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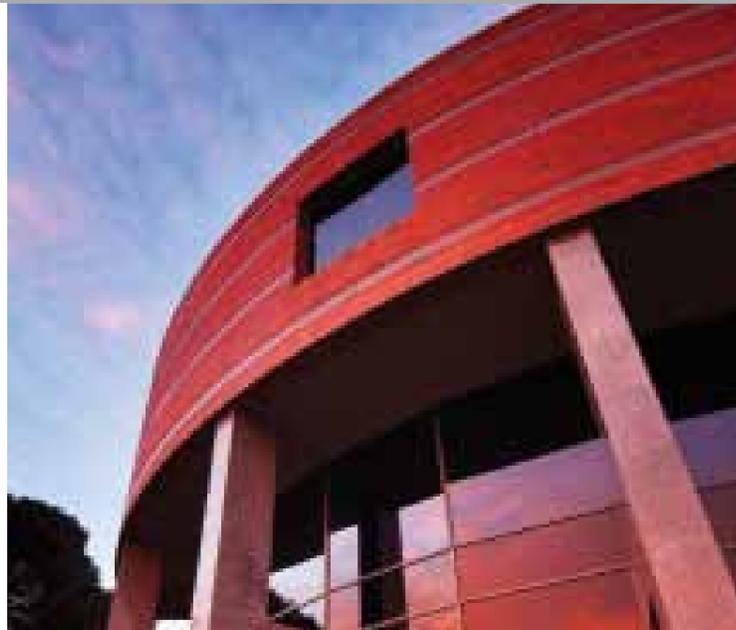
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REWARDING CURIOUS MINDS

FOREWORD

At Curtin, we believe that education is vital to Australia’s future social, cultural and economic prosperity, and that all able students deserve the opportunity to pursue a university degree.

Scholarships are a way to provide students with the financial support they need to concentrate on their studies and achieve their academic potential. At Curtin we invest around \$10 million each year in this way, and I invite you to become one of our partners in this endeavour.

Scholarships both recognise and reward high quality students, and assist deserving young people who would otherwise be excluded from higher education through lack of funds.

Many scholarships are structured to include mentoring, work experience and employment on graduation with the sponsoring organisation. This helps students to graduate with an industry focus, ready to take their

knowledge and skills into the world, and also enables sponsors to benefit from having top students with extensive industry experience as their latest recruits.

On behalf of the University, I thank all our current benefactors for their generous support of the Curtin scholarship program, and urge other individuals and organisations to join us in launching the next generation of leaders.



Professor Jeanette Hackett
Vice-Chancellor, Curtin University

“The scholarship has already provided me with valuable industrial experience and ongoing mentoring”

Leanne Pfeifhofer



A WINNING PARTNERSHIP

RECIPIENT PROFILE

LEANNE PFEIFHOFER

Degree: Bachelor of Engineering (Chemical Engineering)
Scholarship: ConocoPhillips SPIRIT Scholarship (two years)
Sponsor: ConocoPhillips Australasia
Value: \$6500 per year to assist with studying (tuition fees, textbooks and incidental expenses), and up to \$1500 per year for professional development. Scholars may also be offered vacation work at any one of the company’s Australian business locations.

Leanne was overwhelmed when she heard she had received a ConocoPhillips SPIRIT scholarship.

“The scholarship has already provided me with valuable industrial experience and ongoing mentoring,” Leanne says. “I have completed vacation work at ConocoPhillips’ Darwin office, visited the Darwin LNG plant to view operations and attended the 2009 Enterprising Women event – where I networked with professionals from the major oil and gas companies.

“It has also been beneficial in helping me complete my final year research project. Without the scholarship I never would have had the opportunity to attend training courses to further develop my skills and knowledge, I wouldn’t have had the experiences that I have had and wouldn’t have met the range of people who work within the oil and gas industry,” she says.

ConocoPhillips is a major global energy company with Australian operations in Darwin, the Timor Sea, Dili, Western Australia’s Browse Basin, and the Australia Pacific LNG Project in Queensland.

SPONSOR PROFILE

MARK TOMPKINS

According to ConocoPhillips’ Vice President of Operations, Drilling and Supply Chain Mark Tompkins, the SPIRIT Scholarship program provides many benefits for second and third year university students.

“The scholarship was established to encourage engineering and geosciences students to consider a career in the oil and gas industry. Along with financial support for tuition, the scholarship provides students with educational and long-term professional development opportunities,” Mr Tompkins said.

Other benefits generally include vacation employment at one of the company’s Australian business locations under the guidance of experienced industry professionals – something, he said, that was of primary importance to most students.

“Feedback from scholars confirms the scholarship has a very positive impact on their personal confidence and application to their studies. These qualities provide a solid foundation for achieving a successful and satisfying career in any industry, including oil and gas.”

