

## **First in Family Student Accommodation Scholarship**

### **Conditions of Award**

#### **Purpose of the Scholarship**

This Scholarship aims to support students who are the first in their family to attend university. This scholarship will provide financial support to students to enable them to successfully engage in their study at the University of Canberra, while being accommodated in a safe, secure, and accessible student residence.

#### **Scholarship Details**

The Scholarship shall be known as the First in Family Student Accommodation Scholarship.

This Scholarship is funded by Student Life, University of Canberra.

#### **Eligibility**

To be eligible for the Scholarship, the applicant must be:

- a) an Australian citizen, permanent resident or permanent humanitarian visa holder;
- b) an undergraduate student at the University of Canberra;
- c) the first member of their immediate family, including siblings, to attend university;
- d) able to demonstrate financial need; and
- e) residing at one of the University of Canberra student residences.

Students may re-apply for this Scholarship each Semester; however, priority may be given to commencing students.

#### **Application**

Details on how to apply for this Scholarship, including opening and closing dates, will be advertised on the [Scholarship webpage](#). Payments will be made as soon as possible after census date.

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 Office 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**

The committee will consider the following parameters in the application form:

- 50% Evidence of financial support need (fortnightly income and expenses)
- 50% Evidence of financial support need (written statement)

The Scholarships Office will prepare a shortlist of applications who meet the criteria and provide this to the Scholarship Committee. The Committee reviews applications and ranks these according to the parameters of the scholarship. The Scholarships Office will collate all the information and submit the Committee's recommendations for approval. A final check of eligibility is completed after the census date prior to awarding the Scholarships.

### **Number of Scholarships**

10 Scholarships may be awarded each Semester. The Committee reserves the right not to make an award or to make an award at any time to an eligible person.

### **Value and Tenure of the Scholarship**

The Scholarship is currently valued at \$5,000 per student. The scholarship money is credited directly to the student's account with the accommodation provider after the census date. The money is not refundable and cannot be credited to the recipient if they withdraw from their studies or leave their university accommodation.

### **Enrolment Conditions**

The recipient must be enrolled in a minimum of 2 units at the university during the term of the scholarship and not be found in breach of the university's student conduct rules.

### **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 Office 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.

The students are also encouraged to sign up for a financial planning session to ensure they can pay the reminder of their fees and engage with a Student Success Coordinator for Student Success Coaching throughout their first year of study.

The recipients also must adhere to the terms of their Student Occupancy Agreement.

Subject to the information available at the time, the University 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.

### **Taxation and Centrelink**

The 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](#).

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

- [Scholarships, Prizes, Medals, and Excellence Awards Policy](#)
- [Scholarships and Prizes Procedure](#)
- [Student Charter](#)
- [Student Conduct Rules](#)

## Appendix - Scholarship Glossary of Terms

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders	Applicants for scholarships intended for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students must provide a Confirmation of Aboriginality document. To obtain this document, contact your local indigenous organisation or Lands Council. For further assistance, please contact <a href="#">the Ngunnawal Centre</a> .
Academic Achievement, Academic Merit	Unless otherwise specified in the Conditions of Award, academic achievement is assessed using the Grade Point Average (GPA) for continuing students, and the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) or equivalent for commencing students.
Commencing students	Commencing students are those in the first semester at the time of scholarship selection.
Disability	Applicants with a disability may be requested to provide documentation verifying their condition as defined under the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) 1992 if they are not registered with InclusionUC.
Domestic students	Domestic students are Australian or New Zealand citizens, Australian permanent residents, or holders of an Australian permanent humanitarian visa.
Credit points (CP)	Credit points reflect your study load. You can check your enrolled credit points on your <a href="#">MyUC portal</a> or by viewing <a href="#">Unit Page</a> , where a credit value for each unit is listed.
First-in-Family	First-in-Family students are the first member of their immediate family, including siblings, to attend university.
A former defence service person and an immediate family member of such person	Applicants seeking scholarships for former defence service members or their immediate family will be requested to provide a statutory declaration. Centrelink information may also be used to verify the eligibility.
From a regional, rural and remote area in Australia	Your postcode will be used to confirm whether you are a student from a rural and remote area based on the <a href="#">Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS)</a> developed by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS). To qualify, your current or previous postcode must fall under one of the following categories: RA2 (Inter Regional), RA3 (Outer Regional), RA4 (Remote) or RA5 (Very Remote). You can check your classification using <a href="#">the ASGS classification tool</a> .

Full-time/Part-time	You are considered a full-time student if you're enrolled in 9 credit points or more in the relevant semester. If you're enrolled in less than 9 credit points, you are considered as a part-time student.
International students	International students are citizens of a country other than Australia who hold an Australian visa such as a student visa, diplomatic visa, and other types of temporary visas. To be eligible for scholarships, students must be studying onshore.
Postgraduate	Postgraduate study refers to qualifications undertaken after completing an undergraduate degree, such as Graduate Certificates, Graduate Diplomas and Coursework Master's degrees. It does <u>not</u> include Research degrees such as Doctor of Philosophy and Master by Research programs.
Refugee students	Students who hold a permanent refugee or humanitarian visa.
Student residences	The University's student residences include UC Lodge, Weeden Lodge, Cooper Lodge and Campus West. For scholarships requiring applicants living in student accommodation, residency will be verified with UniLodge, who manages these facilities.
Undergraduate	Undergraduate study includes post-secondary education such as Diplomas and Bachelor's degrees. It does <u>not</u> include non-award courses such as bridging and foundation programs.