



Curtin University

Undergraduate scholarships

**2026 Curtin University scholarships
for future domestic students**

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About our scholarships

Scholarships offer financial and academic support, connecting you with opportunities to help you thrive at university and achieve your academic and career aspirations.

Depending on the scholarship, you could receive:

- financial support
- assistance relocating to Perth if you live in regional or rural Western Australia
- international study opportunities
- access to peer mentoring programs
- programs that can give you a head start in your career.

See the tables over the page for the range of scholarships you could be eligible to apply for.



Scholarship FAQs

Types of scholarships

1. If I get a high ATAR will Curtin offer me a scholarship?

Yes! If you are a high school student completing year 12 in 2025, and you gain an ATAR of 96 or above and have an eligible Curtin course as your TISC first preference, you'll automatically receive a Curtin Excellence Scholarship.

2. If I don't get a high ATAR, could I get still get a scholarship?

Yes you could! We offer many different categories of scholarships to suit different circumstances. These include merit-based and needs-based scholarships, and those just for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and for regional students. Plus, there are scholarships for studying particular career areas and courses.

About applying

3. Can I apply for more than one scholarship?

You should apply for all the scholarships you're eligible for! Because there are a limited number of scholarships available, not all students who are eligible for a particular scholarship may receive one – so make sure you apply for all the scholarships that are relevant to you.

4. Do I need to complete separate application forms?

Not necessarily. You can apply for all equity scholarships on the one application form, for example. And if you are an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander student, you only need to complete the one form to be considered for all scholarships that you're eligible for.

Finding out if your application is successful

5. When will I find out about my application?

If your application is successful, you'll receive a scholarship offer shortly after you receive your Curtin course offer.

6. What if my application isn't successful?

The good news is that Curtin also offers a range of scholarships for current students. So, if you apply for a scholarship as a future domestic student but your application isn't successful, after you've been allocated your Curtin student number you can apply for scholarships as a current Curtin student!

Deferring a scholarship

7. If I want to take a gap year, or I want to study part-time, can I still use my scholarship?

Yes, some scholarships can be deferred for up to 12 months, and many scholarships will let you receive a portion of your scholarship benefits if you decide to study part-time.

About the money

8. When would I receive my scholarship funds?

It depends on the scholarship – some scholarships disburse a one-off payment during your first semester of study, others pay you an amount each year you're at uni, and others pay funds directly towards your tuition fees.

9. Do I have to repay my scholarship after I finish uni?

No, Curtin scholarships are not loans – any money you receive is yours to keep!

10. What if I change my course?

If you change your course you won't have to pay back any scholarship funds you've received. But, because some scholarships are for particular courses, you mightn't receive further funds from that scholarship if you change your course.

Chat with us

11. Can I talk with someone about scholarships I should apply for?

Sure! You can chat with the Curtin Connect team over the phone, online or in-person about all of your scholarship questions. Contact us on 1300 222 888 or visit about.curtin.edu.au/contact.

Scholarship opportunities

Here is the range of merit-based, needs-based and industry-supported scholarships offered to future Curtin students.

Read through the table table and highlight the scholarships relevant to you that you'll want to apply for.

Scholarship	Key criteria	Courses	Value
All Curtin faculties and courses			
Allison Taylor Single Mum Scholarship	Single mums experiencing financial hardship	All undergraduate courses	\$10,000 pa
Chris Lewis Scholarship	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students who demonstrate a commitment to the Indigenous community and demonstrate academic potential	All undergraduate courses	\$5,000 pa
Curtin Excellence Scholarship	Awarded automatically to students who achieve an ATAR of 96 or higher (inclusive of StepUp bonus) who have an eligible Curtin course as their TISC first preference	All undergraduate courses except Medicine, Surgery	\$5,000 pa, with duration based on ATAR. (Students with an ATAR of 98 or higher receive the scholarship for up to 3 years; those with an ATAR of 96–97.99 receive the scholarship for up to 1 year)
Curtin Humanitarian Scholarship	Students from a refugee-like background who are experiencing financial hardship	All undergraduate courses	Tuition fees plus \$10,000 pa
Curtin STAR Scholarship	Students experiencing financial hardship	All undergraduate courses	\$3,000 pa
Harry Perkins Memorial Scholarship	Students who are relocating from a regional or remote area and experiencing financial hardship	All undergraduate courses	\$4,000 pa
Indigenous Commonwealth Accommodation Scholarship	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students who are relocating from a regional or remote area and experiencing financial hardship	All enabling, associate degree and undergraduate courses	Up to \$6,000 pa
Indigenous Commonwealth Education Costs Scholarship	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students experiencing financial hardship	All enabling, associate degree and undergraduate courses	Up to \$3,000 pa
John Curtin Undergraduate Scholarship	Academically talented students in the top 5% of their school year who demonstrate vision, leadership and community service, and have a Curtin course as their TISC first preference ¹	All undergraduate courses	Tuition fees, \$2,000 pa and a \$6,000 one-off payment towards a study abroad experience
Julia Gillard Women in Leadership Scholarship	Academically talented female students in the top 5% of their school year who demonstrate vision, leadership and community service, and have a Curtin course as their TISC first preference ¹	All undergraduate courses	Tuition fees, \$2,000 pa and \$6,000 one-off payment towards a study abroad experience
Principal's Recommendation Award	School principals can nominate two year 12 students from their school, based on various criteria	All undergraduate courses	\$1,000 (one-off payment)
Principal's Regional Starter Scholarship	Regional-school principals can nominate up to two students from their school, based on various criteria	All undergraduate courses	\$1,500 (one-off payment)
Scholarship for High Achievement and Performance Engagement (SHAPE)	Students who participated in Curtin Achievement Centred Engagement (ACES) programs (AHEAD, Innovative Schools Consortium or other ACES-endorsed programs)	All undergraduate courses	\$3,000 (one-off payment)
Second Home Scholarship	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students experiencing financial hardship who require on-campus accommodation support	All enabling and undergraduate courses	Up to \$12,500 pa towards accommodation for up to 3 years
Faculty of Business and Law scholarships			
Business and Law Indigenous Undergraduate Scholarship	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students	All Faculty undergraduate courses	Tuition fees
Business and Law Top Excellence Scholarship	Awarded automatically to students who achieve the top ATAR for a Curtin Business and Law course listed as their TISC first preference	All Faculty undergraduate courses	\$6,000 pa (up to 5.5 years)
Business Innovation Scholarship	Students commencing one of the two eligible courses	Business Information Systems, or Business Information Systems Extension	\$3,000 pa towards tuition fees

