



## 2022 - Harry Perkins Memorial Scholarship

Status: **Open**

Applications open: 27/05/2021

Applications close: 26/11/2021

### About this scholarship

#### Description/Applicant information

The Harry Perkins Memorial Scholarship has been developed by Curtin University to support students who are required to relocate from a regional or remote area to commence an undergraduate degree at Curtin University, who are from a low socio-economic background and are experiencing financial hardship.

The Scholarship recognises Harry Perkins, the Chancellor of Curtin University from 1996-2002. During that period, he played a key role in forging international and local business and government partnerships, including negotiations with the Sarawak Government to set up Curtin's first offshore campus in Miri, East Malaysia. Harry Perkins' 45-year career commenced in his birthplace of Bruce Rock in Western Australia as a farmer, and expanded to the boardroom of WA's largest company, Wesfarmers, where he was chairman for 16 years. Harry also held many other key positions including, board positions with the Country Medical Foundation, Sir Charles Gardner Hospital and the WA Institute for Medical Research (now known as Harry Perkins Institute of medical research). He was appointed an Officer of Order of Australia for his service to primary industry, tertiary education and the community in 2001. Curtin's Council agreed to confer upon him the degree of Honorary Doctor of Technology in October 2002.

#### 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

#### Specifically for

- Students from regional or remote areas

#### Citizenship

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

#### Scholarship base

- Need Based

#### Value

The Harry Perkins Memorial Scholarship will provide the following support for the expected duration of the recipient's undergraduate degree (based on a full-time study load of 200 credits per year):

A total value of up to:

- \$12,000 for a 3 year degree
- \$14,000 for a 3.5 year degree
- \$16,000 for a 4 year degree
- \$20,000 for a 5 year degree



- \$22,000 for a 5.5 year degree

There are two payment options:

### Option 1

The scholarship will be paid as a cash stipend of \$2,000 per study period. The amount can be used at the recipient's discretion to contribute towards educational related expenses.

### Option 2

The scholarship will be paid directly towards the student's Curtin Housing accommodation.

## Scholarship Details

### Eligible courses

All undergraduate degrees

### Eligibility criteria

Applicants must meet all of the following criteria to be eligible to apply for the Harry Perkins Memorial Scholarship:

- Australian citizen, Australian permanent resident, Australian permanent humanitarian or New Zealand citizen
- Selected Curtin University as a first or second preference through TISC to undertake an undergraduate degree in 2022
- Relocating from a regional and/or remote area to commence study
- Financial hardship and low socioeconomic status

*This scholarship is deferrable for up to one year.*

### Enrolment requirements

Recipients must meet all of the following:

- Maintain an enrolment each study period at Curtin University
- Maintain a course weighted average (CWA) of at least 50 each study period
- Fail no more than one unit each study period

### 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 2022
  - Responses to questions in application form
  - Financial hardship and socioeconomic status
  - From a rural or regional background

## Step 6: Outcome

- Outcome will be sent via the email address listed through TISC after main round course offers (all successful and unsuccessful applicants will be notified)

## Step 7: Acceptance

- Successful applicants (including those who wish to defer their studies) must return acceptance documents by deadline stipulated in Terms and Conditions
- Deferral of this scholarship is permitted (details included in scholarship terms and conditions)

### Please note:

- Scholarship will be awarded if there are applicants of sufficient need
- 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: 1300 222 888

Visit our [Frequently Asked Questions](#)

### 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](#).