



2020 - Bankwest Curtin Economics Centre Economics and Social Policy Scholarship

Status: **Open**

Applications open: 19/07/2019

Applications close: 15/11/2019

About this scholarship

Description/Applicant information

The Bankwest Curtin Economics Centre's Economics and Social Policy Scholarship is to support broadening access to tertiary education for those traditionally underrepresented at university and who may benefit from financial assistance to attend university. The scholarship will be awarded to an undergraduate or postgraduate coursework student undertaking studies in the area(s) of economics or social policy. The scholarship reflects Bankwest's commitment to community development and the Centre's aim to improve the lives of West Australians.

Student type

- Current Students
- Future Students

Faculty

- Centre for Aboriginal Studies
- Faculty of Business and Law
- Faculty of Health Sciences
- Faculty of Humanities
- Faculty of Science & Engineering
 - Science courses
 - Engineering courses
 - Western Australian School of Mines (WASM)

Course type

- Undergraduate
- Postgraduate coursework

Citizenship

- Australian Citizen
- Australian Permanent Resident
- New Zealand Citizen
- Permanent Humanitarian Visa

Scholarship base

- Need Based
- Merit Based

Value

The Bankwest Curtin Economics Centre Economics and Social Policy Scholarship will provide the following support for the remaining expected duration of the degree (up to a maximum of three years):

- A total value of up to \$15,000 paid as a cash stipend of \$2,500 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-April and mid-September.

Scholarship Details

Maximum number awarded



Eligible courses

All undergraduate and postgraduate coursework courses will be considered.

Eligibility criteria

Applicants must meet ALL of the following criteria to be considered for the Bankwest Curtin Economics Centre Economics and Social Policy Scholarship:

- Australian citizen, Australian permanent resident, Australian permanent humanitarian visa holder (PHV), or New Zealand citizen;
- Enrolled full time (100 credits) in a Curtin undergraduate or postgraduate coursework degree as at the scholarship closing date;
- Residing within Australia;
- Minimum course weighted average (CWA) of at least 50 (if applicable);
- Be able to demonstrate interest/passion for economics and social policy;
- Be from a low socio-economic background and be able to demonstrate financial need;
- Not currently hold an industry sponsored scholarship; and
- Available to attend BCEC's events and activities, and participate in media and marketing engagements where required

Scholarships will be awarded provided there are applicants considered to be of sufficient merit. The panel for the scholarship reserves the right not to award the scholarships in any one year if no suitable applicant(s) are found.

Enrolment requirements

Recipients must meet ALL of the following:

- Remain enrolled in initial course of study;
- Maintain a full time study load of at least 100 credit points each semester at Curtin University;
- Maintain a course weighted average (CWA) of at least 50 each semester; and
- Pass all units attempted each semester.

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.

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.

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:
 - Receipt of an offer of a place into an undergraduate degree at Curtin University in 2020;
 - Responses to questions in application form;
 - Demonstrates academic potential;
 - Financial hardship and socioeconomic status; and
 - Demonstrates an interest/passion for economics and social policy.

Step 6: 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 7: Acceptance

- Successful applicants (including those who wish to defer their studies) must return acceptance documents by 31 January 2020.
- Deferral of this scholarship is permitted (details included in scholarship terms and conditions).

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

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; or
- 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.

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](#).