

2019 - Dr Tracy Westerman Scholarship Program

Status: **Open**

Applications open: 23/11/2018

Applications close: 08/03/2019

About this scholarship

Description/Applicant information

The Dr Tracy Westerman Aboriginal Psychology Scholarship Program aims to foster the development of the next generation of clinicians committed to researching and delivering evidence-based, best practice into our high-risk communities.

This scholarship supports and encourages Indigenous people to further their education and to help train future psychologists to make a real difference in regional and remote communities.

As a proud Njamal woman from the Pilbara region of Western Australia, Dr Tracy Westerman's vision is to support students with remote and rural connections through their university studies with the aim of becoming Aboriginal psychologists skilled in Indigenous-specific mental health and suicide prevention and intervention programs.

Student type

- Current Students
- Future Students

Faculty

- Health Sciences

Course type

- Undergraduate
- 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 Dr Tracy Westerman Aboriginal Psychology Scholarship will provide the following support for up to one year (based on a full-time study load)

- A total value of \$10,000 paid as a cash stipend of \$5,000 per semester. The amount may be used at the recipient's discretion to contribute towards payment of their course fees, or for other education-related expenses such as text books and/or general living expenses.

Payments occur post census date each semester approximately late May and mid-September

Eligible courses

Bachelor of Psychology or Master of Psychology

Eligibility criteria

- Indigenous Australian
- Enrolled full-time (75+ credits) in a Psychology Undergraduate or Postgraduate Course at Curtin University in 2019
- Willing to attend fundraising events in relation to the Dr Tracy Westerman Scholarship Program

Conditions that need to be met to keep your scholarship

Recipients must meet ALL of the following:

- Maintain an enrolment of full-time per semester (75+ credits) in the course that they received the offer of the scholarship at Curtin
- Pass all units attempted

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

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: Access application form

- 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 including Dr Tracy Westerman, or a representative selected by Dr Tracy Westerman, using the following criteria:
 - Responses to questions in application form
 - References including references from individuals with considerable cultural standing in the recipients community
 - Preference will be given to regional and remote applicants who have clear intentions to work in regional and remote communities following the completion of their degree
 - Preference will be given to Master of Psychology students and those working directly in clinical and treatment intervention

Step 6: Outcome

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

Step 7: Acceptance

- Successful applicants must accept the terms and conditions via the Scholarship Channel (Student OASIS) by the deadline

Please note:

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

Need more information?

Enquiries

Scholarships Office

E: scholarships@curtin.edu.au

<http://scholarships.curtin.edu.au>

T: +61 1300 222 888

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

Further information

For advice on how to complete your application refer to the scholarships [application guidelines](#).

For further information about holding more than one scholarship contact 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.
- 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; or

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](#).