Mr Tompkins said offering the scholarship also allowed the company to attract quality students to the industry – building talent to meet the industry’s current and future demands. Several SPIRIT Scholars have already been recruited to the company’s Early Career Professionals program upon graduation.

The SPIRIT Scholarship program has been operating within ConocoPhillips globally for a number of years and the first Australian Business Unit scholarships were offered to engineering students in 2006.

WHAT IS A SCHOLARSHIP?



1. CONTACT THE CURTIN SCHOLARSHIPS OFFICE

A scholarship is financial aid awarded to a student to help further their education. Scholarships are awarded on various criteria that can reflect your values and purposes.

Scholarships help students successfully complete their university studies by providing financial assistance as a gift that they do not have to repay. The money can be used for a variety of expenses including fees, textbooks, living expenses and study-related expenses.

FOLLOW THESE STEPS TO CREATE A SCHOLARSHIP:

- 1 Contact the Curtin Scholarships Office
- 2 Set your criteria
- 3 Finalise the scholarship
- 4 Select your recipient
- 5 Payment options - awarding the scholarship



Creating a scholarship is simple and the Scholarships Office can provide the advice you need. You are welcome to discuss your ideas with us first. There are many excellent scholarships already in existence that you can model yours on, or create a completely new one.

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2. SET YOUR CRITERIA



STEVE KELLEHER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP Scholarship inspires the next generation of metallurgists

The Steve Kelleher Memorial Scholarship was established by Panoramic Resources to assist students experiencing financial or personal hardship to achieve their goal of becoming metallurgical industry professionals. Named after one of Panoramic Resources most respected employees, this scholarship inspires the next generation of metallurgical engineers, plant managers and production managers to achieve excellence through hard work and perseverance, while also upholding the values of enthusiasm, humility and respect.

When setting up your scholarship we suggest you consider the following questions:

- what type of scholarship?
- who will be eligible to apply?
- scholarship value?
- selection criteria?
- scholarship name?

WHAT TYPE OF SCHOLARSHIP?

There are many different types of scholarships available for both current and future students.

Scholarships – awarded for superior academic achievement in a school, faculty or degree.

Bursaries – given to students on the basis of demonstrated financial need and satisfactory academic standing.

Awards – combining academic standing, financial need and community involvement. (One-off payments also fall into this category.)

Prizes – given to students for superior academic achievement in a school or faculty, with additional non-academic selection criteria taken into consideration.

WHO WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

Eligibility criteria determine who will be considered for your scholarship. If you wish to target a particular group of students then this may be reflected in your eligibility criteria. For example, Hazel Hawke lent her name to a scholarship for mature-age women returning to study, in recognition of her own experiences and achievements.

The following are suggested eligibility criteria you may wish to consider:

- specific course or field of study
- postgraduate/undergraduate and/or stage of study
- coursework or research
- gender
- citizenship.

Or you could designate your scholarship as open to all applicants. An open award increases the likelihood of the best-qualified applicant receiving the award and attracts the best students to the University.

VALUE

You determine the value of your scholarship, and the way you wish to donate the amount.

The value will also depend on the:

- initial investment
- prevailing interest rate (for endowments)
- number of scholarships you wish to award
- tenure of your scholarship.

The tenure is the scholarship's length. You may decide on a semester, a year, or the whole duration of the recipient's degree or research project.

More comprehensive information on your payment options is found on page 12.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Selection criteria select the scholarship recipients from a pool of eligible applicants. For most scholarships the primary criterion is academic achievement.

You may wish to augment this with secondary criteria.

Options include:

- community involvement
- leadership skills
- financial need
- personal essay.

The secondary criteria may reflect your corporate or personal values. The John Curtin Undergraduate Scholarship reflects the values of its namesake, war-time prime minister John Curtin – vision, leadership and community service – by ascribing evidence of leadership skills and community work as selection criteria.

NAME

Naming the scholarship after a company, employee, individual or organisation is a great way to continue the chain of giving – especially if you yourself have been a past recipient of a scholarship. Friends and family members can also establish scholarships, bursaries, prizes and awards at Curtin as a lasting tribute – a memorial honouring the spirit and contributions of a loved one.



GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

RECIPIENT PROFILE

KURSTY BLACKWOOD

Degree: Bachelor of Science (Mineral Exploration and Mining Geology)

Scholarship: BHP Billiton Iron Ore Indigenous Scholarship (three years)

Sponsor: BHP Billiton Iron Ore

Value: \$17000 per year for books, a living allowance and accommodation.

Kursty was thrilled to receive her BHP Billiton Iron Ore Indigenous Scholarship. "I am a mature age woman that has returned to study after many years. It gave me a sense of relief in that it would help me so much financially and also direct me on a path to meet relevant people from the work industry where I hope to make a career," she says.

"The Indigenous Affairs Officer at BHP Billiton Iron Ore, Joshua Cox made it possible for me to meet a range of people from the BHP Billiton Iron Ore Perth office. We had an afternoon tea where we met a network of people from human resources, sustainability and also the Vice President Sustainability."

