2020 - Mark Oliver Scholarship

Status: Closed
Applications open: 15/10/2019
Applications close: 13/03/2020

About this scholarship

Description/Applicant information
The Mark Oliver Scholarship has been developed to honour the memory of Mark Oliver, who worked at Curtin University for over 18 years. In his role as Manager, IT Service Centre for Curtin Information and Technology Services (CITS), he managed the Abacus and Equity Laboratories before he sadly passed away in 2017 at the age of 39. He loved computers, helping people and working at Curtin. This scholarship allows his memory to live on, and will provide support for students experiencing hardship in perpetuity. The scholarship is to support students experiencing financial hardship to purchase technology related items (e.g. laptop, software, etc.) in order to further their studies.

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

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

Scholarship base
- Need Based

Value
The Mark Oliver Scholarship will provide the following support as one-off payment:
- A cash stipend of $1,000. The amount can be used towards purchasing the technology related expenses (e.g. laptop/software etc.)

Scholarship Details

Eligible courses
All undergraduate courses

Eligibility criteria
Applicants must meet ALL of the following criteria to be considered for a Mark Oliver Scholarship:
• Australian citizen, New Zealand citizen, Australian permanent resident or Australian Permanent Humanitarian Visa holder
• Demonstrate financial hardship
• Demonstrate need of the technology related item (e.g. laptop, software, etc.)
• Enrolled full-time or part-time (minimum 50 credits per semester) in an undergraduate course at Curtin University (Bentley campus) in 2020
• Minimum course weighted average (CWA) of 50 (for current students) or ATAR of 70 (for commencing students)

Note:
Applicants who are seeking the scholarship for assistive technology (e.g. modified or alternate keyboards, voice to text software, switches activated by pressure/sound/voice, touch screens etc.) will be given priority.

Enrolment requirements

Changes to Enrolment
If a recipient intends to change their enrolment, 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.

Withdrawal or Terminated from units or course: A recipient who withdraws from their units or course of study, or has been terminated from their studies will become ineligible for the 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 sponsor ceases to fund the scholarship.

How to apply

Application process
Step 1: Access application form
• Application form can be accessed via the ‘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 on the Applying for scholarships link on the scholarships website

Step 3: Submit
• Closing date is listed at the top of the page and within the 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:
  o Financial hardship
  o Responses to low SES questions or educational disadvantages
  o Need for the technology related items
  o Character references

Step 6: Outcome
• Outcome will be sent via the Scholarships Channel within 6-8 weeks of the scholarship closing date
• All unsuccessful and successful applicants will be notified

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 need
• Scholarship will commence from the semester of study for which the scholarship was awarded
• Scholarship is not transferable to another major, course or university
Need more information?

Enquiries
Scholarships Office
E: scholarships@curtin.edu.au
T: (08) 9266 2992
Visit our Frequently Asked Questions

Further information
For advice on how to complete your application, please download the Application Guide.
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 Department of Human Services 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.