

## **Indigenous Student Grants and Scholarships**

Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID).

### **Indigenous Australian Scholarships**

**Purpose:**

To support students undertaking their final year of undergraduate study. AusAID preferred areas of study include: Economics; Development Economics; Education; Government/Public Administration; Health; Environment/Agriculture/Forestry; Asian & Pacific Studies; Aboriginal Studies;

**Eligibility Criteria:**

Indigenous Australian students seeking to undertake their final year of tertiary study

**Value:**

\$1,114 monthly stipend + allowances for course fees, HECS, textbooks & union membership

**Special Conditions:**

for 1 year; upon completion of study, scholarship holders are expected to take up permanent employment with AusAID & participate in graduate program

**Success Rate:**

up to 3 awarded annually

**Deadline(s):**

1 November

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### **AustralianDentalAssociation.**

#### **Aboriginal Study Grants**

**Purpose:**

to support undergraduate studies in dentistry at the Dental Schools of the Universities of Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, Queensland and Western Australia

**Eligibility Criteria:**

Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islanders

**Value:**

\$2,000 pa

**Special Conditions:**

For duration of course

**Success Rate:**

2 awarded annually

**Deadline(s):**

11 March

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**Indigenous Peoples' Medical Scholarship****Purpose:**

To assist and to encourage Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islanders to undertake a medical degree at an Australian university

**Eligibility Criteria:**

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders who are eligible for Abstudy

**Value:**

\$9,000 pa

**Special Conditions:**

For duration of course

**Success Rate:**

2 awarded annually

**Deadline(s):**

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**Guidelines/Application Form:**

**[http://www.ama.com.au/web.nsf/download\\_pdf.gif](http://www.ama.com.au/web.nsf/download_pdf.gif)**

**Australian Rotary Health Research Fund. Indigenous Health Scholarships**

**Purpose:**

To assist Indigenous students with their day-to-day expenses while they undertake courses in some of a wide range of health related professions; to assist students to gain an education which will in turn enable them to use this education for the benefit of other Indigenous people - hopefully, but not necessarily, in some of our remote areas. This program commenced with the intention of training doctors to work amongst other Indigenous people, but the scope of the scheme was enlarged to permit the training, firstly of nurses, and eventually any health related profession

**Eligibility Criteria:**

students who are of Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent, or both, who have completed at least 2 years of current medical course/or at least 1 year in other health related courses

**Value:**

\$5,000 pa

**Special Conditions:**

For 1 year + possible extension

**Success Rate:**

1 awarded annually

**Deadline(s):**

10 February

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**Guidelines/Application Form:**

**<http://www.arhrf.org.au/indig/ARHRF%20INDIGENOUS%20HEALTH%20SCHOLARSHIP%20APPLICATION%20FORM.doc>**

**Commonwealth Department of Education, Science and Training. Commonwealth Learning Scholarships Program**

**Purpose:**

to support fulltime undergraduate studies in any field by assisting rural and regional, low socio-economic and Indigenous students with costs associated with higher education. Two categories: Commonwealth Accommodation Scholarships, to assist with accommodation costs and; Commonwealth Education Costs Scholarships, to assist with general education costs

**Eligibility Criteria:**

Undergraduate students who are Australian citizens or holders of permanent humanitarian visas. Selection is merit-based and target students from low socio-economic backgrounds. Distributed through eligible higher education providers

**Value:**

Education: \$2,080 pa; Accommodation: \$4,161 pa

**Special Conditions:**

For up to 4 years

**Success Rate:**

At least 4,500 awarded annually from 2004

**Deadline(s):**

10 March, 19 November

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[http://www.backingaustraliasfuture.gov.au/guidelines/csg\\_guide.htm](http://www.backingaustraliasfuture.gov.au/guidelines/csg_guide.htm)

**Guidelines/Application Form:**

**[http://www.backingaustraliasfuture.gov.au/guidelines/documents/scholarship\\_guide.pdf](http://www.backingaustraliasfuture.gov.au/guidelines/documents/scholarship_guide.pdf)**

**Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing. Rural Allied Health Undergraduate Scholarship Scheme**

**Purpose:**

To support and increase the number of students who grew up in rural and remote areas of Australia, entering and completing allied health undergraduate or graduate entry tertiary studies. The Scheme is specifically aimed at addressing the shortage of allied health professionals in rural areas. Following their graduation, scholarship holders will be fully qualified and able to commence clinical practice

**Eligibility Criteria:**

Australian citizens/permanent residents with a rural background of at least 5 years enrolled as fulltime students in an accredited or approved Australian undergraduate or graduate entry allied health degree. Studying allied health disciplines including: Aboriginal Health Worker; Audiology; Chiropractic; Dentistry; Diabetes Education; Dietetics; Exercise Physiology; Occupational Therapy; Optometry; Osteopathy; Physiotherapy; Podiatry; Psychology; Social Work; and Speech Pathology

