

Information to help ECU Aboriginal and /or Torres Strait Islander Students To obtain a scholarship

Commonwealth Scholarships

As an Aboriginal and /or Torres Strait Islander student you could be eligible to receive at least one of the Commonwealth Scholarships available to help with the costs of studying. In order to assist you, ECU provides one application document that the ECU Scholarships Office can use to assess you for all of the Commonwealth Scholarships available.

The following Commonwealth Scholarships provide financial assistance to cover the costs of Higher Education

- The Indigenous Commonwealth Education Costs Scholarship (known as ICECS)
- The Indigenous Enabling Commonwealth Education Costs Scholarship. (known as CECS-IE)

The following Commonwealth scholarships provide additional financial support to students from rural or remote areas.

- The Indigenous Commonwealth Accommodation Scholarship (known as ICAS)
- The Indigenous Enabling Commonwealth Accommodation Scholarship (known as CAS-IE)

There is additional assistance for Aboriginal and /or Torres Strait Islander students commencing uni for the first time who also have the cost of relocating from a Rural or remote area and is offered in conjunction with either a CAS or a CECS.

- The Indigenous Access Payment (known as CAS-IP)

How to Apply

Just complete one of the Indigenous Commonwealth Scholarships Application forms which are available from our website www.ecu.edu.au/scholarships/overview in either printable or electronic format, during the application period.

Important Note: You only need to complete one form to be assessed for all of the above Indigenous Commonwealth Scholarships

Basic Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must be

- An Australian Citizen
- Enrolled full-time in 45+ credit points unless *Exceptional Circumstances
- Have low socio-economic status - in receipt of a means-tested Centrelink allowance OR able to prove personal income (if over 25yrs) or combined parental income (if under 25yrs) under financial threshold for that period.
- Enrolled or intending to enrol in one of the following approved ECU courses
 - Bachelor Degree or
 - Post-graduate Diploma in Education or
 - Indigenous Enabling course

*Exceptional Circumstances – A student can request to be enrolled in a minimum of 30 credit points and still receive the scholarship due to exceptional circumstances. Requests for consideration would normally be in writing and incorporate documents from a medical professional etc. If a student's circumstances are recognised as exceptional circumstances as per the requirements of the scholarship, then part time approval of the scholarship will be provided, however this can be reviewed during the life of the scholarship and further documents/evidence of continuing exceptional circumstances may be requested/required.

Other Useful Information about Indigenous Commonwealth Scholarships

Commonwealth Scholarships are normally paid throughout your studies in order to enable you to complete your course dependant on you continuing to meet the ongoing eligibility.

For an undergraduate degree there are a maximum of 8 semesters payments and for an enabling course or post grad diploma a maximum of 2 semester payments.

It is possible for a student studying an ECU undergraduate degree to receive both an ICAS and an ICECS, if they meet both eligibility criteria. It is also possible for a student enrolled in an enabling course to receive both the CAS-IE and CEC-IE if they are eligible.

When a student completes their ECU enabling course and then enrolls into an ECU undergraduate degree course they will be allowed to transfer to the other Commonwealth Scholarship/s.

Please note - If you have been awarded a Commonwealth Scholarship at ECU you do not need to reapply each semester.

Other Aboriginal and /or Torres Strait Islander student scholarships at ECU, you should consider applying for

There are several other scholarships available at ECU which you may wish to apply for. In the majority of cases you are allowed to receive Commonwealth scholarship/s and an ECU and/or donor scholarship.

- [Dorothea Swift Nursing Scholarship](#)
- [ECU Department of Health \(WA\) Aboriginal Scholarship](#)
- [ECU Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Scholarship](#)
- [ECU Vice Chancellor's Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Scholarship](#)
- [Inspiring Minds Equity Scholarship](#)
- [Kalyagool Kadadjiny Scholarship](#)
- [The Perth Airport Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Scholarship](#)
- [The Department of Fire and Emergency Services \(DFES\) Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Scholarship](#)

For more information about all of the above, as well as all our other scholarships which could be of interest to you, visit the ECU Scholarships website at <http://www.ecu.edu.au/scholarships/overview>
A full description of each scholarship is provided which includes opening and closing dates, application forms and eligibility criteria.

Contact us:

If you have any further questions you can contact one of our friendly staff on:

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