

Seek Aspire Inspire Scholarship

Conditions of Award

Purpose of the Scholarship

This Scholarship aims to support undergraduate students who have demonstrated the values of Peace, Truth, Love, Right Conduct, Non-violence.

Scholarship Details

This Scholarship is known as the Seek Aspire Inspire (SAI) Scholarship and is funded by Dr Naren Chellappah OAM.

The SAI scholarship is inspired by the *ONE* sculpture on the University's Bruce campus, commissioned by the donor. The artwork represents five core values – Peace, Truth, Love, Right Conduct and Non-violence – which underpin the purpose and scholarship of this scholarship.

Dr Chellappah has always thought it more important to be a good human, than one just deemed materially 'successful' by convention.

"That means having certain values that you live by – it's about values in action, that lead to right conduct," he said.

"It's important to think in the broader context, but also, in an achievable one. If you think 'I want to change the world', that's a huge thing to fathom – but if you start with small, positive changes to help and influence the people around you, that is something meaningful we can all aspire to.

For more information about the scholarship and sculpture, visit the following pages:

- [Rise above: First recipient of values-based UC scholarship determined to break cycle of intergenerational trauma](#)
- [Truth, respect, love and peace: University of Canberra unveils sculpture 'ONE'](#)

Threshold Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for the Scholarship, applicants **must** satisfy all of the following threshold criteria.

Applicants must:

- a) be an Australian citizens, permanent residents or permanent humanitarian visa holder;
- b) be enrolled in an undergraduate degree;
- c) have completed a minimum of 24 credit points under the course at the University of Canberra; and
- d) have a minimum GPA of 5.0.

Application

Applications are submitted via our [Scholarship webpage](#), which provides details including opening and closing dates. Applicants should review the [Terms and Definitions page](#) and **must** confirm that all threshold eligibility criteria are met before applying.

To be considered for this Scholarship, applicants must ensure the following sections of the application are completed correctly in addition to their personal details. Applications submitted without the required supporting documentation outlined below (where applicable) may not be considered.

Student Scholarship Details section	
<i>How many credit points have you completed towards your current degree at the University of Canberra?</i>	Select '23-47', '48-71' or '72+' depending on the number of credit points you completed. This does not include academic standing and transferred credits.
Financial Need and Equity Scholarships section	
<i>Would you like to be considered for a scholarship based on financial need and equity?</i>	Select 'Yes' and complete the follow-up questions including the statement questions on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barriers or challenges you have faced; and • Leadership roles, work experience, community engagement or volunteer work that you have undertaken.
Academic Merit Scholarships	
<i>Would you like to be considered for a scholarship based on academic merit?</i>	Select 'Yes.'
<i>If you have completed at least one unit of study at UC, please list your current GPA (Grade-Point average).</i>	Enter your GPA for your current UC course.
Personal statements section	
Provide a statement (maximum 500 words) outlining how you have demonstrated the following values in your life: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Peace: including calmness, dignity, endurance, happiness, humanity, patience, self-satisfaction, and reflection; Truth: encompassing a quest for knowledge, discrimination in thought and action, self-analysis, curiosity, honesty and integrity; Love: encircling caring, sharing, compassion, dedication, devotion, generosity and forgiveness; Right conduct: incorporating dependability, courage, duty, ethics, cleanliness, gratitude, leadership and respect; and 	

- e. **Non-Violence:** covering the psychological aspects and feelings of universal love, concern for all life, consideration of others, appreciation of cultures and religions, citizenship, social justice, respect for property and care for the environment.

Applicants may apply once through the Scholarship website. Multiple applications for different scholarships are only permitted if additional space is needed for scholarship-specific personal statements.

All questions in the application form must be answered truthfully and to the best of the applicant's knowledge at the time of submission. Applicants are encouraged to complete all written responses in their own words. Submissions that sound personal and draw on real experiences may be viewed more favourably than those that appear to be AI-generated.

Any significant changes to the application must be communicated to the Scholarships Office at scholarships@canberra.edu.au before the closing date. After this date, applications will be assessed based on the original version. Where multiple applications are received for the same scholarship, the most recent submission will be considered.

Selection

The Scholarship Committee will assess applications under the following criteria:

- 50% - A statement addressing how the applicant has demonstrated the five values in their life
- 25% - Barriers and challenges faced
- 25% - Leadership, work experience, community engagement or volunteer work

The Scholarships Office will shortlist eligible applications for consideration by the Committee, which will review and rank them in accordance with the selection criteria of the Scholarship. The Committee's recommendations will be submitted to Director, Student Connect, for approval. After the census date, a final enrolment eligibility check will be undertaken before confirming the award and arranging payment of funds.

Number of Scholarships

One (1) Scholarship may be awarded each year. 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

Each Scholarship is currently valued at \$3,000 and is paid as a one-off via electronic funds transfer. Payment will be processed in the next scheduled payment run after the census date once the eligibility has been confirmed.

Enrolment Conditions

The recipient must be enrolled after the census date for the Scholarship to be awarded.

Recipient Conditions

Information relevant to the Scholarship will be shared between the University of Canberra and the Donor for the purpose of administering the Scholarship. The recipient must adhere to the University's policies and procedures and agree to the disclosure of their academic progress to the Donor.

Recipients are encouraged to meet with the Donor and to provide a brief written summary of how the Scholarship assisted them with their studies. Scholarship-related publicity may also be requested from time to time, including interviews and photographs. The University may also publicise the Scholarship by publishing the names of recipients. Arrangements for such publicity will be coordinated through the Scholarships, Advancement or Marketing Office.

Concurrent Scholarships

Recipients may not usually be permitted to hold this scholarship concurrently with other scholarships.

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.

Deferment

The Scholarship cannot be deferred.

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](#).

Related Policies, Procedures and Rules

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