**Value:**

\$10,000 pa + fees + accommodation + living + travel costs

**Special Conditions:**

For duration of course

**Success Rate:**

Awarded annually

**Deadline(s):**

24 February

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**Guidelines/Application Form:**

<http://www.sarrah.org.au/Scholarship/RAHUS%202006%20Application%20Form%20.pdf>

**Department of Education, Science & Training (DEST).****Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Study Scheme (ABSTUDY)****Purpose:**

To assist fulltime secondary & tertiary students & some primary students by providing income support & other supplementary assistance tailored to their needs. Some supplementary benefits are also available to parttime, mature-aged secondary students &

to tertiary students

**Eligibility Criteria:**

Primary students living at home, aged 14 years or more & of indigenous descent accepted by their communities as such; parents or guardians; interim applicants; & institutions

**Value:**

Not specified

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<http://www.dest.gov.au/schools/guidelines/abstudy/2003/index.htm>

Department of Health & Human Services (Tas)

**Ida West Aboriginal Health Scholarship**

**Purpose:**

To support fulltime accredited health or human services related undergraduate course studies at University or an accredited health or human services related course offered by TAFE or other registered training organisations in Tasmania; & to address the under-representation of Aboriginal people in health professions & other health & human services related occupations

**Eligibility Criteria:**

Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islanders who are residents of Tasmania or show that they were residents of Tasmania for at least 2 continuous years prior to commencement of the course

**Value:**

\$3,000 pa

**Special Conditions:**

For up to 3 years

**Success Rate:**

3 awarded annually from 2004

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Secretary

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**Guidelines/Application Form:**

[http://www.dhhs.tas.gov.au/jobsandcareers/pdfs/iw\\_aboriginal\\_scholarship.pdf](http://www.dhhs.tas.gov.au/jobsandcareers/pdfs/iw_aboriginal_scholarship.pdf)

[FoundationforYoungAustralians. Indigenous Youth Leadership Program](#)

**Purpose:**

to provide secondary and tertiary scholarships and leadership opportunities to young Indigenous Australians generally from remote areas undertaking secondary or tertiary studies. Program aims to ensure that Indigenous youth from remote areas receive the educational opportunities and experiences they deserve to take on future leadership roles in their communities. Students will also receive mentoring, targeted orientation, study tours and practical leadership experiences

**Eligibility Criteria:**

young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people (aged 17-25), generally from remote areas undertaking tertiary studies, who have demonstrated potential leadership capability in their community and who want to develop their leadership skills

**Value:**

\$6,000 pa

**Special Conditions:**

For duration of course

**Success Rate:**

Up to 200 secondary and up to 50 tertiary awarded annually

**Deadline(s):**

20 February

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**Guidelines/Application Form:**

[http://www.youngaustralians.org/downloads/IYLP\\_2006\\_Tertiary\\_Application\\_for\\_m.doc](http://www.youngaustralians.org/downloads/IYLP_2006_Tertiary_Application_for_m.doc)

[NationalBreastCancerCentre.](#)

### Breast Cancer Scholarships for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Workers

**Purpose:**

to support further education and training courses in the area of breast cancer. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander nurses and community health workers will be able to improve their skills and capacity to provide support and care for women with breast cancer in their communities

**Eligibility Criteria:**

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander nurses and community health workers

**Value:**

Course or conference registration fees, course materials, travel and accommodation

**Success Rate:**

Awarded annually

**Deadline(s):**

1 July

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<http://www.nbcc.org.au/media/ATSI.html>

### NationalReturnedandServicesLeague.

#### Captain Reg Saunders Memorial Scholarship

**Purpose:**

To support fulltime undergraduate drug and alcohol abuse studies leading to a university degree in the area of psychology, nursing, applied science, social work or education

**Eligibility Criteria:**

Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islanders. Applicants to major or specialise in drug and alcohol abuse targeted courses. Where these courses do not specifically contain subjects or units dealing with substance abuse, the students must be able to provide scope for such studies in their elective subjects and field placements

**Value:**

\$3,000 pa

**Special Conditions:**

For up to 4 years

**Success Rate:**

Awarded annually since 1992

**Deadline(s):**

31 October

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[PallottineSociety.](#)

[Pallottine Aboriginal Scholarship](#)

**Purpose:**

to pay education fees for post secondary Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students for 12 months

**Eligibility Criteria:**

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students studying post secondary courses at or through an approved educational establishment

**Value:**

The committee will determine the number and value of the scholarships available

**Deadline(s):**

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[PharmacyGuildOfAustralia. Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Undergraduate Pharmacy Scholarships](#)

