



INDIGENOUS SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

2016 INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANTS

The Indigenous Scholarships and Awards Committee (ISAC) was established in 2006, the result of incorporating the Truganini Scholarship Committee and bringing together a number of other Indigenous scholarships under one umbrella. The Indigenous Scholarships and Awards Committee award the following trusts and bursaries:

- The Arno Herpe Memorial Foundation (UTR 6.205)
- The Bruce C Hartnett Bursaries (UTR 6.72(246))
- The Edward J Darbyshire Trust (UTR 6.72(205))
- Harold Mackrell Indigenous Student Scholarship (UTR 6.327)
- The Isabella Ina Oldham Scholarships (UTR 6.243)
- The Lois Woodward Scholarship for Indigenous Australians (UTR 6.72(123))
- The Rotary District 9800 — Aboriginal Vocational Fund (UTR 7.75(23))
- Truganini Scholarships (UTR 6.144)

The Indigenous Scholarships and Awards Committee (the Committee) seeks applications from Indigenous students of the University of Melbourne (the University) for scholarships and bursaries for 2016.

Before completing your application please read this information carefully.

Further information and advice on your application may be obtained from:

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Kiernan can assist applicants interested in applying for the various awards. He will be able to help you address the criteria on which the Committee makes its decisions and assist with enquiries regarding the online application.

**The closing date for applications is:
Tuesday, 15 March 2016**

Applications are submitted through the Student Grants application online at:
<https://studenteforms.app.unimelb.edu.au/apex/f?p=160>.

Please note late applications will not be considered.

1. GUIDELINES FOR AWARD OF GRANTS

1.1 Awards are granted for any of the following:

- Travel expenses for fieldwork or conference participation.
- Contribution towards fees paid by graduates for enrolment in postgraduate certificates and diplomas.
- Contribution towards tuition fees.
- Contribution to the costs of production of outputs by visual arts students in the form of sponsorship of a film, exhibition, performance or publication — such as poetry.
- Contribution towards technology expenses, e.g. purchase of a laptop computer.
- Contribution towards the expenses associated with establishing a professional library.
- Socio-economic welfare support, e.g. support for childcare expenses, rental subsidy, yearly Melbourne Met Link travel and region travel.

1.2 The number of scholarships awarded in any year is determined by the Committee. Amounts awarded vary but normally range from approximately \$500 to \$ 5,000. The Committee distributed approximately \$ 120,000 across nine trusts/bursaries in 2015. The funds distributed for 2016 are still to be finalised. Since the annual income of some the trusts may be small, only limited support can be given to students.

1.3 In order to be considered for a scholarship you must —

- be enrolled at the University of Melbourne at the time of application;
- be an Indigenous (Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander) Australian;
- meet all other eligibility criteria for individual awards.

2. SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION AND SELECTION CRITERIA

2.1 It is important that you address the selection criteria for the scholarships or awards you are applying for. If you do not adequately address the selection criteria your application may be considered ineligible for funding.

The Arno Herpe Memorial Foundation Scholarship — UTR 6.205

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| Number of scholarships | Unspecified – depends on funds available. |
| Duration/Amount | Two types available: (a) annual scholarship payments of approx \$12,000 per annum; (b) one-off payments of approx \$ 12,000. |
| Amount of scholarship | Net annual income of the Trust |
| Degree level | Undergraduate/graduate |
| Eligibility criteria | Indigenous to the South Pacific area, including Australia and New Zealand. Full-time student. Preference to be given to: (a) graduate students in civil engineering; (b) other Engineering graduate students; (c) undergraduate engineering students; (d) all other students. |
| Selection Criteria | Scholarships for undergraduate or graduate |

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| | students. Preference given to: (a) graduate students in civil engineering; (b) other engineering graduate students; (c) all other students. Selection is based on financial need, academic merit and community involvement. |
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The Bruce C Hartnett Bursaries — UTR 6.72(246)

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| Number of scholarships | Unspecified — depends on funds available. |
| Duration | One-off payment. |
| Amount of scholarship | Not fixed. Needs of the applicant to be considered. |
| Degree level | Undergraduate/graduate. |
| Eligibility criteria | Indigenous. |
| Selection Criteria | Bursaries for students in financial need. |

The Edward J Darbyshire Trust Scholarship — UTR 6.72(205)

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| Number of scholarships | One (1) – but depends on funds available |
| Duration | Normal duration of course. |
| Amount of scholarship | Net annual income of the Trust. |
| Degree level | Undergraduate. |
| Eligibility criteria | Indigenous. Full-time. |
| Selection Criteria | A scholarship for a full-time undergraduate student. Selection is based on financial need and academic performance. |

Harold Mackrell Indigenous Student Scholarship — (UTR 6.327)

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| Number of scholarships | Two (2) – but depends on funds available |
| Duration | One-off payment. |
| Amount of scholarship | Net annual income of the Trust. |
| Degree level | Coursework or research degree. |
| Eligibility criteria | Indigenous. Full-time. |
| Selection Criteria | Two scholarships for a full-time coursework or research degree students. Selection is based on financial need and academic performance. |

The Isabella Ina Oldham Scholarship — (UTR 6.243)