The scholarship is part of BHP Billiton Iron Ore's Education to Employment Pipeline - which will see the company fund 40 university scholarships for Indigenous students over the next four years. Recipients have access to mentoring and support services, and can take part in BHP Billiton Iron Ore's Vacation Employment Program to gain on-the-job skills.

Indigenous Curtin graduate, Josh Cox, feels very fortunate to be involved in the program. "I received a scholarship from the Curtin Business School, which I found to be immensely beneficial to my education and subsequent employment. I'm encouraged when I see students such as Kursty aspiring and achieving their goals and will continue to support this where I can," he said.

3. FINALISE THE SCHOLARSHIP



The University, through the relevant scholarships office, will administer your scholarship free of charge. The Research and Development Scholarships Office administers postgraduate research scholarships, while the Scholarships Office administers undergraduate and postgraduate coursework scholarships.

Once you decide to pursue a scholarship with Curtin and settle the detail, the relevant scholarships office will draft the following paperwork for your review and approval:

- terms of agreement (signed by you and Curtin)
- a scholarship application form
- applicant information (for students to read on the website)
- terms and conditions (for students to sign when accepting their award).

Once the terms of agreement are signed and your initial gift that supports the scholarship is received, the relevant scholarships office assumes responsibility for its administration.

THE \$5000 HORIZON POWER BUSINESS SCHOLARSHIP Spotlight on regional communities

Developed between Horizon Power and Curtin University, this one-year scholarship is for a second year Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting, Finance or Management) student. Reflecting Horizon Power's role and interest in the Pilbara and southern regions of Western Australia, Indigenous students and students from remote/regional areas are encouraged to apply. The scholarship recipient gains experience in all facets of the electricity industry through supervised vacation work and may receive employment with Horizon Power at the completion of their degree. The scholarship is a way for Horizon Power to invest in its regional communities.

4. SELECT YOUR RECIPIENT



Awards and scholarships are advertised in University and student publications, on notice boards and on the Curtin scholarships website: scholarships.curtin.edu.au

Students can also receive notifications through the Scholarships Alert service. Available to all eligible students, this service automatically sends students an email alert whenever a scholarship matching their criteria is opened for applications. Students also receive a reminder email one week before applications close.

Specific, targeted groups of students are contacted directly and scholarships aimed at first year students are included in brochures that are distributed to WA high schools annually.

APPLICATION PROCESS

The Scholarships Office will administer the application process for your scholarship. Once all the applications are received, the Scholarships Office assesses the applicants against your scholarship's eligibility criteria and creates a shortlist of applicants for the selection panel stage - this process can sometimes also involve an interview.

SELECTION/INTERVIEW PANEL

The selection panel usually comprises three or more members including a staff member from the Scholarships Office, the donor or a representative, and a representative from the academic staff of the relevant area of study. The Scholarships Office can conduct the panel or assist you with the panel's composition and procedure.

PAYMENTS TO RECIPIENTS

The Scholarships Office pays your recipient from a unique financial account (a cost centre bearing the name of the scholarship) in accordance with the terms and conditions of the scholarship.

5. PAYMENT OPTIONS



You may choose to establish an endowment or to provide an annual gift to the value of the award. Scholarships or bursaries can be funded annually and you will need to pay the amount prior to the scholarship being awarded.

The Scholarships Office has set a minimum value of \$100 for prizes and \$500 for named undergraduate scholarships and bursaries. For postgraduate scholarships or bursaries, the minimum values are \$1000 for a one-time award.

Endowed scholarships and bursaries enable you to provide a scholarship award for your lifetime and beyond. Through an endowment, your donation is invested collectively to achieve the highest possible rate of return on the investment and is never encroached upon.

A portion of all of the accumulated interest from your investment is distributed as the annual award and so the amount is dependant on the prevailing interest rate. If you choose a portion of the accumulated interest as the award, then the remaining portion is reinvested into the account to help it grow and keep pace with inflation over time.

A minimum value of \$20,000 is needed to establish an endowment for named undergraduate scholarships and bursaries at the University. For postgraduate scholarships or bursaries, \$40,000 is the minimum value to establish an endowment.

CURTIN FOUNDATION **Curtin Foundation strengthens** **University's partnerships**

The recent public launch of the Curtin University Foundation highlights the University's strong background in public partnerships and philanthropic support. The Foundation provides an important platform to attract and steward philanthropic support from the wider community, and manages all endowments to the University.

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Information in this publication is correct at the time of printing, but may change from time to time. For the most up-to-date details on Curtin's scholarships refer to: scholarships.curtin.edu.au

The University reserves the right to change the terms and conditions of any of the scholarships mentioned in this brochure. The number of scholarships available is limited and not all eligible students may receive an award.

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