



2021 - John de Laeter Top Excellence Scholarship

Status: **Open**

Applications open: 25/05/2020

Applications close: 18/12/2020

About this scholarship

Description/Applicant information

The John de Laeter Top Excellence Scholarship has been developed by Curtin University to reward and assist academically talented student(s) who receive the top ATAR within the Faculty of Science and Engineering.

Application forms are not required, students apply by selecting a science or engineering undergraduate degree through TISC as their first preference.

Professor John de Laeter was the founding head of Applied Physics at Curtin in the 1960's and is one of Western Australia's most distinguished Scholars. His research publications cover a broad spectrum, from fundamental and applied physics, astronomy and geosciences, to issues in science education and the history of science. Professor John de Laeter was instrumental in setting up isotope ratio mass spectrometric research in Western Australia culminating in the State Centre of Excellence for Mass Spectrometry, which is now named after him.

The scholarship will be offered based on raw ATAR scores. The [StepUp bonus](#) is **not** considered when awarding this scholarship.

Student type

- Future Students

Faculty

- Faculty of Science & Engineering

Course type

- Undergraduate

Specifically for

- Year twelve students

Citizenship

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

Scholarship base

- Merit Based

Value

The John de Laeter Top Excellence scholarship will provide the following support for the expected duration of the offered undergraduate degree (based on a full-time study load of 100 credit points each study period):

A total value of up to:

- \$18,000 for a 3 year degree
- \$24,000 for a 4 year degree
- \$30,000 for a 5 year degree
- \$33,000 for a 5.5 year degree

Paid as a cash stipend of \$3,000 per study period. The amount can be used at the recipient's discretion to contribute towards educational related expenses.

Semester payments will be paid approximately mid-March and mid-August each year.

Scholarship Details



Eligible courses

All undergraduate degrees within the faculty of Science and Engineering

Eligibility criteria

Candidates must meet ALL of the following criteria to be considered for a John de Laeter Top Excellence Scholarship:

- Australian citizen, Australian permanent resident, Australian permanent humanitarian or New Zealand citizen
- Selected Curtin University as a first preference through TISC to undertake a Science & Engineering undergraduate degree in 2021 the scholarship closing date
- Receive a course offer in main round offers into the first preference course that was listed on TISC at the scholarship closing date
- Accept the course offer made in main round offers by the main round course offer lapse date
- Undertaking year 12 WACE in 2020
- Received the top raw ATAR* within the faculty of Science and Engineering at Curtin University
- Will enrol full-time (a minimum 75 credits per study period) at Curtin University

* Offers will be made based on raw ATAR scores. The [StepUp](#) bonus of is **not** considered when awarding this scholarship.

This scholarship is deferrable for up to one year

Enrolment requirements

Recipients must meet ALL of the following:

- Remain enrolled in a Science or Engineering undergraduate degree
- Maintain a full-time study load of at least 75 credit points 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.

- **Change from full-time enrolment**
- **Change of course**
- **Leave of absence:** Students must complete at least one semester of study before applying for a leave of absence from their scholarship. If approved, the maximum period of leave is 12 months. Please note that leave of absence is separate from deferral.

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.

How to apply

Application process

Application form not required - please follow the steps below.

Eligibility and Assessment

Step 1: Select preferences through TISC

- Select eligible degree [through TISC](#) as first preference for main round offers
- Preference must be selected by scholarship closing date (listed at top of page)
- Eligible degrees listed in 'Eligible Courses'

Step 2: Course Offer

- Receive an offer of a place into first preference course listed on TISC in main round offers
- Successful candidates must accept course offer which was made to them in main round offers before the course offer lapse date

Step 3: Outcome

- Scholarship(s) will be awarded to all eligible students
- Successful candidate(s) sent notification via email listed through TISC after main round offers



Step 4: Acceptance

- Successful candidate(s) (including those who wish to defer their studies) must return acceptance documents by 31 January 2021
- Deferral of this scholarship is permitted (details included in scholarship terms and conditions)

Please note:

- Scholarship will commence from first semester of study
- Scholarship is not transferrable to another faculty or 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

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](#).