

## UC Tertiary Commencement Scholarship and the UC Tertiary Continuation Scholarship

### Conditions of Award

#### Purpose of the Scholarship

The UC Tertiary Commonwealth Scholarship and the UC Tertiary Continuation Scholarship are awarded to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students enrolled full-time in an Undergraduate Coursework degree at the University of Canberra Bruce Campus.

#### Scholarship Details

Name: The two commonwealth scholarships shall be known as the:

1. UC Tertiary Commonwealth Scholarship
2. UC Tertiary Continuation Scholarship

These scholarships are funded by Prime Minister and Cabinet through the Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Leadership and Strategy (OATSILS) at the University of Canberra.

#### Eligibility

The scholarships are open for consideration for:

- Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
- Undergraduate degree
- Regional, Rural or Remote or ACT
- Studying full time (or part time with extenuating circumstances)

#### Application

Applications for the commonwealth scholarships close at midnight on the Friday of Week 4 of Semester [1 or 2].

Students are expected to apply only once through the Application portal available through the Scholarships website. Applicants must answer each question in the application form truly and to the best of their knowledge at the time of applying. Any major change in the application must be conveyed to the Scholarships team at [Scholarships@canberra.edu.au](mailto:Scholarships@canberra.edu.au) before the closing date. After this date, your application will be considered based on the original application. In case of multiple applications, the latest application will be considered.

## Selection

Commonwealth scholarship applications will be assessed by the Ngunnawal Centre and the Scholarships Office. The applications will be assessed using the following parameters:

- 50% Demonstrated financial disadvantage
- 50% Engagement with community

The Scholarships Office will forward the name/s of all recommended scholarship recipients to the Pro Vice-Chancellor, Future Students for approval.

## Value and Tenure of the Scholarship

The total value of the commonwealth scholarship is valued at \$24,000 and is paid out over a maximum of 8 semesters.

### UC Tertiary Commencement Scholarship (Semester 1)

- Valued at \$2,000 and is paid via Electronic Funds Transfer as a one-time payment after census date in the Semester that you are awarded the scholarship.

### UC Tertiary Continuation Scholarship (Semester 2 – 8)

- Valued at \$22,000 and is paid out via Electronic Funds Transfer as fortnightly stipend payments after census date.

## Payment Schedule

<b>Payments</b>	
<b>UC Tertiary Continuation Scholarship</b>	
<i>First Semester (one-off)</i>	\$2,000.00 – one-off payment
<b>UC Tertiary Continuation Scholarship</b>	
<i>Second semester payment</i>	\$4,000.00 – fortnightly payments
<i>Third semester payment</i>	\$3,000.00 – fortnightly payments
<i>Fourth semester payment</i>	\$3,000.00 – fortnightly payments
<i>Fifth semester payment</i>	\$3,000.00 – fortnightly payments
<i>Sixth semester payment</i>	\$3,000.00 – fortnightly payments
<i>Seventh semester payment</i>	\$3,000.00 – fortnightly payments
<i>Eighth semester payment</i>	\$3,000.00 – fortnightly payments
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$24,000.00</b>

### **Enrolment Conditions**

Recipients of the Commonwealth Scholarships must meet the following conditions to be paid the scholarship each semester.

- Must be enrolled as a full-time student after the census date in an Undergraduate degree at the University of Canberra
- Must maintain a pass average, calculated by the results of the previous semester
  - Where a student does not meet a pass average, they become ineligible to continue receiving the scholarship.

### **Recipient Conditions**

The recipients are encouraged to liaise and meet with the donor of their Scholarship and provide a brief summary of how the Scholarship assisted them with their studies as directed by the Scholarships team when required.

The Scholarship holder is also encouraged to participate in publicity for the scholarships from time to time. Scholars may be contacted for an interview and photograph. The University may also publicise the Scholarships by publishing the names of the scholars. Arrangements for such publicity will be made through either the UC Scholarships, Advancement or Marketing Office.

Subject to the information available at the time, the Pro Vice-Chancellor, Future Students may request that the payment for the semester in which the breach of conditions or withdrawal occurs be refunded in part or in full.

### **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.

### **Deferment**

The Scholarship cannot be deferred.

### **Intermission**

Intermission is permitted for a maximum of two semesters (either continuous or separate). Recipients who go on intermission for a third semester may have their scholarship cancelled.

### Recipient Advice

Depending on the recipient's personal circumstances, they may:

- a) be required to inform any of the following persons of the receipt of the scholarship, depending on his or her personal circumstances:
  - a. an employee of the Human Services Department;
  - b. an employee of the Department administered by the Minister administering the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*;
  - c. an employee of the Department administered by the Minister administering section 258 of the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004*; and
- b) not qualify for certain other forms of Commonwealth assistance.

### Concurrent holding of Scholarships

A recipient of the Scholarship is permitted to hold concurrent scholarships as outlined in the Scholarships, Prizes, Medals and Awards Policy.

### Taxation and Centrelink

Recipients are responsible for seeking taxation and Centrelink advice regarding their own individual circumstances. Scholarships/grants may be regarded as taxable income if a recipient is enrolled on a part-time basis.

For information on how your award may affect your Centrelink benefits, see this website <http://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/enablers/income/>

### Acceptance Conditions

Recipients who accept their offer of a scholarship, must agree to the following:

- I am an Australian citizen undertaking an undergraduate course of study at the University of Canberra.
- I have read and understand that the scholarship payment schedule and that the scholarship is only available for coursework study.
- I understand that the scholarships must be commenced in the year it is awarded, deferment of my scholarship offer is not available.
- I agree to maintain a full-time study load for the duration of the Scholarship period and understand that my enrolment status (and therefore eligibility prior to payment) will be checked as of the Census date each semester and ongoing throughout each semester; Part time status will only be considered on a case by case basis in consultation with the Ngunnawal Centre.
- I will advise the Ngunnawal Centre if I am unable to meet course requirements.
- I understand that I must continue to meet the eligibility requirements for the period of tenure of the scholarships.

- I understand that I must clearly demonstrate financial hardship by supplying supporting documentation to the Scholarships and Prizes Team from Centrelink or other sources should it be requested of me in writing.
- I will advise the Scholarships and Prizes Team if Centrelink cease any of my benefits or if my financial circumstances change at any time during the tenure of the scholarship.
- I agree to my academic progress results being made available to the Scholarships and Prizes Team and other University representatives or Committees.
- I understand that by giving false or misleading information is a serious offence under the Criminal Code (Commonwealth).
- I understand that should I not be able to meet the conditions as outlined above, I may become ineligible for this scholarship. In the event that I am not eligible, I am required to return the money to the University of Canberra in accordance with the acceptance advice document.

### **Related Policies, Procedures and Rules**

Scholarships, Prizes, Medals and Awards Policy

<https://www.canberra.edu.au/Policies/PolicyProcedure/Index/117>

Scholarships, Prizes, Medals and Awards Procedure

<https://www.canberra.edu.au/Policies/PolicyProcedure/Index/83>

Student Charter <https://www.canberra.edu.au/Policies/PolicyProcedure/Index/200>

Student Conduct Rules

[https://www.canberra.edu.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0008/1379069/University-of-Canberra-Student-Conduct-Rules-2018-.pdf](https://www.canberra.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0008/1379069/University-of-Canberra-Student-Conduct-Rules-2018-.pdf)