



2020 - Semester 2 - Humanities Rob Riley Memorial Scholarship

Status: **Closed**

Applications open: 30/06/2020

Applications close: 14/08/2020

About this scholarship

Description/Applicant information

The Humanities Rob Riley Memorial Scholarship honours the memory of Rob Riley by supporting and encouraging Indigenous students in postgraduate course studies within the Faculty of Humanities.

Rob Riley was a prominent Aboriginal activist and community leader who tirelessly advocated for social justice for Aboriginal people in Australia. Over his life, Rob held many influential roles such as CEO of the WA Aboriginal Legal Service, Chairperson of the National Aboriginal Council and was a senior advisor to the Federal Minister for Aboriginal Affairs.

Rob Riley established Curtin's Centre for Aboriginal Studies and was awarded the Human Rights Medal in 1996.

Student type

- Current Students

Faculty

- Faculty of Humanities

Course type

- Postgraduate coursework

Specifically for

- Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander Students

Citizenship

- Australian Citizen

Scholarship base

- Merit Based

Value

The Humanities Rob Riley Memorial Scholarship will provide the following support for the normal remaining duration of the postgraduate degree for up to a maximum of 2 years (based on a full-time study load of 100 credits per semester):

- A cash stipend of \$5,000 per semester. The amount can be used to contribute towards education-related expenses

Scholarship Details

Eligible courses

Any Humanities coursework Masters degree that is an HDR pathway course (that is, it will have a research training component that is equivalent to Honours as per the AQF)

Eligibility criteria

Applicants must meet all of the following criteria to be eligible for the Humanities Rob Riley Memorial Scholarship:

- Be an Indigenous Australian
- Undertaking a Masters (by coursework) pathway to HDR course within the faculty of Humanities in semester 2, 2020
- Not currently hold a scholarship (Commonwealth Education Costs and Commonwealth Accommodation Scholarships are excepted)

Enrolment requirements

Recipients must meet all of the following:



- Remain enrolled in initial course of study
- Maintain a course weighted average (CWA) of at least 70 each semester
- Pass all units attempted each semester

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 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](#)' page 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:
 - Responses to questions in application form
 - Enrolled in an eligible postgraduate course at Curtin University in semester 2, 2020
 - Demonstrated academic potential

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 merit
- Scholarship will commence from the semester of study for which the scholarship was awarded
- Scholarship is not transferable to another major, course or university
- The award and continuity of the scholarship is subject to receipt by Curtin of the scholarship funding from the scholarship sponsor

Need more information?



Enquiries

Scholarships Office

E: scholarships@curtin.edu.au

T: 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](#).