**Purpose:**

to encourage Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander students to undertake studies in Pharmacy at an Australian university. It is acknowledged that if the needs of Aboriginal

& Torres Strait Islander communities are to be adequately met by pharmacists, there is a need for more Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander pharmacists working in the industry

**Eligibility Criteria:**

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander students entering into the 1st year of a 4 year pharmacy degree who intend to return to a rural or remote community upon graduation to practice pharmacy

**Value:**

\$15,000 pa

**Special Conditions:**

For 4 years

**Success Rate:**

3 awarded annually

**Deadline(s):**

25 February

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**Guidelines/Application Form:**

<http://www.ruralpharmacy.com.au/Forms/ATSI%20applic%20Jun04%20screen%20res.pdf>

**Royal College of Nursing Australia. Commonwealth Nurse Scholarship Program:  
Rural and Remote Undergraduate Scheme**

**Purpose:**

to encourage students with a remote and rural background to enter undergraduate nursing education programs offered at a rural campus of an Australian University; to assist in meeting accommodation, living, and travel costs incurred while studying undergraduate nursing; and to increase the number of students with a remote and rural background who enter and complete their study of nursing at a tertiary level

**Eligibility Criteria:**

Students with a rural background seeking to enter and complete their study of nursing at a tertiary level

**Value:**

\$10,000 pa

**Special Conditions:**

For 3 years

**Success Rate:**

110 awarded annually including 10 for Indigenous applicants

**Deadline(s):**

14 July

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<http://www.rcna.org.au/pages/rrug.php>

**Guidelines/Application Form:**

[http://www.rcna.org.au/content/final\\_ug\\_application\\_form\\_july\\_05.pdf](http://www.rcna.org.au/content/final_ug_application_form_july_05.pdf)

**RoyalCollegeofNursingAustralia. Puggy Hunter Memorial Scholarship Scheme****Purpose:**

to provide part or fulltime financial assistance to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who undertake the study of Nursing, Medicine, Allied Health or Certificate III and IV or Diploma and Advanced Diploma Aboriginal Health Worker Course at an educational institution/University/Registered Training Organisation (RTO); and to help address the under-representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in health professions and assist in increasing the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with professional health qualifications

**Eligibility Criteria:**

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders who are either new or current health students

**Value:**

\$15,000 pa

**Special Conditions:**

For duration of course

**Success Rate:**

Awarded annually; 44 to be awarded from 2002 to 2006

**Deadline(s):**

26 August

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Funding Administrator

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<http://www.rcna.org.au/pages/puggy.php>

**Guidelines/Application Form:**

[http://www.rcna.org.au/content/combined\\_full\\_time\\_part\\_time\\_application\\_form.pdf](http://www.rcna.org.au/content/combined_full_time_part_time_application_form.pdf)

**Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing.**  
**Rural Australia Medical Undergraduate Scholarships**

**Purpose:**

to support fulltime undergraduate studies in medicine by students from rural areas of Australia. Program supports research that suggests that medical graduates that have a rural background are more likely to return to rural areas to practise once they have completed their training

**Eligibility Criteria:**

Students who are enrolled or are entering as fulltime students in an accredited undergraduate or graduate medical course at an Australian medical school; are 25 years of age or over; are Australian citizens/permanent residents; and have resided in a defined Australian rural area for 5 consecutive years or 8 cumulative years. Applicants are not bonded but are asked to participate in a rural doctor mentor scheme. Rural medical students at each year level of study may apply

**Value:**

\$10,000 pa for accommodation + living + travel expenses

**Special Conditions:**

For duration of course

**Success Rate:**

Up to 120 awarded annually

**Deadline(s):**

31 January

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**Guidelines/Application Form:**

<http://www.ruralhealth.org.au/nrhpublic/publicdocs/RAMUS/RAMUSApplication2006.pdf>

[Eveline Rosina Henty Scholarships](#)

**Purpose:**

To enable persons of Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent to pursue fulltime studies in any field of study at an approved Australian tertiary institutions

**Eligibility Criteria:**

Persons of Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent who are either qualified or who expect to qualify before the beginning of the next academic year

**Value:**

Not specified

**Special Conditions:**

Awarded annually

**Deadline(s):**

Not specified

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[CountryMedicalFoundationofWestern Australia.](#)

[Medical Scholarships](#)

**Purpose:**

To provide scholarships to encourage undergraduate medical students to practise in rural areas on completion of their studies

**Eligibility Criteria:**

Western Australian country students enrolled in medicine, who are prepared to make a commitment to return to the country after graduation. First year students are eligible but preference is given to students who are in second or later years

**Value:**

Up to \$5,000 pa

**Special Conditions:**

For duration of course

**Success Rate:**

4 awarded annually since 1990

**Deadline(s):**

March

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