

Commonwealth Scholarships Rules 2023

Introduction

Commonwealth Scholarships provide commencing Indigenous students with the general costs of study. These scholarships are subject to the provisions of the [Indigenous Student Assistance Grants Guidelines 2017](#)

Nature of the Scholarship

The value of the scholarship shall be determined each year by the Selection Committee.

Eligibility Criteria

The Indigenous Commonwealth Reward Scholarship for Commencing Students shall be awarded to candidates who:

- If you are an Australian citizen and identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander; and
- If you are or will be enrolled full time (minimum 18 credit points in a calendar year) in an undergraduate course in 2022 (including Diploma of Higher Education); and
- If you have not already completed a Bachelor degree.

The Indigenous Commonwealth Reward Scholarship for continuing Students shall be awarded to candidates who:

- Is an Australian citizen and identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander; and
- Has passed all subjects in the previous semester/trimester you were enrolled in; and
- Enrolled full time (minimum 18 credit points in a calendar year) in an undergraduate course in 2022 (including Diploma of Higher Education); and
- Have not already completed a Bachelor degree.
- [Ditha Commonwealth Scholarship Guidelines for awards between 2012 and 2016.](#)

Selection Criteria

The Selection Criteria for Commencing Students are:

- Commencing, first year student at James Cook University, and
- Are enrolled full time in the commencing year (minimum 18 credit points); and

- Any other criteria that the Selection Committee deems appropriate, including whether the candidate has, or will receive any other scholarship assistance during their studies.

The Selection Criteria for Continuing Students are:

- Passed all subjects in the previous enrolled semester/trimester; and
- Any other criteria that the Selection Committee deems appropriate, including whether the candidate has, or will receive any other scholarship assistance during their studies.

Selection Process

The award of the scholarship shall be made in the absolute discretion of the Selection Committee, which shall comprise:

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Department of Human Services to be used for administering Relocation Scholarships and/or Student Start-up Scholarships/Loans.

- The recipient may be required to inform any of the following persons or the receipt of the scholarship:
 - An employee of the Human Services Department
 - An employee of the Department administered by the Minister administering section 258 of the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004
 - An employee of the Department administered by the Minister administering the Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986
- If the holder of an award fails to comply with any of these provisions or any provision relating to a particular award or with any conditions imposed under these provisions the Selection Committee may terminate the award or withhold any further emoluments or take such action as it may deem necessary to enforce compliance with the provision or performance of the condition by the holder.
- A student may lodge a request for review of decision in accordance with the provisions of the [Student Appeals Policy](#).
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