Guidelines of
The Aboriginal Health Tertiary Access and Support Program Scholarships

The Aboriginal Health Tertiary Access and Support Program Scholarships are funded under a Grant Agreement between the Western Australian Department of Health and the University dated May 2014.

1. **NAME OF SCHOLARSHIP**
The Aboriginal Health Tertiary Access and Support Program Scholarship.

2. **PURPOSE OF SCHOLARSHIP**
The purpose of the Scholarship is to provide support for Aboriginal students to access and attain tertiary qualifications in health related disciplines offered within the following Schools:
   i. School of Health Sciences;
   ii. School of Medicine;
   iii. School of Nursing and Midwifery; or
   iv. School of Physiotherapy.

The Scholarship provides financial support to recipients which may be used to assist with general living and educational expenses.

3. **VALUE OF SCHOLARSHIP**
Up to six scholarships will be awarded in the year in which the scholarship is available.

Each scholarship will comprise of a cash payment of $5,000 per year to assist students with expenses towards continuing their studies at the University. In addition to the $5,000 per year, each recipient will receive a cash payment of up to $1,500 per year awarded for the purpose of material support and resources such as the purchase of textbooks, a laptop or tablet.

4. **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**
To be eligible for the Scholarship, applicants must:
   i. Be an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person and state that he/she identifies as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person and is recognised by his/her community as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person;
   ii. Be enrolled as a full-time student at The University of Notre Dame Australia, Fremantle or Broome in one of the above listed Schools;
   iii. Be able to demonstrate satisfactory academic achievement throughout the year in which the Scholarship is awarded; and
   iv. Be able to demonstrate that their educational opportunities are limited due to adverse circumstances and that the award of the Scholarship would assist them to address these limitations.

5. **CONCURRENT AND REPEAT SCHOLARSHIPS**
Recipients of the Scholarship are eligible for repeat awards provided the eligibility requirements continue to be met. Recipients must reapply each year.

6. **BODY RESPONSIBLE FOR SELECTION**
The Selection Committee for the Scholarship will comprise:
   i. Pro Vice Chancellor & Head of Fremantle Campus (or nominee);
   ii. The Dean of the School of Medicine, Fremantle (or nominee);
iii. The Head of Aboriginal Health Curriculum, Fremantle (or nominee); and  
iv. Associate Dean, Aboriginal Health, Fremantle (or nominee).

7. **SELECTION CRITERIA**  
The Scholarship is awarded to six recipients per year who, in the opinion of the Selection Committee,  
best demonstrate through their application and supporting documentation:  
i. Academic merit;  
ii. Adverse circumstances as set out in clause 4(iv);  
iii. Personal circumstances or background which, in the opinion of the Selection Committee,  
warrants special consideration; and  
iv. Personal determination to work in a health context.

8. **AWARD OF THE SCHOLARSHIP**  
i. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University, on the recommendation of the Selection  
   Committee.  
ii. The successful recipients will be notified in writing by the School of Medicine.

9. **DURATION OF SCHOLARSHIP**  
i. A Scholarship will be tenable for the equivalent of one year full time study.  
ii. The Scholarship is conditional on the recipients maintaining enrolment at the University.

10. **METHOD OF PAYMENT**  
i. Scholarship funds will be paid directly into the student’s bank account in two instalments,  
at the beginning of Semester 1 and Semester 2, as determined by the University.  
ii. Recipients are required to complete a Gift Expenditure Form for payment of funds.

11. **STUDENT REQUIREMENTS**  
The recipient of the Scholarship must:  
i. Scholarship recipients are required to submit an end of year report to the University,  
   outlining their progress and achievements.  
ii. Reports should include examination results, and other relevant feedback. The School of  
   Medicine will notify the scholarship recipients of the report submission due date.  
iii. Participate in any publications, media and events related to the award of the Scholarship.

12. **ADMINISTERING BODY**  
The Scholarship is administered by the School of Medicine, Fremantle and the Office of University  
   Relations.

13. **PRIVACY**  
The University is committed to the principles contained in the Privacy Act 1988  
   (Commonwealth) and the Privacy Amendment (Private Sector) Act 2000 (Commonwealth) and  
will not disclose any personal information (as defined in the Privacy Act) relating to this  
Scholarship to any third party without the written consent of the applicant.
| **Purpose:** | The purpose of the Scholarship is: to increase the number of Aboriginal people who attain qualifications in health and human services or related fields at a Western Australian tertiary institution; to increase Aboriginal student awareness of the health sector employment opportunities and networks; to increase access to health services by Aboriginal communities, families and individuals through a skilled Aboriginal health workforce. |
| **Responsible Executive:** | Associate Dean, Aboriginal Health, Fremantle |
| **Responsible Office:** | School of Medicine, Fremantle |
| **Contact Officer:** | Head of Aboriginal Health Curriculum, Fremantle |
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