Scholarship	Key criteria	Courses	Value
Faculty of Health Sciences scholarships			
Charles Watson Top Excellence Scholarship	Awarded automatically to students who achieve the top ATAR for a Curtin Health Sciences course listed as their TISC first preference	All Faculty undergraduate courses except Medicine, Surgery	\$6,000 pa
Curtin Rural WA Medical School Scholarship	Medicine students who are relocating from a regional or remote area and experiencing financial hardship, and have a Curtin course as their TISC first preference	Medicine, Surgery	\$5,000 pa
Doreen Fyfe Nursing Scholarship	Students from a rural background	Nursing	\$3,500 (one-off payment)
Indigenous Allied Health Scholarship	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students interested in occupational therapy, social work, speech pathology, physiotherapy, or exercise sport science	Selected undergraduate courses offered by the Curtin School of Allied Health	\$5,000 pa
Perth Radiological Clinic Scholarship	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students who achieve an ATAR of 90 or higher	Medical Radiation Science	\$5,000 pa
Rural Health West Indigenous Scholarship in Medicine	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students who are relocating from a regional or remote area via the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Entry Pathway to commence Medicine	Medicine, Surgery	\$5,000 pa
Faculty of Humanities scholarships			
First Nations Australians Planning Program Scholarship²	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students with a desire to work On Country in urban and regional planning	Urban and Regional Planning	Up to \$30,000 pa
Humanities Top Excellence Scholarship	Awarded automatically to students who achieve the top ATAR for a Curtin Humanities course listed as their TISC first preference	All Faculty undergraduate courses	\$6,000 pa
Faculty of Science and Engineering scholarships			
John de Laeter Top Excellence Scholarship	Awarded automatically to students who achieve the top ATAR for a Curtin Science and Engineering course listed as their TISC first preference	All Faculty undergraduate courses	\$6,000 pa
Michael Jones Memorial Scholarship	Students who attended a Kalgoorlie-Boulder high school and achieved an ATAR of 75 or higher	All undergraduate courses at the WA School of Mines	\$12,000 pa (up to 4 years)
Rio Tinto Girls + Engineering Tomorrow First Year Scholarship	Students who participated in the Girls + Engineering Tomorrow Network and achieve an ATAR of 80 or higher	All Engineering courses	\$5,000 over 1 year
Science and Engineering Rob Riley Scholarship	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students	All Faculty courses	\$5,000 pa
Sir William Tyree Engineering Scholarship	Students from disadvantaged backgrounds	All Engineering courses	\$15,000 pa
Sir William Tyree Women in Engineering Scholarship	Female or non-binary students from disadvantaged backgrounds	All Engineering courses	\$15,000 pa
Technical Resources Engineering Scholarship	Students experiencing financial hardship	Selected Faculty undergraduate courses	\$5,000 pa
Women in Engineering Top Excellence Scholarship	Awarded automatically to female students who achieve the top ATAR for a Curtin Engineering course listed as their TISC first preference	All Engineering courses	\$6,000 pa

¹ Nominated by a school principal or an appropriate educator

² Scholarship developed by the Government of Western Australia through the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage



“ The scholarship represented a huge marker of success at the end of high school after a lot of hard work.

It significantly reduced the stress of taking time off work to attend classes, and it's a relief to know I won't have any debt leaving uni.

Support was mostly financial, but the scholarship also provided a community of other like-minded achievers who became great friends. ”

Kyle Monteiro

Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) (Mechatronic Engineering);
Bachelor of Computing (Computer Science)
John Curtin Undergraduate Scholarship recipient

“ My scholarship meant a huge deal to me as it took a lot of the financial pressure off my shoulders.

It allowed me to maintain my car and keep up with general living expenses. I very much appreciated not having to work as much to make ends meet – especially around assessment periods when I needed to study more. ”

Jasmin West

Bachelor of Physiotherapy
Moorditj Yorga Scholarship recipient





How to apply

Scan to browse scholarships or visit curtin.edu/ug-scholarships

Tip: On the scholarships website, use the filter to find scholarships that match your circumstances.



Key scholarship dates

Scholarship	Applications open	Applications close
Curtin Excellence Scholarship	6 April 2025	20 December 2025
John Curtin Undergraduate Scholarship	3 June 2025	10 September 2025
Julia Gillard Women in Leadership Scholarship	3 June 2025	10 September 2025
All other scholarships	24 July 2025	24 November 2025



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