

Indigenous Commonwealth Education Costs Scholarship Rules



Purpose

The Commonwealth government and Flinders University have established the Indigenous Commonwealth Education Costs Scholarship (ICECS) to assist indigenous students with costs associated with their study at Flinders University.

The number of ICECS available will be determined by annual funding from the Commonwealth government. Each scholarship will be valued at \$2756 paid in two instalments.

Eligibility

All scholarship applicants must:

- be of Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent; and
- identify as an Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander; and
- be accepted as an Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander by the community in which they live or have lived; and
- normally be enrolled full-time at Flinders University in an undergraduate or postgraduate course of study or the Foundation Studies program; and
- not be in receipt of a Student Start-up Scholarship or Student Start-up Loan (available to ABSTUDY, Austudy and Youth Allowance recipients); and
- be able to demonstrate financial disadvantage **or** have a permanent home address in Inner or Outer Regional, Remote or Very Remote Australia as defined by the Australian Standard Geographic Classification (ASGC).

Scholarships will be available in both areas of financial need and remoteness of permanent home address. Scholarships will be available to both commencing students and continuing students. Previous recipients of an Indigenous Commonwealth Education Costs Scholarship may reapply but will be limited to a maximum of 8 payments in total.

Tenure

The scholarship is awarded for up to 1 year of full-time study. These payments are subject to the student maintaining a full-time study load and satisfactory academic performance. The scholarship will be paid in two equal instalments, after the census date of each semester. Scholarships are available to part-time students in exceptional circumstances, which includes (but is not limited to) disability, illness or carer responsibilities. Part-time scholarship recipients will receive the same annual value as full-time scholarship recipients.

Selection

In selecting recipients the following factors will be considered:

- the applicant's permanent home address
- financial need
- University entrance pathway and score (commencing students)
- GPA (continuing students)

Selection of the candidate(s) will be made in accordance with procedures approved by the Director, Student Administration, in consultation with the Office of Indigenous Strategy and Engagement.

Applications

Applications should be submitted online through the Flinders University Student System by the specified closing date.