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# VISION, LEADERSHIP COMMUNITY SERVICE

John Curtin, Prime Minister of Australia, 1941-1945



We see leadership as the ability to inspire others. Curtin is looking for students who inspire others to arrive at new understandings of themselves and the world.



The John Curtin Undergraduate Scholarship has been the defining force in my university experience. The number of doors it has opened for me in my first year alone has been phenomenal. I have had the chance to be involved with countless programs that not only help the community but that have allowed me to grow so much as a person. Community service, vision and leadership are allowed to flourish as the scholarship provides various opportunities for its recipients to embody these values and work in areas they are passionate about.

The scholarship has pushed me to strive for excellence in all that I do and spend time giving back to the community, while providing me with the opportunity to travel the world. The entire JCUS experience has been surreal; the value of the scholarship transcends all things material. I have met so many amazing, like-minded people and have made friends for life. My life would not be the same without it.



Radhika Kayarat,  
John Curtin Undergraduate Scholar

John Curtin Undergraduate Scholars receive a high level of financial assistance for their university studies. More importantly, the scholarship provides a framework of mentoring and events, and an overseas student exchange experience that develops the personal qualities and self-confidence of our future leaders.

## VALUE

The scholarship pays for the recipient's study costs for the expected duration of their first undergraduate degree.

Study costs include:

- student fees\*
- \$2,000 cash payment per annum to assist with study expenses,  
OR
- \$8,000 cash per annum.

As part of the recipient's personal development, a one-off payment of \$6,000 is available to assist with the costs of an approved international student exchange experience.

Depending on the degree, the scholarship's value can range from approximately \$24,000 to \$44,000.

\* Fees for a student in a Commonwealth Supported Place are paid in full for Australian citizens only. For New Zealand citizens and Australian permanent residents, 90 per cent of the fees are paid and the student will be required to pay the remaining 10 per cent.

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

To be eligible for the John Curtin Undergraduate Scholarship, nominees must:

- be an Australian citizen, permanent resident, New Zealand citizen or holder of a permanent humanitarian visa
- be a future undergraduate student applying for a place at Curtin University to undertake their first undergraduate degree
- choose a Curtin course as their first TISC (or equivalent) preference

- demonstrate leadership qualities and engagement in community service
- be a current year 12 student in the top five per cent of their graduating year and be nominated by the school principal, OR
- be a mature-age student, and be nominated by a professional educator who can verify their academic excellence.

## HOW DOES THE NOMINATION PROCESS WORK?

School leavers must be nominated by their school principal. Each year, the Scholarships Office contacts all high schools in Western Australia and advises them of the nomination process for their current year 12 students.

If the student does not attend a Western Australian high school, they will need to contact the Scholarships Office and provide their school principal's contact details so we can then advise them of the nomination process.

what the scholarship would mean to them in pursuing their chosen career

- a typed essay on the most important issue of concern in their community or in Australia, how it affects them and what needs to be done to resolve it.

## HOW ARE RECIPIENTS SELECTED?

### Academic excellence

School leavers are assessed on their academic performance in their year 11 and 12 school reports. School principals must attest that the nominee is expected to graduate within the top five per cent of their schools graduating year.

Mature-age students must be nominated by a professional educator familiar with their academic potential. They will be assessed on their ATAR, school reports and any other relevant academic achievements.

### Vision and leadership

We see leadership as the ability to inspire others. Curtin is looking for students who inspire others to arrive at new understandings of themselves and the world.

Past recipients have demonstrated their leadership potential through involvement in youth advisory councils, youth groups, coaching roles, school councils, fundraising and peer support programs, or through acting as sports captains, theatre and music leaders, and community volunteer coordinators.

### Community service

Community service is a large part of the John Curtin Undergraduate Scholarship. As future community leaders, John Curtin Undergraduate Scholars are required to devote time and energy to the community around them. Nominees need to be involved in their community as school councillors or student mentors, members of fundraising or other charitable groups, supporters of community causes, volunteers for school or community groups, or other similar kinds of community work.

## WHEN AND HOW WILL THE NOMINEES FIND OUT IF THEY'RE SUCCESSFUL?

Short-listing of nominees occurs in October and November, and all nominees are notified, whether successful or not, soon after the final exam for the year.

Successful nominees are invited to a welcome day in early December where they will have the opportunity to meet other recipients and current John Curtin Undergraduate Scholars.

## LIFE AS A SCHOLAR, WHAT TO EXPECT

As a John Curtin Undergraduate Scholar, students are expected to:

- complete regular community service
- maintain satisfactory progress in their chosen course of study
- meet with the John Curtin Undergraduate Scholars coordinator on a monthly basis
- travel overseas on a student exchange experience.

Scholars will have many chances to meet regularly with the other John Curtin Undergraduate Scholars through various activities that may include an orientation camp, guest speaker functions and community projects. By the end of their time at university, scholars will have made some great friends and had many opportunities to meet and learn from industry and community leaders.

Curtin will help the John Curtin Undergraduate Scholars develop new community links and interests and we encourage them to participate in our projects. They can visit a remote Indigenous community in Laverton, be a leader in the annual John Curtin Weekend activities, and participate in activities with Curtin Volunteers!