

Description

Retired ophthalmologists Drs Mary Calthorpe and George Wong have established an endowed fund to support scholarships for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students studying medicine. The Calthorpe Wong Indigenous Medical Scholarship aims to increase the number of Indigenous students working as doctors in Indigenous communities.

One new scholarship will be available each year, subject to funding.

Benefits

Successful scholarship applicants will receive an award of \$20,000 per academic year for an initial period of up to four years subject to satisfactory academic progress. Payments will be made in fortnightly instalments.

Tenure

The scholarship is valid for four years subject to Satisfactory Academic Progress. An extension of one year may be approved in extenuating circumstances.

Eligibility

To be eligible, scholarship applicants must:

- be of Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent; and
- identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent; and
- be accepted as such by the community in which they live or have lived; and
- be enrolled in the Doctor of Medicine at Flinders University; and
- be able to demonstrate financial hardship; and

Students receiving this scholarship will not be eligible to hold similar scholarships concurrently.

Leave

Leave will be permitted for a maximum of 12 months after completion of one semester of the scholarship.

Selection

Selection will be made by the College of Medicine and Public Health and Yunggoendi Student Services in conjunction with Student Finance and Scholarships.

The Scholarship will be determined on the following selection criteria:

- financial need
- demonstrated desire to work as a doctor in an Indigenous community post-graduation.

Applications

Applications will be made via the Student Information System.