2020 - ChemCentre Indigenous Scholarship

Status: Open
Applications open: 19/07/2019
Applications close: 15/11/2019

About this scholarship

Description/Applicant information
The ChemCentre Indigenous Scholarship is to assist and encourage Indigenous students to undertake an undergraduate degree course in science, majoring in chemistry or analytical chemistry and to consider ChemCentre as an employer.

Student type
- Future Students

Faculty
- Faculty of Science & Engineering
  - Science courses

Course type
- Undergraduate

Specifically for
- Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander Students

Citizenship
- Australian Citizen

Scholarship base
- Merit Based

Value
The ChemCentre Indigenous Scholarship will provide the following support for the duration of the undergraduate degree (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 $1,000 per semester. The amount can be used at the recipient’s discretion to contribute towards educational related expenses.
- Recipients will be offered opportunities to gain an insight into a career in chemistry.
- Possible opportunity to participate in promotional activities for ChemCentre e.g. ChemCentre Open Day.
- Where possible a mentor will be assigned to the scholarship recipients, providing a unique connection and insight into the business world and ChemCentre, in particular, whilst assisting their choice of career path or discipline.
- Possible opportunity for paid vacation work at ChemCentre during the semester break.

Payments occur post census date each semester approximately mid-April and mid-September each year.

* The duration of the scholarship is based on recipients undertaking a full-time study load of 200 credits per year. Any study that is taken over and above the expected duration of initial degree will not be covered.
Scholarship Details

Eligible courses
- Bachelor of Science, majoring in Chemistry or Analytical Chemistry

Eligibility criteria
Applicants must meet ALL of the following criteria to be eligible to apply for a ChemCentre Indigenous Scholarship:
- Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent
- Enrolling full-time (75 - 100 credits per semester**) in an eligible course and major at Curtin University in semester 1, 2020
- Must select an eligible major upon enrolment
- Be eligible for a Commonwealth supported place
- Not currently hold an industry sponsored scholarship

This scholarship is not deferrable.

** The scholarship tenure and payments will be based on 100 credits per semester enrolment.

Enrolment requirements
Recipients must meet ALL of the following:
- Remain enrolled in an eligible degree and major
- Maintain a full-time study load of 75 - 100 credit points each semester at Curtin University
- Maintain a course weighted average (CWA) of at least 50 each semester
- Pass all enrolled units each semester
- Not apply for or receive any other industry sponsored scholarships whilst in receipt of the ChemCentre Indigenous Scholarship

Scholarship continuity is subject to meeting satisfactory academic progress as outlined 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 in consultation with a representative from ChemCentre.

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

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.

Cancellation of Scholarship: Notwithstanding any provision above, Curtin reserves the rights, at its sole discretion, to cancel the award of, or continuity of, the scholarship where the funder ceases to fund the scholarship.

How to apply

Application process
Step 1: Access online application form
- Applications are to be submitted using the online application form. Access the form by clicking on 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 Applying for scholarships link on the scholarships website

Step 3: Submit
- Closing date is listed at the top of the page
- Incomplete applications will not be assessed
- Once submitted, application status will change to submitted
Step 4: Receipt
● Application receipt will be sent to the email address provided when you created your Curtin account, once your application has been submitted

Step 5: Assessment
● Applications will be assessed by an assessment panel using the following criteria:
  o Responses to questions in application form
  o Demonstrated academic potential
  o Passion / Interest in science
  o References
  o Interview performance (for shortlisted applicants)

Step 6: Shortlist for Interview
● Should an interview be required, shortlisted applicants will be sent interview date and time via the email listed through TISC in early-December 2019
● Interview will be held the week commencing 13 December 2019
● Shortlisted applicants must be available for designated interview date and time

Step 7: Outcome
● Outcome will be sent via the email address listed through TISC on 23 December 2019 (all successful and unsuccessful applicants will be notified)

Step 8: Acceptance
● Successful applicants must return acceptance documents by 31 January 2020
● Deferral of this scholarship is not permitted

Please note:
● Scholarship will be awarded if there are applicants of sufficient merit
● Scholarship will commence from first semester of study
● Scholarship is not transferable to another university

Need more information?

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

Further information
How do I prepare for an interview?
Tips on how to complete your application can be found under the Applying for scholarships link on the scholarships website. 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

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.