



# Business School Indigenous Postgraduate Coursework Master's Scholarship

## 1. Purpose

The purpose of the Scholarship is to encourage and support indigenous domestic postgraduate coursework students of the Business School by making a contribution towards living costs.

## 2. Definitions

In these rules –

**Approved Program** means an approved Business School postgraduate coursework program from: Master of Business; Master of Business Administration; Master of Business Analytics; Master of Commerce; Master of Entrepreneurship and Innovation; Master of Leadership in Service Innovation; Master of Leadership and Innovation; Master of Tourism, Hotel and Event Management. Other programs are not considered

**Director of Teaching and Learning** means the Director of Teaching and Learning for Business School.

**Satisfactory Academic Progress** means meeting the requirements to remain enrolled under the University's Academic Progression Procedure.

**Scholarship** means the Business School Indigenous Postgraduate Coursework Master's Scholarship.

## 3. Award and value of scholarship

- (1) One Scholarship may be awarded on recommendation from the Director of Teaching and Learning for 2024 academic year
- (2) The value of the Scholarship will be \$5000 and will be payable as one-off Scholarship towards cost-of-living costs.

## 4. Eligibility for award

- (1) An applicant is eligible to apply for the Scholarship, if the applicant –
  - (a) is a person of Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent, who identifies as an Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander, and who is accepted as such by the community in which the student lives or has lived. Applicants are required to provide evidence of their Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status. This would usually take the form of confirmation of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status under the common seal of a community organisation. Where exceptional circumstances apply, statutory declarations and other forms of documentation may be considered. Original or certified copies of supporting documentation must be provided; and
  - (b) is a domestic student in accordance to the University's Fees Policy; and
  - (c) has or intends to enrol as a full-time student in an Approved Program; and
  - (d) does not hold another Scholarship that the Head considers to be similar; and
  - (e) submits an application by the closing date for applications;
  - (f) provides a personal statement in video format of no more than five minutes answering the following:
    - (i) motivations for choosing to study a Master's degree at Business School and your career aspirations
    - (ii) how you overcame a professional or personal obstacle
    - (iii) what you have done to make your community or work environment a better place
    - (iv) any additional information you wish the Scholarship panel to take into consideration (e.g. caring responsibilities; financial hardship; volunteering or other similar non-paid work experiences; start-up roles; etc.);
  - (g) provides a CV and two written references (personal or professional).

## 5. Selection of award

- (1) For the selection process, the Director of Teaching and Learning must establish a selection committee, comprising –
  - (a) the Director of Teaching and Learning, or nominee, as chair of the committee; and
  - (b) an academic representative of the Business School; and
  - (c) a professional staff representative of the Business School; and
  - (d) a representative of the Office of the Pro-Vice Chancellor (Indigenous Engagement)
- (2) The selection committee will consider the following criteria in their deliberations –
  - (a) evidence of academic merit;
  - (b) paid and/or volunteer work experience;
  - (c) community involvement;
  - (d) personal statement responses.
- (3) The Scholarship will be awarded on a competitive basis and to applicants that show the greatest merit as per the criteria in rule 5(2).
- (4) The final decision to award the Scholarship rests with the Director of Teaching and Learning and the selection committee.

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#### **6. Conditions for the scholarship**

- (1) The recipient may receive the Scholarship, subject to the recipient –
  - (a) accepting their offer for an Approved program and be enrolled in the appropriate courses by semester commencement date; and
  - (b) maintaining Satisfactory Academic Progress in each semester that the Scholarship is held.
- (2) If a recipient fails to satisfy rule 6(1), the recipient must show cause to the Director of Teaching and Learning why the Scholarship should not be cancelled.
- (3) The Scholarship cannot be deferred.

#### **7. Termination of scholarship**

The Business School may terminate a Scholarship -

- (a) if the recipient does not show cause to the reasonable satisfaction of the University as provided for in rule
- (2) or if the student commits serious misconduct.