>	2024

**27. Other administrative conditions:**

1. The scholarship is available for award to students at any of the five Western Australian Universities.
2. The selection committee will advise the relevant University and University of Western Australia (UWA) Coursework Scholarship and Prizes office of their selection to formally offer the scholarship to a student studying or intending to study at the University.
3. Payment of the scholarship is administered by the UWA Coursework Scholarship and Prizes office, who will arrange for payment to be processed in accordance with these conditions.
4. The relevant University will monitor the continuing eligibility of recipients who are students at the University and report to the Inaugural Firms and UWA Coursework Scholarship and Prizes office.
5. By accepting the scholarship the recipient agrees that, as the scholarship funds are administered by the University of Western Australia, the Inaugural Firms or the relevant University may provide details of the recipient's name, address, other contact details, bank account details and such other information as may be reasonably required to facilitate payment to the recipient and administration of those payments including reporting to the Inaugural Firms.