

UC Indigenous Commonwealth Education Costs Scholarship

Conditions of Award

Purpose of the Scholarship

This Scholarship aims to support Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students enrolled in an undergraduate, honours or postgraduate award at the University of Canberra.

Scholarship Details

The Scholarship is known as the UC Indigenous Commonwealth Education Costs Scholarship and is funded by Ngunnawal Centre, the University of Canberra.

Threshold Eligibility Criteria

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

Applicants must be:

- a) An Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander; and
- b) Enrolled in an undergraduate, honours or postgraduate degree.

Application

Applications are submitted via our [Scholarship webpage](#), which provides details including opening and closing dates for each scholarship. 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 form 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	
Are you of Aboriginal and/Torres Strait Islander Origin?	Select 'Yes' and attach your Confirmation of Aboriginality document.
UC Indigenous Commonwealth Scholarships section	
Would you like to be considered for any of the UC Indigenous Commonwealth Scholarship?	Select 'Yes' and complete the follow-up questions including the statement questions on: • your financial disadvantage • what your studies will mean to your future • your plans to engage with the Ngunnawal Centre during your studies

Additional information section	
<i>Additional documents</i>	It is strongly recommended that you provide supporting documentation to demonstrate your financial hardship. For more information on the types of documentation that may be submitted, please refer to the Terms and Definitions page .

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:

- 40% - Financial disadvantage (a statement and supporting documentation)
- 40% - A personal statement outlining what the applicant's studies will mean to their future
- 20% - A personal statement outlining the applicant's plans to engage with the Ngunnawal Centre

Priority may be given to students from regional, rural and remote areas.

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 eligibility check will be undertaken before confirming the award and arranging payment of funds.

Number of Scholarships

Five (5) Scholarships may be awarded in Semester 2 2026. The University reserves the right not to offer the Scholarship or to award it at any time to an eligible person.

Value and Tenure of the Scholarship

Each Scholarship is currently valued at a maximum of \$25,000 and is paid in instalments over a maximum of 8 Semesters via electronic funds transfer. A part-time rate may apply if a student is enrolled in fewer than 9 credit

points in a semester. Winter term enrolments will be counted in Semester 2 payments. Payment will be processed in the next scheduled payment run after the census date once the eligibility has been confirmed.

Payment Schedule:

- The 1st semester: \$4,000 (or \$2,000 for part-time enrolment), paid as one-off payment after the census date of the awarding semester.
- The 2nd – 8th semesters: \$3,000 each (or \$1,500 each for part-time enrolment), paid as one-off payment after the census of each subsequent semester.

Enrolment Conditions

The recipient must be enrolled after the census date for the Scholarship to be awarded. To receive subsequent payments, they must maintain a pass average, determined by the results of the previous semester. If this requirement is not met, they may be required to show cause, in writing, justifying why the scholarship should not be withdrawn.

In the event of change of program, degree, intermission or discontinuation, the student must notify the Scholarships Office at scholarships@canberra.edu.au. If a recipient is found ineligible with regards to enrolment or unsatisfactory academic results in the previous semester, the Scholarship may be rescinded and/or a refund of all or part of the payment may be requested.

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.

Recipients are also encouraged to meet with the Ngunnawal Centre Student Support Coordinators to develop a study plan and discuss compliance with the Scholarship conditions.

Additionally, recipients may

- a) be required to inform any of the following persons of the receipt of the scholarship, depending on their 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 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 Procedure](#)
- [Student Charter](#)
- [Student Conduct Rules](#)