

Purpose

A generous donation from the Sophia Fund, has enabled the establishment of the Sophia Fund Indigenous Scholarships. Subject to the availability of funds, up to two scholarships will be awarded annually. They have been established to encourage Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to undertake a higher education course.

Benefits

Up to two Scholarships will be available per year. Each scholarship will be valued at \$5000 and paid in two equal instalments after the census date of each semester. The number of scholarships will depend on the funding available.

Eligibility

Applicants for these scholarships 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 he or she lives or has lived; and
- be able to demonstrate financial hardship; and
- be in their first year of higher education study and be enrolled full-time in an undergraduate course of study at Flinders University.

*Applications will be accepted from part-time students who have extenuating circumstances that prevent them from studying full-time (e.g., disabilities, carer responsibilities).

Selection

Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of demonstrated financial need and academic potential. The academic potential of applicants will be assessed by way of the Selection Score used to gain entry to their course of study. Scholarship selection will be made by the Office of Indigenous Strategy and Engagement and in accordance with University procedures.

Applications

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

Advertising

The scholarship will be advertised on the University website and other appropriate media as determined by Flinders University.