Financial and Housing Support Bursary - COVID-19

Status: Open
Applications open: 30/03/2020
Applications close: 5/06/2020

About this scholarship

Description/Applicant information
The Financial and Housing Support Bursary is available to assist students who are in financial hardship as a consequence of COVID-19.

The Financial Bursary is for students who require immediate financial assistance and do not have other means of support available and the Housing Bursary is for students who require on campus accommodation for semester 1, 2020.

Student type
- Current 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
- Pathways to undergraduate
- Undergraduate
- Postgraduate coursework
- Higher Degree by Research

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

Scholarship base
- Need Based

Value
Range based on student need

Scholarship Details

Eligible courses
All Curtin Undergraduate and Postgraduate courses

Eligibility criteria
- Enrolled in a minimum of 25 credit points in semester 1, 2020
- In financial hardship as a direct consequence of COVID-19

https://scholarships.curtin.edu.au
Enrolment requirements
Recipients must meet ALL of the following:

- Maintain current enrollment in semester 1, 2020. Students who withdraw from units or their course will be required to repay to Curtin University the stipend awarded.

Changes to Enrolment
Recipients must remain enrolled.

How to apply

Application process
Step 1: Access application form
- Application form can be accessed 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.

Step 3: Submit
- Once submitted, application status will change to submitted.
- Incomplete applications will be sent back to the applicant and will not be assessed.

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

Step 5: Assessment
- Applications will be assessed using the following criteria:
  - Responses to questions in application form
  - Demonstration of financial hardship as a consequence of COVID-19

Step 6: Outcome
- Outcome will be sent via the Scholarships Channel.
- 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).

Please note:
- Scholarship will be awarded if there are applicants of sufficient need.
- Scholarship is not transferable to another major, course or university.

Need more information?

Enquiries
Scholarships Office
E: scholarships@curtin.edu.au
Visit our Frequently Asked Questions.

Further information
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](https://www.ato.gov.au) to help you determine if your scholarship is taxable. For expert advice please contact the [Australian Taxation Office](https://www.ato.gov.au) 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.