2019 - Elizabeth Margaret Bolton Postgraduate Grant

Status: Closed
Applications open: 31/10/2018
Applications close: 15/03/2019

About this scholarship

Description/Applicant information
The Elizabeth Margaret Bolton Postgraduate Scholarship has been developed to encourage and support postgraduate students at Curtin University who have come from a low socio-economic background and have contributed to the wider community.

Student type
- Current Students

Course type
- Postgraduate coursework

Citizenship
- Australian Citizen
- Australian Permanent Resident
- Permanent Humanitarian Visa

Scholarship base
- Need Based
- Merit Based

Value
The Elizabeth Margaret Bolton Postgraduate Scholarship will provide the following support for up to one year (based on a full-time study load of 100 credits per semester):
- A total value of up to $6,000 paid as a cash stipend of $3,000 per semester. The amount can be used at the recipient's discretion to contribute towards educational related expenses
Payments occur post census date each semester approximately mid-late May and mid-September.

Scholarship Details

Maximum number awarded
1

Eligible courses
All postgraduate by coursework courses

Eligibility criteria
Applicants must meet ALL of the following criteria to be eligible to apply for the Elizabeth Margaret Bolton Postgraduate Scholarship:
- Australian citizen, Australian permanent resident, or Australian permanent humanitarian
- Enrolled full-time (100 credits per semester) in a postgraduate course (by coursework) at Curtin University in 2019
- Eligible for a Commonwealth supported place at Curtin University and reside within Australia
- Minimum course weighted average (CWA) of 50
- Be from a low socio-economic background
- Demonstrated contribution to the wider community through community service
- Not currently hold any other scholarship

Enrolment requirements
Unless there are exceptional circumstances such as, but not limited, to medical or family reasons, students must meet ALL of the
following:

- Remain enrolled in initial course of study
- Maintain a full-time study load of 100 credits per semester at Curtin University
- Maintain a course weighted average (CWA) of at least 50 per semester
- Fail no more than one unit per semester

Scholarship continuity is subject to meeting satisfactory academic progress as detailed above. Progress will be assessed at the end of each study period. Unless there are exceptional circumstances, a recipient with unsatisfactory progress or who breaches the scholarship conditions shall be ineligible to retain the scholarship. Exceptional circumstances must be forwarded to and shall be at the discretion of the Scholarships Office.

Changes to Enrolment

If a recipient intends to do any of the following they must also apply in writing to the Scholarships Office (scholarships@curtin.edu.au) for approval BEFORE the change. The Scholarships Office will advise how the change will affect their scholarship.

- Change from full-time enrolment
- Change of course

Leave of absence is not permitted.

Withdrawal or Terminated from units or course: A recipient who withdraws from their units or course of study, or has been terminated from studies will become ineligible for continuation of the scholarship, will not receive any further payments and will be required to repay to Curtin University the stipend awarded for that study period if applicable.

How to apply

Application process

Step 1: Access application form
- Application form can be accessed via ‘My Studies’ tab in OASIS or via the ‘Apply Online’ button on the top right-hand side of this page

Step 2: Complete
- Complete the application form online
- Application form can be saved at any point of the process
- Multiple scholarships can be applied for at one time
- Tips on how to complete your application can be found under the ‘Application Advice’ tab on the scholarships website

Step 3: Submit
- Closing date listed at top of page and within scholarships channel on OASIS
- Incomplete applications will not be assessed
- Once submitted, application status will change to submitted

Step 4: Receipt
- Application receipt will be sent to student email once application has been submitted

Step 5: Assessment
- Applications will be assessed by an assessment panel using the following criteria:
  - Responses to questions in application form
  - Academic merit
  - Financial hardship
  - Community involvement

Step 6: Outcome
- Successful and unsuccessful applicants will be notified of their outcome via the Scholarship Channel (Student OSASIS) within approximately 6-8 weeks of the scholarship closing date

Step 7: Acceptance
- Successful applicants must accept the terms and conditions via the Scholarship Channel (Student OASIS) by the deadline

Please note:

- Scholarship will be awarded if there are applicants of sufficient merit and need
- Scholarship will commence from first semester of study for which the scholarship was awarded
- Scholarship is not transferrable to another major, course or university
Need more information?

Enquiries
Scholarships Office
Email: scholarships@curtin.edu.au
Telephone: (08) 9266 2992
Frequently Asked questions:
https://askcurtin.custhelp.com/app/answers/list/kw/scholarship

Further information
Students may apply for as many scholarships as they are eligible for, and if successful, will be awarded the highest value scholarship. If students are successful in receiving an offer for more than one scholarship valued the same, they will have the opportunity to select their preferred scholarship.

For further information about holding more than one scholarship contact Scholarships@curtin.edu.au
For advice on how to complete your application refer to the scholarships application guidelines.

Centrelink
For advice on your Centrelink payments and how your scholarship could affect your payment please see http://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/enablers/income or contact a Centrelink Office. If you require a letter about your scholarship for Centrelink, please contact the Scholarships Office.

Taxation
Generally scholarship money paid to full-time students is not treated as taxable income, however if your study load is less than 75 credits (part-time) your scholarship money is not tax exempt. Other than the full-time study requirement, the general rule is that scholarships are exempt from taxation unless:

- It is a condition of the scholarship that a recipient is required to undertake activities that are of use, help or benefit to the scholarship provider - then the student is rendering a service by agreeing to undertake those activities;
- An award is received by a student where the scholarship is not provided principally for educational purposes.
- During or upon completion of the degree for which the scholarship is awarded a recipient is required to become, or shall continue to be, an employee of the funding body; or

The Australian Tax Office has a tool to help you determine if your scholarship is taxable. For expert advice please contact the Australian Taxation Office or your accountant when completing your annual Tax Return. If a letter regarding your scholarship is required for taxation purposes, please contact the Scholarships Office.