



Conditions of The St John of God Health Care Aboriginal Students Medical Scholarship

The St John of God Health Care Aboriginal Students Medical Scholarship (*Scholarship*) is supported by St John of God Health Care (*Donor*) and administered in accordance with the following conditions:

1. NAME OF SCHOLARSHIP

The St John of God Health Care Aboriginal Students Medical Scholarship.

2. PURPOSE OF SCHOLARSHIP

The purpose of the Scholarship is to provide financial support to Aboriginal¹ students commencing the Doctor of Medicine (MD) in the School of Medicine, Fremantle, at The University of Notre Dame Australia (*University*).

3. VALUE OF SCHOLARSHIP

A cash Scholarship of \$10,000 per annum will be awarded to a commencing student in the School of Medicine, Fremantle for the duration of their four (4) year degree. Up to four (4) scholarships will be awarded.

4. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for the Scholarship, applicants must:

- a) Be an Aboriginal person and state that he/she identifies as an Aboriginal person and is recognised by his/her community as an Aboriginal person; and
- b) Be enrolled in their first year of studies in the School of Medicine, Fremantle.

5. SELECTION COMMITTEE

The Scholarship Selection Committee will comprise of staff from the University and will include:

- a) Domain Chair of Aboriginal Health, Fremantle Medical program;
- b) National Director of Indigenous Education;
- c) National Head of School of Medicine; and
- d) May include representative(s) appointed by the Donor.

6. SELECTION CRITERIA

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

- a) Academic merit, including satisfactory academic achievement to the award of the Scholarship;
- b) That their educational opportunities are limited to due to adverse circumstances including financial need, and that the award of the Scholarship would assist them to address these limitations;
- c) Personal circumstances or background which, in the opinion of the Selection Committee, warrants special consideration; and
- d) Personal determination to train and work as a medical practitioner.

7. DURATION OF SCHOLARSHIP

- a) Subject to the conditions in Clause 10 below, the Scholarship will be tenable for the duration of the recipient's studies in the School of Medicine, Fremantle, for a maximum of four years of full-time study.
- b) If a recipient takes a leave of absence for 12 months, their yearly payment will be postponed until their return.
- c) If a recipient withdraws from their studies or defers their enrolment, the Scholarship may be awarded to another eligible student.
- d) The Scholarship is not transferable to another degree, Notre Dame campus or another University.
- e) If in any year there are no eligible students, the Scholarship will not be awarded.

¹ The School uses the term "Aboriginal people/s" respecting the preference of many in the Western Australian Aboriginal community as this more accurately reflects the identity of Aboriginal people within the state. In using the term Aboriginal people, no disrespect is intended to our Torres Strait Islander colleagues and communities.

8. CONCURRENT SCHOLARSHIPS

A recipient of the Scholarship may hold it in conjunction with another scholarship offered by the University.

9. 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.

10. CONDITIONS OF CONTINUATION

The Scholarship will continue to be paid subject to the recipient:

- a) Maintaining satisfactory progress; and
- b) Maintaining full time enrolment.

The recipient forfeits the Scholarship if they:

- a) Fail to meet the requirement in a) and b) above;
- b) Are found to have behaved in a manner that is in breach of the University's Student Code of Conduct or is the subject of disciplinary action under the University's General Regulations;
- c) Discontinue their degree in the School of Medicine;
- d) Take a leave of absence for more than 12 months; or
- e) Defer their enrolment.

The exception to this is if the recipient makes an application in writing to the National Director, Student Success, outlining the circumstances and reasons relating to their personal situation. The National Director, Student Success in Collaboration with the National HoS Medicine and the Domain Chair of Aboriginal Health, Fremantle Medical Program, have the discretion to determine the ongoing status of the Scholarship.

11. STUDENT REQUIREMENTS

Scholarship recipients are required to:

- a) Submit an end of year report to the University, outlining their progress.
 - i. Reports should include academic results for the year, an update regarding the circumstances which warrant the recipient to be in receipt of the Scholarship, and other relevant feedback.
 - ii. Student Success will notify the Scholarship recipients of the report submission due dates.
 - iii. Reports should be sent to Student Success and they will be forwarded to the donor.
- b) Participate in any publications, media and events related to the award of the Scholarship.

12. ADMINISTERING BODY

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

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.

14. GENERAL PRINCIPLES

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

Purpose:	The purpose of the Scholarship is to provide financial support to Aboriginal students enrolled in the Doctor of Medicine (MD) in the School of Medicine, Fremantle.
Responsible Executive:	Pro Vice Chancellor, Student Experience
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