

2018 - Humanities Rob Riley Memorial Scholarship

Status: **Open**

Applications open: 12/02/2018

Applications close: 09/03/2018

About this scholarship

Description/Applicant information

The purpose of the Humanities Rob Riley Memorial Scholarship is to honour 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

- Humanities

Course type

- Postgraduate Coursework

Specifically for

- Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander Students

Gender

Non-gender specific

Nationality

- Australian Citizen

Scholarship base

- Merit Based

Maximum number awarded

1

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):

- \$10,000 per annum paid as a cash stipend of \$5,000 per semester for the remaining duration of the degree (potential value up to \$20,000). The amount can be used at the recipient's discretion to contribute towards payment of their course fees, or other education-related expenses such as text books and/or general living expenses.

Payments occur post census date each semester. Payments will be made approximately April/May and September.

Eligible courses

Any Humanities coursework Masters degree that is also 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
- Commencing the 1st year of your course in semester 1, 2018
- Enrolled full-time (100 credits) in an eligible course
- Not currently hold a non-Curtin funded scholarship (Commonwealth Education Costs and Commonwealth Accommodation Scholarships are excepted)

Conditions that need to be met to keep your scholarship

Recipients must meet ALL of the following:

- Remain enrolled in initial course of study
- Maintain a full time study load of at least 100 credit points each semester at Curtin University
- Maintain a course weighted average (CWA) of at least 55 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 do any of the following 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.

- Change from full time enrolment
- Change of course

Leave of Absence is not permitted.

Withdrawal or Terminated from units or course: A recipient who withdraws from their units or course of study, or has been terminated from studies will become ineligible for 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.

How to apply

Application process

Step 1: Apply

- Application form can be accessed via '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 under the 'Application Advice' tab 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
 - Academic merit
 - Interview performance (for shortlisted applicants)

Step 6: Shortlist for Interview

- Shortlisted applicants will be sent interview date and time via student email within 4-6 weeks of the scholarship closing date
- Shortlisted applicants must be available for the designated interview time
- Unsuccessful applicants sent notification via the Official Communications Channel

Step 7: Outcome

- Outcome sent via Official Communications Channel within 6-8 weeks of the scholarship closing date
- All unsuccessful and successful applicants notified

Step 8: Acceptance

- Successful applicants must return acceptance documents by deadline listed in Official Communication

Please note:

- Scholarship will be awarded if there are applicants of sufficient merit
- Scholarship will commence from first semester of study
- Scholarship is not transferrable to another major, course or university

Need more information?

Enquiries

Scholarships Office

E: scholarships@curtin.edu.au

T: (08) 9266 2992

Frequently Asked questions: <https://askcurtin.custhelp.com/app/answers/list/kw/scholarship>

Further information

For more information about what scholarships you can apply for please visit our [application profiles](#).

For advice on how to complete your application, please download the *Application Guide*.

Students may apply for as many scholarships as they are eligible for however, will only be awarded up to one Curtin funded continuing scholarship. A continuing scholarship is defined as a scholarship that has more than two payments. A Curtin funded scholarship is a scholarship that is solely funded by Curtin.

For further information about holding more than one scholarship contact scholarships@curtin.edu.au
