



## 2021 - Edmund Rice Emerging Leaders Scholarship

Status: **Open**

Applications open: 14/08/2020

Applications close: 13/11/2020

### About this scholarship

#### Description/Applicant information

The Edmund Rice Emerging Leader Scholarship supports students from a refugee background with an aspiration to pursue a career in politics. This scholarship aims to stimulate change for a better world.

#### 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
- Permanent Humanitarian Visa
- International Student

#### Scholarship base

- Merit Based

#### Value

The Edmund Rice Emerging Leaders Scholarship will provide the following support for up to a maximum of 3 years (based on a full-time study load of 100 credits per semester):

- 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 such as text books and/or general living expenses.
- Opportunity to participate in the Edmund Rice Centre WA Developing Community Leaders Initiative (highly recommended)

### Scholarship Details

#### Eligible courses

All undergraduate degrees will be considered

#### Eligibility criteria

Applicants must meet all of the following criteria to be eligible to apply for the Edmund Rice Emerging Leaders Scholarship:

- Enrolled full-time (100 credits) in an undergraduate degree at Curtin University in semester 1, 2021
- From a refugee background and currently residing in Australia
- Demonstrated leadership potential



- Interest in pursuing a career in politics
- An active member of a political group or similar advocacy group through the Curtin Student Guild or any other organisation that demonstrates their commitment to pursue a career in politics or international relations/diplomacy
- Willingness to participate in one or more of the following:
  - Photograph
  - Event hosted by the University Advancement
  - Hand written thank you note to the donor

*Deferral of this scholarship is not permitted*

## 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 study period at Curtin University
- Maintain a course weighted average (CWA) of at least 60 each study period
- Pass all units attempted

## 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](mailto: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 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 2021
  - Responses to questions in application form
  - Demonstrated academic potential
  - An active member of a political group or similar advocacy group
  - Demonstrated commitment to pursue a career in politics or international relations/diplomacy

#### Step 6: Outcome

- Outcome will be sent via the email address listed through TISC in mid-January 2021 (all successful and unsuccessful applicants will be notified)

#### Step 7: Acceptance



- Successful applicants must return acceptance documents by 31 January 2021
- Deferral of this scholarship is not permitted

**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](mailto:scholarships@curtin.edu.au)

T: +61 1300 222 888

Visit our [Frequently Asked Questions](#)

### Further information

Tips on how to complete your application can be found under the [Applying for scholarships](#) link on the scholarships website.

#### Application Advice

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, or they are successful for more than one externally funded scholarship, 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 [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](#).