JCU Scholarships make education accessible

James Cook University will help you to achieve your full potential, no matter what your financial circumstances. Scholarships at JCU are awarded to help you get into higher education, to give support if you are having financial problems or to help with the costs of ongoing study.

To help you fund your higher education we offer a range of scholarships supported by the University, the Australian Government, donors, agencies and industry.

Apply for a JCU Scholarship now

- The JCU Access Fund offers amounts from $500 to $5000.
- Indigenous Commonwealth Scholarships offer amounts from $1,299 to $12,702 in one year.

You can apply now

- Early Offer Round applications must be received by November 27, 2015
- Round 1 must be received by February 26, 2016
- Round 2 must be received by July 29, 2016

Frequently Asked Questions

Who can apply?
Full-time JCU students who are Australian citizens, New Zealand citizens or permanent residents of Australia can apply. You can still apply, even if you are not yet enrolled.

Refer to the individual scholarship details for information on which are available for new and/or continuing students.

If you have special circumstances which prevent you from studying full-time and you can provide documentary evidence of this, your application may still be considered.

How will the scholarships be awarded?
A selection committee awards the scholarships, bursaries and grants according to the relevant JCU policy and procedure for each scholarship.

What scholarships will I be considered for?
Complete the attached application form and you will be considered for the JCU Access Fund and Indigenous Commonwealth Scholarships. More information on the eligibility criteria for each scholarship is available at www.jcu.edu.au/scholarships-

How and when do I apply?
If you have a JCU student ID, complete the online application form in eStudent under the My Scholarship Applications tab. Alternatively, submit your completed application form in hardcopy along with the necessary supporting documentation to the Scholarships Officer, Enrolments and Fees, James Cook University, Townsville Qld 4810.

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Applications and/or supporting documentation received after the advertised closing dates will not be considered.

When will I be paid?
Your enrolment is confirmed at census date for the relevant study period. Payments are made approximately two weeks later by direct deposit to your bank account or as credit available at the Co-op Bookshop.

If you are offered an Indigenous Access Scholarship (IAS) in the early offer round, you will receive an earlier payment of half the scholarship amount.

When will I know if I am successful?
You will be notified of the outcome of your application via email in late December (Early Offer Round), mid-March (Round 1) or mid-August (Round 2).

If you are unsuccessful, your application will be reconsidered in future rounds for the same year. If the details provided in your application change between rounds you are not required to re-apply, however you must advise the Scholarships Office (email preferred).
Indigenous Commonwealth Scholarships

The Indigenous Commonwealth Scholarships (ICS) Program is designed to give you more choice and increase your access to higher education. Different types of Indigenous Commonwealth Scholarships are available depending on your circumstances and the course you choose. You could be awarded more than one type of scholarship. Indigenous Commonwealth Scholarships are funded by the Australian Government.

Indigenous Access Commonwealth Scholarships (IAS)
If you are a new student studying full-time, an IAS can help you start an undergraduate, enabling (Tertiary Access Course), or eligible graduate diploma course.
Value: $5,004 paid in two equal instalments in your first year of study.

Indigenous Access Commonwealth Education Costs Scholarships (ICECS)
If you are a full-time, Indigenous undergraduate student, an ICECS can help with general education costs.
Value: $2,599 per year (paid in two equal instalments). The payment is continued for up to four years. You can accept an ICECS as an alternative to a Student Start-up Loan from Centrelink.

Indigenous Access Commonwealth Accommodation Scholarships (ICAS)
If you are a full-time, Indigenous student applying for the Tertiary Access Course and you have to relocate from a regional or remote area to study, an ICAS is available to help with accommodation costs.
Value: $2,599.50 for the six month Tertiary Access Course. You can accept an ICAS as an alternative to a Relocation Scholarship from Centrelink.

Indigenous Enabling Commonwealth Education Costs Scholarships (IECECS)
If you are a full-time or part-time Indigenous student enrolled in the JCU Tertiary Access Course, an IECECS is available to help you with general education costs.
Value: $1,299.50 for the six month Tertiary Access Course. You can accept an IECECS as an alternative to a Student Start-up Loan from Centrelink.

Indigenous Enabling Commonwealth Accommodation Scholarships (IECAS)
If you are a full-time, Indigenous student applying for the Tertiary Access Course and you have to relocate from a regional or remote area to study, an IECAS is available to help with accommodation costs.
Value: $2,599.50 for the six month Tertiary Access Course. You can accept an IECAS as an alternative to a Relocation Scholarship from Centrelink.

1. Circumstances beyond your control which prevent you from studying full-time may also be considered. Documentation must be provided to explain these circumstances.
2. All values quoted are correct for 2016 at time of printing.
Other financial assistance available

JCU Scholarships
You can check out the other types of scholarships available on the JCU website. These are funded either by the University or an external sponsor. They can be merit or equity based and cover a wide range of eligibility criteria and benefits. Go to www.jcu.edu.au/scholarships@jcu for more information.

Other Scholarships
You can select the link for Non-JCU Scholarships to view assistance offered by different organisations. We are not able to list all scholarships available.
We suggest you do check these options as there may be other scholarships you could be eligible for.

Extra Financial Help
We encourage you to apply for Centrelink assistance. Even a partial payment of Youth Allowance, ABSTUDY or Austudy may provide you with a Student Start-up Scholarship/Loan or Relocation Scholarship from Centrelink. Your eligibility for these scholarships is assessed at the same time as your claim for a Centrelink payment. Check out Centrelink’s website at www.humanservices.gov.au

Student Loans
If you are in a difficult financial situation that could stop you from studying and you can show a genuine need for assistance, JCU provides a Student Loan Scheme. Interest free loans can be approved for many expenses other than tuition fees. Loans up to a maximum of $1,000 are available. More information on student loans can be found at www.jcu.edu.au/students/fees-and-financial-support.

Contact Information

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