

The Charlie Perkins Scholarships

The Charlie Perkins Trust is excited to announce two new annual postgraduate scholarships that will provide talented Indigenous Australians with the opportunity to study at the University of Oxford for up to three years.

The scholarships are directed towards Indigenous Australians who have the potential to become leaders in their field of study and in their communities. The first two Charlie Perkins scholars are being funded by the Australian Government, the British Government (through the Chevening program) and Rio Tinto.

In their applications, candidates will need to identify as Indigenous. The Charlie Perkins Scholarship will only be awarded to candidates who have been accepted into a postgraduate degree program offered at the University of Oxford. In most circumstances, candidates will need to hold a First Class or upper Second Class Honours degree in order to be accepted to the University of Oxford.

Applications for the 2010-2011 Charlie Perkins Scholarships will open at 9am AEDST Monday 16 November 2009 and will close at 5pm AEDST Friday 29 January 2010. Please note: the required application to the University of Oxford must be completed by 22 January 2010.

For all the details on how to apply, please go to the Charlie Perkins Trust for Children & Students website at: www.perkinstrust.com.au.



Charlie Perkins on the "Freedom Ride" campaign c.1963
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About Dr Charles Perkins AO

The Charlie Perkins Scholarships are inspired by and in memory of Dr Charles Perkins AO – Australia's first Indigenous man to graduate from university, who dedicated his life to achieving justice for Indigenous Australians.

Dr Perkins became a national figure when, in 1965, he led a group of 30 students through NSW country towns on the "Freedom Ride" to campaign against racial discrimination and poor living conditions. In 1972, he joined other young Aboriginal men and women at the Tent Embassy on the grounds of Parliament House in Canberra to defiantly call for compensation and recognition of Aboriginal land and human rights.



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