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| Number of scholarships | Unspecified — depends on funds available. |
| Duration | Unspecified. |
| Amount of scholarship | Not fixed. Needs of the applicant to be considered. |
| Degree level | Graduate. |
| Eligibility criteria | Indigenous. |
| Selection Criteria | Scholarships for graduate research or coursework students. Selection is based on financial need, academic merit, and support from an academic member of staff |

The Lois Woodward Scholarship for Indigenous Australians — (UTR 6.72(123))

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| Number of scholarships | One (1) – but depends on funds available. |
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| Duration | Normal duration of course. |
| Amount of scholarship | Net annual income of the Trust |
| Degree level | Undergraduate. |
| Eligibility criteria | Indigenous woman. Mature-age (non-school leaver). |
| Selection Criteria | A scholarship for a mature age (non-school leaver) female undergraduate student. Selection is based on financial need and academic merit |

The Rotary District 9800 — Aboriginal Vocational Fund (UTR 7.75(23))

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| Number of scholarships | Unspecified — depends on funds available. |
| Duration | One-off payment/s. |
| Amount of scholarship | Net annual income of the Trust |
| Degree level | Undergraduate/graduate. |
| Eligibility criteria | Indigenous. |
| Selection Criteria | Selection is based on financial need, the potential to achieve (including academic performance), and evidence showing the applicant is a good role model and can represent the Indigenous community. |

Truganini Scholarships and Rotary District Aboriginal Vocation Fund — (UTR 6.144)

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| Number of scholarships/bursaries | Up to three Truganini Scholarships/unspecified number of Rotary Bursaries. |
| Duration | One year but may be renewed if progress is satisfactory. |
| Amount of scholarship | Not fixed. Needs of the applicant to be considered. |
| Degree level | Undergraduate/graduate. |
| Eligibility criteria | Indigenous. |
| Selection Criteria | Scholarships for undergraduate or graduate students. Selection is based on financial need, the potential to achieve (including academic performance), and evidence showing the applicant is a good role model and can represent the Indigenous community. |

2.2 Successful applicants are required to provide a detailed report on the success and benefits of the award for the following trusts/bursaries:

- The Arno Herpe Memorial Foundation
- The Bruce C Hartnett Bursaries
- The Edward J Darbyshire Trust
- Harold Mackrell Indigenous Student Scholarship
- The Isabella Ina Oldham Scholarships
- The Lois Woodward Scholarship for Indigenous Australians
- Rotary District 9800 Aboriginal Vocational Fund
- Truganini Scholarships and Bursaries

Recipients are asked to submit their reports six months after being granted the award. Student reports will be provided to donors of the trusts and may also be published on

the University website. If you are agreeable to having your report published please advise so in the applicant declaration section of the application form.

Please note that it is important that an award report is submitted, otherwise award recipients may be asked to return the funds to the relevant trust fund. If there are any unexpended funds, they must be returned to the relevant trust.

3. SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION

3.1 You are asked to complete and submit your application online through the Student Grants application. You may choose to cut and paste into the fields from another document, or simply type directly into the online application.

3.2 To be eligible for funding, it is important that you supply the necessary information and attach adequate supporting materials to your application.

3.3 The Isabella Ina Oldham Scholarship — Further Information
The application must include statements from the candidate **and** the supervisor/academic referee as appropriate. Please attach to this application form where indicated.

From the Candidate:

- The objectives and intended outcomes of the program of study, expenditure, training or research.
- How the program will benefit the candidate personally and professionally.
- Details of the proposed program, including scope of research/study, planned activities, timetable, location and contact details at each location.
- The detailed budget sought for the program and any contribution, financial or otherwise, to be provided by other sources.

From the Candidate's Institution or Academic Referees:

- Evidence that the applicant is accepted into the program of study or research, if relevant.
- A reference on the applicant's potential for success in their studies.
- The potential of the program to promote education or research in Indigenous communities.

3.4 All applicants will be asked to submit the Applicant Declaration.

The Applicant Declaration includes an agreement that the University can disclose relevant personal details to scholarship funding bodies if the funding body requests a list of applicants and/or scholarship recipients or progress reports/results for scholarship recipients.

You will also be asked if you agree to the University releasing your personal details (e.g. your name; the name of the scholarship/s awarded; and name of the course for which the scholarship was awarded; brief information about your intended research/studies; photo) for publications, promotional and marketing, and reporting purposes.

3.5 If you require help please contact:

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- 3.5** The Indigenous Scholarships and Awards Committee will meet in April to consider applications and award the scholarships. Successful recipients will be contacted of the outcome via email.

PRIVACY INFORMATION

The information we are asking you to provide will be available to and used by the Indigenous Scholarships and Awards Committee, staff from the Melbourne Scholarships Office, a University Accounting Officer and the ISAC Committee Secretary, in order to consider and process the applications. Once the Committee has made its decision, information is provided to the Accounting Officer so that scholarship funds can be distributed to the successful applicants. All applications and any other documents discussed at Committee meetings are forwarded to Central Records for filing and storage by the University.

The University has a comprehensive policy addressing issues related to the responsible use, collection and security of, and access to, personal information which can be viewed at the following website, <http://www.unimelb.edu.au/unisec/privacy/>.