

# 2019 - Curtin Excellence Scholarship

Status: **Open**

Applications open: 29/07/2018

Applications close: 18/12/2018

## About this scholarship

### Description/Applicant information

The Curtin Excellence Scholarship has been developed to reward and assist students who have demonstrated academic excellence through their ATAR in 2018 and want to pursue study at Curtin University.

Application forms are not required, students apply by selecting an eligible Curtin degree through TISC as their first preference.

Students who receive the [StepUp](#) bonus and therefore achieve the required ATAR will be eligible for this scholarship.

### Student type

- Future Students

### Faculty

- Humanities
- Centre for Aboriginal Studies
- Science & Engineering
- Health Sciences
- Faculty of Business and Law

### Course type

- Undergraduate

### Specifically for

- Year twelve students

### Gender

Non-gender specific

### Nationality

- Permanent Humanitarian Visa
- New Zealand Citizen
- Australian Citizen
- Australian Permanent Resident

### Scholarship base

- Merit Based

### Value

The Curtin Excellence Scholarship will provide the following support:

#### **For students who receive an ATAR between 96 - 96.99:**

A total value of \$5,000 paid as a cash stipend of \$2,500 per study period for up to one year.

#### **For students who receive an ATAR of 97 or above:**

A total value of \$15,000 paid as a cash stipend of \$2,500 per study period for up to three years.

The amount can be used at the recipient's discretion to contribute towards educational related expenses.

Semester payments will be made approximately mid-March and mid-August each year.

### Eligible courses

All undergraduate degrees, excluding the Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery

### Eligibility criteria

Candidates must meet ALL of the following criteria to be considered for a Curtin Excellence Scholarship:

- Australian citizen, Australian permanent resident, Australian permanent humanitarian or New Zealand citizen
- Selected Curtin University as a first preference through TISC to undertake an eligible undergraduate degree in 2019 by the scholarship closing date
- Receive a course offer into the first preference course that was listed on TISC at the scholarship closing date
- Accept the course offer by the course offer lapse date
- Undertaking year 12 WACE in 2018
- Receive an ATAR between 96 - 96.99 for the one year scholarship or above 97 for the three year scholarship\*
- Enrol full-time (at least 75 credits points each study period) into an eligible course at Curtin University

\*Students who receive the [StepUp](#) bonus and therefore achieve the required ATAR will be eligible for this scholarship.

*This scholarship is deferrable for up to one year*

### Conditions that need to be met to keep your scholarship

Recipients must meet ALL of the following:

- Remain enrolled in an eligible undergraduate degree
- Maintain a full time study load of 75 credit points each study period at Curtin University
- Maintain a course weighted average (CWA) of at least 70 each study period

- Pass all units attempted each study period

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](mailto: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:** Students must complete at least one semester of study before applying for a leave of absence from their scholarship. If approved, the maximum period of leave is 12 months. Please note that leave of absence is separate from deferral.

**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

**Application form not required** - please follow the steps below.

### Eligibility and Assessment

#### Step 1: TISC

- Select eligible degree through TISC as a first preference for main round offers
- Preference must be selected by scholarship closing date (listed at top of page)
- Eligible degrees listed in 'Eligible Courses'

#### Step 2: Course Offer

- Receive an offer of a place into their first preference course listed on TISC at the scholarship closing date
- Successful candidates must accept their course offer before the course offer lapse date

#### Step 3: Outcome

- Scholarship(s) will be awarded to all eligible students
- Successful candidate(s) sent notification and scholarship offer pack via email listed through TISC on 21 December 2018

#### Step 4: Acceptance

- Successful candidate(s) (including those who wish to defer their studies) must return acceptance documents by 31 January 2019
- Deferral of this scholarship is permitted (details included in scholarship terms and conditions)

#### Please note:

- Scholarship will commence from first semester of study
- Scholarship is not transferrable to another university

## Need more information?

Enquiries

**Scholarships Office**

E: [scholarships@curtin.edu.au](mailto:scholarships@curtin.edu.au)

T: (08) 9266 2992

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

### Further information

Students may apply for as many scholarships as they are eligible for, and if successful, will be awarded the highest value scholarship. If students are successful in receiving an offer for more than one scholarship valued the same, they will have the opportunity to select their preferred scholarship.

For further information about holding more than one scholarship contact [Scholarships@curtin.edu.au](mailto:Scholarships@curtin.edu.au)

### Centrelink

For advice on your Centrelink payments and how your scholarship could affect your payment please see <http://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/enablers/income> or contact a Centrelink Office. If you require a letter about your scholarship for Centrelink, please contact the Scholarships Office.

### Taxation

Generally scholarship money paid to full-time students is not treated as taxable income, however if your study load is less than 75 credits (part-time) your scholarship money is *not* tax exempt. Other than the full-time study requirement, the general rule is that scholarships are exempt from taxation unless:

- It is a condition of the scholarship that a recipient is required to undertake activities that are of use, help or benefit to the scholarship provider - then the student is rendering a service by agreeing to undertake those activities;
- An award is received by a student where the scholarship is not provided principally for educational purposes; or
- During or upon completion of the degree for which the scholarship is awarded a recipient is required to become, or shall continue to be, an employee of the funding body.

The Australian Tax Office has a [tool](#) to help you determine if your scholarship is taxable. For expert advice please contact the [Australian Taxation Office](#) or your accountant when completing your annual Tax Return. If a letter regarding your scholarship is required for taxation purposes, please [contact the Scholarships Office](#).

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