

Purpose

The Indigenous Education Placement Scholarship has been established to recognise the deep appreciation of the knowledge, capacity and potential leadership that indigenous people can bring to country. The scholarship aims to assist Indigenous preservice teachers on remote placements.

This scholarship aims to reduce the financial burden of placements and enable students to develop their skills while contributing to a regional or remote community.

Benefits

The scholarship value is up to \$5,000, paid in a single installment before the commencement of the placement*.

The scholarship is intended to contribute to accommodation, travel, and general living expenses, associated with the placement. It may also compensate for the loss of income and the costs related to maintaining their usual place of residence during the semester.

Recipients who do not proceed with the rural or remote placement will be liable to repay the scholarship monies.

Eligibility

An applicant must:

- be of Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent; and
- identify as an Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander; and
- be accepted as an Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander by the community in which they live or have lived; and
- be enrolled in a Bachelor of Education degree at Flinders University, which includes placement components; and
- be enrolled in a topic that has a placement component of at least four weeks duration in the year the scholarship will be awarded; and
- be intending to undertake a placement in a regional or rural location as defined by the Australian Statistical Geography Standard Remoteness Areas 3-5,
- be undertaking the placement in a regional or rural location that is at least 90 minutes from the campus the student is enrolled at; and
- be temporarily relocating from their usual semester address to undertake the placement; and
- have not received this scholarship previously.

Applications will not be accepted from students who have already completed their placement.

*Students receiving another scholarship for the same placement may receive a reduced amount.

Tenure

The scholarship will be valid for the duration of one regional or rural placement.

Selection

The scholarship will be awarded on the basis of:

- Academic merit
- The extent to which the scholarships will alleviate financial hardship caused by the placement
- The commitment of the student to undertaking a regional or rural placement as demonstrated by their responses to selection criteria questions
- The extent to which the applicant can contribute to the school and the broader community due to this placement.

Selection of the candidate(s) will be made in accordance with procedures approved by the Director, Student Administration, in consultation with the Office of Indigenous Strategy and Engagement.

Applications

Applications should be submitted online through the Student System by the specified closing date.

Advertising

The scholarship will be advertised on the University website and other appropriate media as determined by Flinders University.