

# Commonwealth Scholarships 2017

Commonwealth Scholarships provide eligible Indigenous higher education students with the general costs of study and support, and for those who have had to move from a regional or remote area in order to study. Commonwealth scholarships are awarded with the expectation students will achieve academic success and progress in a timely manner to complete their degree.

## Available scholarships

### Indigenous Education Scholarship

**Student type:** Undergraduate, honours or post-graduate

**Value:** \$2,600 per year

**Duration:** Up to a maximum of four years

**Note:** No previous Commonwealth Scholarship funding has been received

### Indigenous Relocation Scholarship

**Student type:** Undergraduate, honours or post-graduate

**Value:** \$5,200 per year

**Duration:** Up to a maximum of four years

**Note:** No previous Commonwealth Scholarship funding has been received

## Eligibility Criteria

### Indigenous Education Scholarship

- Australian citizen
- Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
- In need of financial support
- Are or will be enrolled as a Commonwealth supported student in an undergraduate course (including the diploma of higher education), honours or post-graduate course.
- Have not previously received Commonwealth funding in the form of a Scholarship.
- Enrolled full-time.

### Indigenous Relocation Scholarship

- Relocating from a regional/remote location to study at Townsville or Cairns campus

If you are unsure please contact either [scholarships@jcu.edu.au](mailto:scholarships@jcu.edu.au) for more help.

If you are eligible your application will be automatically considered for the Indigenous Education Scholarship, the Indigenous Relocation Scholarship and the [JCU Access Fund](#).

## Payments dates on Awarding

A successful applicant will receive:

### Indigenous Education Scholarship

Amount: \$1,300 per Semester

First payment date: After census date - Study Period 1

Second payment date: After census date - Study Period 2

### Indigenous Relocation Scholarship

Amount: \$2,600 per Semester

First payment date: After census date - Study Period 1

Second payment date: After census date - Study Period 2

## Eligibility for continuing payments

To continue receiving payments each semester, the following **Continuing Eligibility** criteria must be met:

- Be enrolled full time;
- Pass all subjects each Semester (GPA 4.0) and above; and
- Complete and return the continuing eligibility form by the advised deadline.

## Conditions of the Scholarship?

Recipients of the award must meet the following conditions:

- Have not previously received a Commonwealth Scholarship under the Commonwealth Scholarship Programme from any institution.
- Have not already completed a Bachelor degree (unless applying as an honours or post-graduate and have not previously received a Commonwealth Scholarship).
- Have not received a [Student Start-up Loan](#), a [Student Start-up Scholarship](#) or a [Relocation Scholarship](#) or the [Residential Costs option of ABSTUDY](#) from Centrelink.
- If a Student Start-up loan or Relocation Scholarship from Centrelink has been paid then this must be paid back to Centrelink.
- Deferring study at any time during the course with result in the scholarship being terminated.
- If one or more of the continuing eligibility criteria are not met, the scholarship will be terminated.
- Failure to complete and return the continuing eligibility form by the advised deadline will result in the scholarship being terminated.

- Where a scholarship is terminated or a recipient becomes ineligible, JCU will recover any outstanding funding from the recipient.
- JCU will determine if the student has legitimate and genuine reason/s as to why their *Indigenous* scholarship is terminated (e.g. family responsibilities, illness or bereavement). Under such circumstances, the *JCU will determine if a student's reasons are legitimate and genuine and if so, may waive or reduce the amount to be repaid by the student.*
- A review of circumstances can be if I do not meet the continuing eligibility criteria
- Where an *Indigenous* student who is in receipt of a scholarship chooses to transfer to another eligible *provider*, the student must return all outstanding funding to JCU.
- If an *Indigenous* student chooses to change their course of study, or transfer to another eligible provider, it will be at the discretion of the *JCU* as to whether they provide scholarship support to that student and the terms of that support.

### Termination of a Commonwealth Scholarship

Scholarships will be terminated by the University for any of the following reasons:

- the student has ceased to meet any of the eligibility criteria.
- the maximum scholarship entitlement period has been reached.
- the student has failed to meet the continuing eligibility criteria and they are suspended or excluded from their course of study under the provisions of the [Academic Progression Policy](#).
- the student has committed serious misconduct while studying at the University.
- the student is found to have provided false or misleading information in their original scholarship application or at any other time the student was requested to confirm their eligibility.