2021 - John Curtin Scholarship Program

Status: Open
Applications open: 2/07/2020
Applications close: 16/09/2020

About this scholarship

Description/Applicant information
The John Curtin Scholarship Program invests in future leaders who intend to use their abilities and passion to lead positive change in the community. Scholars receive a high level of financial support over the duration of their undergraduate studies. More importantly, the program provides opportunities for scholars to develop the personal qualities to become a future leader and the capability to inspire change.

Scholarships within the Program:
  - John Curtin Undergraduate Scholarship
  - Julia Gillard Women in Leadership Scholarship

Academically gifted students who display John Curtin's qualities of vision, leadership and community service are eligible to be nominated for the John Curtin Scholarship Program.

Students selected as John Curtin Scholars have excelled in a wide range of endeavours, and have lent their talents and energies to the community around them.

Female nominees are also eligible to be nominated for the Julia Gillard Women in Leadership Scholarship. This scholarship has been established to encourage and support women develop the required skills to become leaders in their field. Both scholarships can be applied for on the same application form.

Please note:
Nomination form must be completed by a professional educator who can verify/support your academic excellence. Professional educators include school principal, TAFE lecturer etc.

Student type
  - 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
  - Merit Based

Value
The John Curtin Scholarship Program will provide the following:
Comprehensive financial support
Course fees for the duration of the undergraduate degree (excluding the SSAF)
Cash stipend of $2,000 per annum to assist with living expenses

Scholars may opt to receive a cash stipend of $8,000 per annum in place of the fee and stipend payment.

International study experience
A one-off cash payment of $6,000 to contribute towards an eligible international study experience where the scholar can immerse themselves in another culture and learn about their field of study in a global context.

Leadership opportunities
Scholars are encouraged to engage in projects that will give them real world leadership experience. Through these experiences, the program enables scholars to build their leadership skills, facilitate positive change and create a meaningful impact with their discipline of study.

Mentoring and alumni network
Scholars will be paired with a current JCSP mentor throughout their degree
The John Curtin Scholar Alumni are closely connected with the current scholar group and have attained numerous achievements across the public and private sectors, and in further study. Alumni provide ongoing inspiration and mentorship to current scholars, serving as an invaluable resource.

Scholarship Details

Eligible courses
All undergraduate degrees

Eligibility criteria
Nominees must meet all of the following criteria to be considered for the scholarships within the John Curtin Scholarship Program:

SCHOOL-LEAVERS
School-leaver applicants are those who will be completing Year 12 in this current academic year that the scholarship closes in.

- Australian citizen, Australian permanent resident, Australian permanent humanitarian or New Zealand citizen
- Current year 12 student in the top 5% of their high school’s graduating year and be nominated by the school principal
- Selected Curtin University as a first preference through TISC to undertake an undergraduate degree by the scholarship closing date
  - Preferences must be confirmed by the closing date of this scholarship application, and remain unchanged until the scholarship is awarded
  - It is the nominees responsibility to ensure that they have completed the declaration and finalised the payment to TISC to ensure that their preferences are valid by the deadline stipulated. Nominees should familiarise themselves with TISC processes, deadlines and timelines for preferences to be available to institutions.
- Able to demonstrate leadership qualities and engagement in community service
- Commencing undergraduate degree in semester 1, 2021

This scholarship is not deferrable - recipients must commence their course in semester 1, 2021

NON SCHOOL-LEAVERS

- Australian citizen, Australian permanent resident, Australian permanent humanitarian or New Zealand citizen
- Commencing undergraduate degree within 5 years of graduating high-school
- Selected Curtin University as a first preference through TISC to undertake an undergraduate degree by the scholarship closing date (applicants who are not applying through TISC, please contact the Scholarships Office for further information):
  - Preferences must be confirmed by the closing date of this scholarship application, and remain unchanged until the scholarship is awarded
  - It is the nominees responsibility to ensure that they have completed the declaration and finalised the payment to TISC to ensure that their preferences are valid by the deadline stipulated. Nominees should familiarise themselves with TISC processes, deadlines and timelines for preferences to be available to institutions.
- Able to demonstrate leadership qualities and engagement in community service
- Must be nominated by a registered professional educator who can verify and support their academic excellence
- Commencing undergraduate degree in semester 1, 2021

This scholarship is not deferrable - recipients must commence their course in semester 1, 2021

Applicants for the Julia Gillard Women in Leadership must also meet the following criteria in addition to the above:
Enrolment requirements
Recipients must meet ALL of the following:

- Maintain a full-time study load of at least 75 credits each study period at Curtin University
- Maintain a course weighted average (CWA) of at least 70 each study period
- Pass all enrolled units each study period

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.

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 the scholarship, 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: Download
- Nomination form and Nomination Guide available to download from right hand side of this page

Step 2: Complete
- Nominator and nominee to complete nomination form
- Nominees must have selected Curtin University as a first preference through TISC to undertake an undergraduate degree by the scholarship closing date

Step 3: Submit
- Closing date listed at top of page and on nomination form
- Late submissions will not be considered, therefore, applicants are encouraged to submit their applications early
- Incomplete applications will be assessed as unsuccessful
- Nomination form can be submitted by nominator or nominee
- Please ensure nomination form has been signed

Step 4: Receipt
- Application receipt sent within 10 working days of receiving nomination to:
  - Nominator via email listed on nomination form and
  - Nominee via email registered with TISC

Step 5: Assessment
- Assessment commences as soon as applications close
- Applications will be assessed by an assessment panel using the following criteria:
  - Academic excellence
  - Demonstrated leadership skills (within and outside of school parameters)
  - Demonstrated community involvement (within and outside of school parameters)
  - Nominee’s essay
  - Nominator’s statement

Step 6: Outcome
- Outcome will be sent to all nominees via email registered with TISC in early December (all successful and unsuccessful nominees will be notified)
- Nominators of successful recipients will be notified via email in early-December

Step 7: Acceptance
- Successful nominees must return acceptance documents by mid-December

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

Submission Methods:

Email: scholarships@curtin.edu.au
Form must be printed and signed before being submitted to the Scholarships Office. Please ensure that it has been saved as a single PDF.

In Person:
Curtin University
Scholarships Office
Buridge 101, Level 1
Kent Street
BENTLEY WA

Post:
Curtin University
Scholarships Office
Buridge 101, Level 1
GPO Box U1987
PERTH WA 6845

Please note: All nominations must be signed by the nominator and nominee

Need more information?

Enquiries
Scholarships Office
E: scholarships@curtin.edu.au
T: 1300 222 888
Frequently Asked questions: https://askcurtin.custhelp.com/app/answers/list/kw/scholarship

Further information
Application Advice
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 the Scholarships Office.

Centrelink
For advice on your Centrelink payments and how your scholarship could affect your payment please see the 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.