UNIVERSITY OF CANBERRA

Snow Scholarships

Conditions of Award

Purpose of the Scholarship

Snow Scholarships are for you if you have a passion to study at university but face barriers that make it harder to get there. Designed to support students from underrepresented or First Nations backgrounds in Canberra and regional or rural NSW, they open doors to the opportunities that education brings new knowledge, skills and the chance to shape your future.

Scholarship Details

Snow Scholarships are one of Australia's most generous and transformative undergraduate support programs available if you are in Canberra or regional or rural NSW and facing challenges accessing higher education.

As a Snow Scholar you will receive:

- up to $30,000 per year in financial support including accommodation and living expenses.
- wrap-around academic, personal, and leadership development.
- a strong, diverse cohort and inclusive community.

Backed by a powerful $20 million partnership between the Snow Foundation and the University of Canberra, this program goes beyond financial support – it serves as a pathway to leadership, innovation, and meaningful change committed to:

- Equity and inclusion – making university accessible for students regardless of their background.
- Holistic support – offering financial, academic and wellbeing resources to help students succeed.
- Personal development and impact – equipping students with the opportunity to thrive and the skills to give back where it counts.
- Sustainable change – understanding that real impact takes time and building a program that lasts.
- Flexible and future-focused – because there's no one-size-fits-all path to education.

Eligibility and Enrolment Conditions

You need to be living in the ACT or rural or regional NSW. Within this geographic eligibility, priority is given to applicants who also meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
- Living in rural or regional NSW
- Facing financial hardship
- Living with disability or medical condition
- Completed a pathway program
- Have faced some other form of hardship throughout your studies e.g caring responsibilities

Before applying, please ensure you also meet the criteria outlined below:

- You are not already enrolled, and you plan to commence an undergraduate degree at the University of Canberra in 2027

- You are eligible for a Commonwealth Supported Place for your chosen course.
- You can commit to full-time enrolment
- You can reside in our on-campus accommodation for at least your first year of study
- You belong to at least one of the priority applicant groups.

You must be a domestic student in one of the following categories:

- an Australian Citizen
- a Permanent Resident*
- a Permanent Humanitarian Visa Holder (or eligible former holder)
- a Pacific Engagement Visa Holder
- a New Zealand Citizen*
- a New Zealand Special Category Visa Holder

*If you are an Australian Permanent Resident or New Zealand Citizen, you are eligible to apply but you will need to pay tuition fees upfront each teaching period.

Residency Requirement:
You need to show proof of residency in the ACT/Queanbeyan or regional NSW (outside major cities). You will be asked to supply one of the following documents if you are shortlisted:

- Driver's licence
- Recent rates or utility bill
- Lease agreement
- Centrelink letter
- Letter from a school or local authority confirming your address.

UC entry requirements:

- You must meet the entry criteria for your chosen undergraduate course at UC.
- This can include enrolment or completion of the following pathway programs:
    - UC Prep
    - UC Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Foundation Program
    - CIT ACT Senior Secondary Certificate Pathway
    - TAFE Tertiary Preparation Certificate

Application

Details about how to apply, including opening and closing dates, will be advertised on the Scholarship webpage.

You should apply only once through the application portal available on the Scholarships website. Make sure you answer each question in the application form truthfully and to the best of your knowledge at the time of applying. If there are any major changes to your application, you must notify Snow Scholarships Office at snowscholarships@canberra.edu.au before the closing date. After this date, applications will be assessed based on the original application. If multiple applications are received only the latest application will be considered.

Selection

The Selection Committee will consider the following parameters in the application form with equal weight:

- Snow Scholar Attributes
- Aspirations and Impact
- Experiences, values and influences

Number of Scholarships

Up to 16 scholarships may be offered each year. To help build a balanced and inclusive cohort, we will continue to uphold our commitment to gender equity while also aiming to include:

- approximately a quarter of places to support First Nations scholars
- approximately a quarter of places to support applicants with outstanding academic achievement.

Value and Tenure of the Scholarship

Each Scholarship is valued up to $30,000 per year, made up of a package of residential, academic and wellbeing support to help you focus on your future.

The financial value covers:

- on-campus accommodation, for up to 52 weeks each year (valued at approx. $15,000)
- an annual stipend of approximately $10,000, paid directly to you to help with everyday living costs like food, transport and personal expenses.
- tutoring and academic support, provided on top of your regular course.
- health and wellbeing services, including GP visits, psychological counselling, and a gym or sporting membership.
- skill-building programs, including mental health first aid training, financial literacy, cultural awareness training, and support to help you land your first job
- travel and relocation support, including assistance with family visits and unexpected needs.

Snow Scholarship Inclusions

On-campus accommodation: You will receive on-campus accommodation at UC – giving you a safe and supportive space to live while you study.

Development program: You will receive support to grow into something more - a confident leader, a bold thinker and someone ready to make a difference.

The program includes:

- ongoing academic support
- cultural experiences
- mentoring from peers and senior role models
- opportunities for real work experience

- leadership training to help you grow

Academic and personal support: You will not have to do it all on your own. As a Snow Scholar, you receive personalised support to help you stay on track, feel good, stay focused and make the most of your time at university. This will include tutoring, help finding academic placements and access to free medical, wellbeing and financial services.

Access to the Snow Centre: Located on campus the Snow Centre is a dedicated space for recipients – a place to study, relax and feel at home. It has kitchen facilities and quiet study areas designed to support you through your studies.

Providing False or Misleading Information

The awarding of a scholarship/grant is based on the information provided to the University. An award may be withdrawn at any stage if incorrect, false or misleading information is provided, or relevant information is withheld. This includes circumstances where the false information is unrelated to the assessment in awarding the scholarship/grant.

Taxation and Centrelink

As a scholarship recipient you are responsible for seeking taxation and Centrelink advice regarding your individual circumstances. Scholarship/grant may be regarded as taxable income if you are enrolled on a part-time basis. For information on how your award may affect your Centrelink benefits, see this website.

Related Policies, Procedures and Rules

- Scholarships, Prizes, Medals, and Excellence Awards Policy
- Scholarships and Prizes Procedure
- Student Charter
- Student Conduct Rules

Additional Information

In addition to this Conditions of Award we encourage you to refer to additional valuable information available on our Scholarship webpage.