

Scholarships for Undergraduate and Postgraduate Coursework Procedure

1. STRATEGIC PLAN THEME AND COMPLIANCE OBLIGATION SUPPORTED

[*Scholarships and Financial Assistance Policy*](#)

Strategic Plan Theme: [Learning and Student Experience](#)

2. PROCEDURAL DETAILS

2.1. Scholarships Administration

- 2.1.1. The Student Services Scholarships Office will be notified of all domestic undergraduate and postgraduate coursework (excluding doctoral) scholarships offered by Curtin University, to ensure all scholarships are centrally advertised.
- 2.1.2. A scholarship will have the eligibility, application and selection criteria clearly stated.
- 2.1.3. Exceptions to scholarships administered by the Student Services Scholarships Office will be approved by the Director Student Management.

2.2. Establishing a Scholarship

- 2.2.1. The establishment of a new scholarship will be planned and involve consultation with relevant stakeholders.
- 2.2.2. If the funding is from a philanthropic source, University Advancement will establish the scholarship in cooperation with the Scholarships Office.
- 2.2.3. On request by the Manager, Student Services Scholarships Office (or nominee), University Advancement will provide assistance and advice to source funding for recipients where their scholarship is likely to end prior to the completion of the course of study.
- 2.2.4. The name of a scholarship and use of the sponsor/donor(s) name will be in accordance with the *Naming Rights Procedures*.
- 2.2.5. Information on individual scholarships will be accessible to all students on the Curtin website at <http://scholarships.curtin.edu.au/>
- 2.2.6. The Student Services Scholarships Office may, at its discretion, publicise other scholarships available to Curtin students, from sources outside the University.
- 2.2.7. Staff members responsible for advertising scholarships will ensure it is accurate in order to minimise the likelihood that scholarships are described in a way that could be interpreted as misleading or deceptive.

2.3. Eligibility and Awarding a Scholarship

- 2.3.1. Scholarships eligibility will be based on the published criteria.
- 2.3.2. A student may be awarded a scholarship if they meet the criteria and have been:
 - a) Nominated for the scholarship;
 - b) assessed and selected by a Scholarships Selection panel; or
 - c) automatically awarded.

2.4. Scholarship Selection Panels

- 2.4.1. Selection panels will comprise at least two panel members and ideally three, one of which will be a Curtin staff member.
- 2.4.2. When selecting members for a selection panel, the Manager, Scholarships (or nominee) will require disclosure of any actual, perceived or potential conflict of interest and give regard to:
 - a) The source of funding;
 - b) The purpose of the scholarship;
 - c) gender balance and diverse representation.

- 2.4.3. Where a conflict of interest, actual, perceived or potential, is disclosed, the appropriate action to mitigate this will be undertaken.

2.5. Advice to Applicants

- 2.5.1. Applicants for scholarships will be notified of the outcome of their application.
- 2.5.2. Successful applicants will be provided with acceptance documentation which will include the terms and conditions of the award.
- 2.5.3. Terms and conditions will include the duration and details of the scholarship, categories of support and any commitment the recipient will make in order to take up the scholarship.
- 2.5.4. The scholarship will be awarded only on receipt of completed and accepted acceptance documentation.
- 2.5.5. Scholarship recipients may be asked to participate in media activities for the promotion of their scholarship and the University.

2.6. Scholarship Award Ceremonies

- 2.6.1. Student Services Scholarships Office may organise, in conjunction with Corporate Events, an annual Scholarship Award Ceremony for merit-based scholarships.
- 2.6.2. Guests and attendees will not be charged fees to participate in or attend the Scholarship Award Ceremony.

2.7. Scholarship Payment

- 2.7.1. Payments are made to the recipient in accordance with the accepted Scholarship terms and conditions and acceptance documents.

2.8. Scholarship Monitoring

- 2.8.1. Scholarship monitoring is a process undertaken to determine if scholarship recipients are abiding by the terms and conditions of their scholarship.
- 2.8.2. Scholarship monitoring may include but is not limited to:
 - a) Academic progression monitoring;
 - b) Re-assessment of personal circumstances; and
 - c) Enrolment monitoring.

2.9. External Funding

- 2.9.1. Where an external sponsor or donor is funding a scholarship administered by Curtin University, the sponsor or donor will be contacted by the appropriate staff member prior to the date funding ceases, to review the continuation, value and aims of the relevant scholarship.

2.10. Cancellation of Scholarships

- 2.10.1. Scholarships may be cancelled in accordance with the terms and conditions of the recipient's scholarship.
- 2.10.2. If a scholarship is to be cancelled, the Scholarships Officer will notify recipient in writing and provide the opportunity to submit an appeal in writing to the Manager, Scholarships Office.
- 2.10.3. The Manager, Scholarships will commence the appeal within 10 working days and will notify the appellant of their decision in writing.
- 2.10.4. If a recipient's scholarship is cancelled, the University may reclaim any stipend or other scholarship related funding.

3. RESPONSIBILITIES

In addition to any responsibilities set out in section 2.

3.1. Academic Registrar

Is responsible for:

- a) Determining the correct or intended interpretation of this procedure.

4. SCOPE OF PROCEDURES

These procedures apply to staff and University Associates involved in administering scholarships and all students who apply for or have been awarded a scholarship managed by the Student Services Scholarships Office.

5. DEFINITIONS

(Note: Commonly defined terms are located in the [Curtin Common Definitions](#). Any defined terms below are specific to this document)

Student

Any person enrolled in a course/unit at the University.

Working Day

Any day, Monday to Friday other than University-observed holidays (including Academic and Professional staff observed public holidays) and formal close down periods of the University.

6. SCHEDULES

Nil

7. RELATED DOCUMENTS/LINKS/FORMS

[General Debtors Procedures](#)

[Conflict of Interest Procedures](#)

[Disclosure of Personal Information Procedures](#)

[Media Procedures](#)

[Advertising Procedures](#)

[Competition and Consumer Act 2010](#)

[Naming Rights Procedures](#)

[Higher Education Support Act \(2003\)](#)

[Education Services for Overseas Students \(ESOS\) Act](#)

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