

# Northern Territory Medical Program Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Bursary Rules



## **Purpose**

The Northern Territory Medical Program Bursary has been established to provide financial assistance to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students enrolled in the Northern Territory Medical Program at Flinders University. Subject to continued Government funding support, Bursaries of \$20,000 per year for up to four years (total value of bursary up to \$80,000) will be available. The number of Bursaries available per calendar year is subject to available funding and will be announced at the beginning of each year.

## **Eligibility**

An applicant must:

- be of Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent and be accepted as an Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander by the community in which he or she lives or has lived; and
- be an Australian citizen; and normally be enrolled as a full-time student in the Flinders University Northern Territory Medical Program; and
- be able to demonstrate financial need.

## **Tenure**

Subject to continued Government funding, the Bursary is available for the normal duration of the Flinders University Northern Territory Medical Program (4 years full-time or for the equivalent part-time, where part-time study is approved by the University). The payment of the Bursary for part-time study will be at the discretion of the Flinders Northern Territory Medical Program Bursary Committee (FNTMPBC).

Payments will be made in fortnightly instalments subject to the student's continued enrolment in the course and subject to confirmation of satisfactory progress at the end of each semester/academic year, as appropriate in each case. Bursary payments will be withdrawn if the bursary holder withdraws or is precluded from the course.

Bursary payments will be suspended if the holder defers study. Students wishing to defer must apply to the School of Medicine Student Affairs Committee. If the deferral is granted, the Bursary will be suspended for no more than 12 months at a time. After this period Bursary holders need to resume study or reapply for a further approved deferral otherwise the Bursary will be terminated.

Bursary payments may only be paid for a repeat period of study in exceptional circumstances, at the discretion of the Flinders Northern Territory Medical Program Bursary Committee. Students wishing to seek bursary payments for a repeat period of study will be required to apply in writing to the Committee and each case will be considered on its individual merits.

## **Source of Funds**

The Bursaries are funded by the Commonwealth Government. New Bursaries will continue to be granted as long as there is sufficient funding to cover the full 4 years of the Bursary.

## **Selection**

The Bursaries will be awarded on the basis of financial need as determined by the Northern Territory Medical Program Bursary Committee. Applicants will be ranked according to demonstrated financial need by the Committee which will be co-chaired by the Associate Dean of Flinders NT and the Director of the Indigenous Pathways.

**Applications**

Applications should be submitted online through the Flinders University [Student Information System](#). Applicants will need to login and navigate to the My Scholarships tab to submit an application. Please read the [how to apply page](#) and ensure all of your personal details are up-to-date in Student Two before applying as you will be assessed using the information in the Student System, including, ATSI status home and semester address, citizenship etc.

**Advertising**

The availability of the Bursaries will be advertised on the University's website.