

**BHP BILLITON IRON ORE INDIGENOUS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM  
2015 TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

**WHAT THIS SCHOLARSHIP PROVIDES**

The BHP Billiton Iron Ore Indigenous Scholarship Program for 2015 will provide the following support for the remaining expected duration of your undergraduate degree (including honours if approved) based on a full-time study load of 100 credits per semester:

- 1) A total value of up to \$17,000 paid as a cash stipend of \$8,500 per semester to assist in the three areas outlined:
  - \$1,000 for books and equipment
  - \$2,000 for living allowance
  - \$5,500 for accommodation
- 2) All recipients will be supplemented with mentoring and will have access to additional support services. BHP Billiton have partnered with Mission Australia to map the recipients journey and provide mentoring support to you. (Please complete the 'Connected- From Classroom to Career' enrolment form.)
- 3) Encouraged to apply for and participate in the BHP Billiton Iron Ore Undergraduate and Graduate Programs.

\*The expected duration of the scholarship is based on recipients undertaking a full-time study load of 200 credits per year. Any study that is taken over and above the expected duration of your initial degree will not be covered.

If you receive a Centrelink payment, you should declare to Centrelink any scholarships you are awarded.

The Australian Tax Office has a "[Is your scholarship taxable?](#)" tool on their website to help you determine if your scholarship is taxable. For expert advice please contact the Australian Taxation Office ([www.ato.gov.au](http://www.ato.gov.au)) or your accountant.

**CONDITIONS THAT NEED TO BE MET TO KEEP YOUR SCHOLARSHIP**

- 1) Deferral of this scholarship is not permitted.
- 2) Unless there are **exceptional circumstances** you must:
  - Remain enrolled in your initial major and course of study.
  - Maintain a full-time enrolment of 100 credits per semester at Curtin University. If any study is undertaken below 100 credits per semester, you are required to seek approval for this change from the Scholarships Office who will assess your request in consultation with a representative of BHP Billiton Iron Ore.
  - Remain eligible for a Commonwealth Supported place at Curtin University (this means you must be an Australian citizen) and be residing in Australia.
  - Maintain a course weighted average (CWA) of at least 50 and fail no more than one enrolled unit per semester. Academic monitoring of scholarship recipients will occur each semester.
- 3) If a leave of absence is approved, the maximum period is 12 months over the duration of your scholarship.
- 4) You are ineligible to apply for or receive any other industry funded scholarships or cadetships whilst in receipt of the BHP Billiton Iron Ore Indigenous Scholarship Program.
- 5) If you cease studies at Curtin, either voluntarily (e.g. by withdrawing from course or units) or involuntarily (e.g. termination from course due to unsatisfactory course progress or suspension, termination or expulsion due to misconduct), you will become ineligible for continuation of this scholarship. The scholarship will cease immediately and you will be required to repay any stipend awarded for the most recent study period.
- 6) The BHP Billiton Iron Ore Indigenous Scholarship Program has been awarded for a particular course and major at Curtin University and is not transferable into any other course, major or university.

Unless there are **exceptional circumstances**, if you have unsatisfactory progress or breach the scholarship conditions, you shall be ineligible to retain the scholarship. If you do not meet all the conditions outlined, you may be placed on a breached status which would provide an opportunity for you to improve your grades in the next semester exams. This opportunity would occur only once for the duration of the scholarship.

**Exceptional circumstances** must be forwarded in writing to the Scholarships Office, along with supporting documentation (e.g. medical, counselling). Requests will then be assessed by the Scholarships Office in consultation with a representative of BHP Billiton Iron Ore and you will be notified of the outcome once a decision has been reached.

**DECLARATION**

You must forward in writing if you, or a close relative to you, becomes a Government Official in a position to influence or take action for or against BHP Billiton.

This does not affect your receipt of the scholarship. It is just a requirement by BHP Billiton that this is declared up front.

A Government Official is defined as:

- Any officer or employee of a government or public international organisation or any department or agency thereof or any government-owned or controlled entity (including State owned enterprises).
- Any person acting in an official function or capacity for a government or public international organisation.

- Any political party or party official, or political office candidate.
- Any individual who holds or performs the duties of an appointment, office or position created by custom or convention, including, potentially, some tribal leaders and members of royal families.
- Any person who holds themselves out to be the authorised intermediary of a government official.

#### **PAYMENTS**

The BHP Billiton Iron Ore Indigenous Scholarship Program will commence from semester 1, 2015.

Cash payments of \$8,500 will be paid to your nominated bank account each semester.

Cash payments are based on full-time enrolment of 100 credits per semester.

First and second semester payments will occur post census dates (thus approx. mid-end April and mid-end Sept dependant on the receipt of funding from external sponsor). First scholarship payment will be made approximately end May.

**Note:** Your scholarship payment will appear on your bank statement with the reference as follows: DEPOSIT CONCUR TECHNOLOG CP#####.

STUDENT COPY

**Please read, sign and return all pages of the**

**BHP Billiton Iron Ore Indigenous Scholarship Program  
2015 Terms and Conditions**

Curtin University  
Scholarships Office  
GPO Box U1987  
PERTH WA 6845

**SCHOLARSHIP ACCEPTANCE AND CONSENT**

- I have read, understood and accept the attached terms and conditions governing the BHP Billiton Iron Ore Indigenous Scholarship Program and I agree to abide by these conditions and obligations outlined therein.
- I accept your offer of the BHP Billiton Iron Ore Indigenous Scholarship Program under the conditions specified.
- I have completed the *Connected - From Classroom to Career* form and agree to participate in the *Connected - From Classroom to Career* program conducted by Mission Australia
- I understand that if I fail to meet my obligations as outlined in the terms and conditions or change any of the below course or major information without prior approval from the Scholarships Office, I risk my scholarship being terminated. Should this occur, I understand I will not be eligible to receive the semester cash payment or the opportunity for vacation employment for the remainder of my studies with Curtin University.
- I understand and agree that details relating to my enrolment, academic record and contact information will be made available to BHP Billiton Iron Ore for the purposes of on-going scholarship administration.
- I confirm that I do not currently hold any other industry sponsored scholarships or cadetships that BHP Billiton Iron Ore and Curtin University are not aware of and I understand I must not apply for or receive any other industry sponsored scholarships whilst receiving the BHP Billiton Iron Ore Indigenous Scholarship Program.
- I consent to the collection, use, storage and disclosure of my personal information by Curtin University in connection with the scholarship, including (without limitation) for the administration of the BHP Billiton Iron Ore Indigenous Scholarship Program, Curtin University's general administrative purposes which includes communications involving surveys, the availability of courses, alumni activity, newsletters and promoting the scholarships program through any medium whatsoever (including, without limitation, through advertisements, posters, books, articles, social media websites and on the world wide web generally) for public relations, promotional, commercial and advertising purposes.

Curtin Student Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I am currently enrolled in the following course:

\_\_\_\_\_ (degree title and major)

E.g. Bachelor of Engineering (Electrical Power Engineering)

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(parent/guardian signature required for student's under 18 years of age)