



2021

**Bardon Lions Club
Centennial Indigenous
Tertiary Scholarship**

Application guidelines

Introduction

The *Bardon Lions Club Centennial Indigenous Scholarship* is a joint initiative between the Oodgeroo Unit, Queensland University of Technology (QUT) and Bardon Lions Club. The scholarships are valued at \$500 (one female and one male).

Oodgeroo Unit, QUT

QUT is a highly successful Australian university based in Brisbane who is committed to increasing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander representation within their university through the Oodgeroo Unit.

The Oodgeroo Unit is the centre of QUT's activities in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander education, studies and are committed to developing better access to university education for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and promote higher levels of participation in higher education.

Bardon Lions Club

Lions Clubs International lionsclubs.org.au strive to support our communities succeed: locally, within Australia, and around the world. This scholarship was established as a Lions centennial project, celebrating 100 years of Lions around the world in 2018. Where there's a need, there's a Lion: Lions Australia is Australia's largest service club with more than 1,200 clubs in Australia and Papua New Guinea.

As part of the Lions goal of community support and service, they're proud to offer this scholarship to help Indigenous students make the move to university.

Bardon Lions Club Centennial Indigenous Scholarship

Two scholarships will be offered to a commencing Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander student enrolled in any field of study and degree type at QUT.

Eligibility criteria

Applicant must:

- be a commencing undergraduate student in 2021
- be from a regional, rural or remote area
- be of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent
- be enrolled at the Queensland University of Technology at course census date.

Timing and payment of scholarship

The Scholarship will be awarded in Semester 1, 2021 and paid to the scholarship recipient in one payment following census date in Semester 1.

Tax and other benefits implications

Scholarship payments will contribute to recipients' taxable income and may also impact entitlement to Commonwealth benefits such as ABSTUDY.

Scholarship applicants and/or recipients are encouraged to contact Centrelink, the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) and/or their taxation agent to obtain advice about the implications of the scholarship payments on current earnings and benefits.

Information about taxation on scholarships is also available from the ATO website at: <https://www.ato.gov.au/Calculators-and-tools/Is-my-scholarship-taxable/>

Application process

Applicants are required to fully complete the [2021 Bardon Lions Club Centennial Indigenous Scholarship application form](#) - and provide a Confirmation of Aboriginality and/or Torres Strait Islander heritage status (if not already provided to the Oodgeroo Unit, QUT).

Submitting the application

Applications must be submitted to the Oodgeroo Unit, QUT by **5pm Friday, 5 March 2021**.

Applicants are required to submit via the unihub link <https://unihub.qut.edu.au/Form.aspx?id=3708855>

All required documentation is to be provided by the closing time and date. Any incomplete or late application may not be considered.

Selection process

The *Bardon Lions Club Centennial Indigenous Scholarship* applications will be reviewed and assessed by a selection panel.

Scholarship applicants are assessed on the basis of all information submitted in their application and having regard to the selection criteria. Written applications will be assessed by a panel comprising of two representatives from the Oodgeroo Unit and *Bardon Lions Club*. The panel may elect to interview short-listed applicants to assist with their decision-making process.

The assessment panel will award one female and one male scholarship based on the quality of applications, in their absolute discretion.

Scholarship offers

Once the selection process is complete all applicants will be notified in writing of the outcome of their scholarship application. Successful applicants may be notified of the outcome of their application by telephone or email prior to receiving the formal written notification.

Successful applicants will receive a written letter of offer and a copy of the *Bardon Lions Club Centennial Indigenous Scholarship* agreement and schedule, which must be completed and returned within 10 working days from the date of the written letter of offer. Acceptance of offers cannot be deferred. Should all available scholarships be offered, applicants who are considered meritorious but who are not successful in the first round of offers may be placed on a reserve list. In the event that a selected applicant declines an offer of scholarship, an offer may subsequently be made to an applicant on the reserve list.

The official presentation of scholarship recipients is expected to be made in mid 2021, at which time a presentation ceremony will be held in Brisbane and all scholarship recipients are required to attend the official scholarship presentation ceremony.

Scholarship conditions

Scholarship recipients will need to enter into a binding agreement with the Oodgeroo Unit, QUT which specifies the conditions of the scholarship. These conditions will require recipients to:

- attend the official scholarship presentation ceremony;
- give consent to photographs being taken for the purposes of promotional activities including media, website by the Oodgeroo Unit, QUT and Bardon Lions Club.

When the agreement has been signed by both parties, a copy will be returned for the scholarship recipient's records.

Where a scholarship recipient fails to fulfil the conditions of the agreement, the scholarship may be retracted by the Oodgeroo Unit, QUT and any scholarship funds received may be required to be repaid by the recipient.

Detailed information about the Scholarship conditions will be provided to successful applicants.

Recipients of a scholarship will need to consent to QUT providing Bardon Lions Club with certain personal information about the recipient in relation to the scholarship, for example, the recipient's name and image and course details.

Oodgeroo Unit, QUT

The Oodgeroo Unit, QUT is responsible for the leadership and management of the *Bardon Lions Club Centennial Indigenous Scholarship*, monitoring progress and reporting outcomes. The Oodgeroo Unit, QUT's responsibilities include:

- managing the scholarship, including administering the application and selection process and scholarship agreements
- providing a point of contact and service for scholarship recipients during the scholarship period, and liaising with scholarship recipients in a responsive and professional manner

- respecting the privacy of scholarship recipient information and using personal information provided by scholarship recipients appropriately
- arranging scholarship payments
- collecting data in order to evaluate and report on the program.

Key dates

9 September 2020 Scholarship applications open

5 March 2021 Scholarship applications close

8-12 March 2021 Verification, assessment and selection process

15 March 2021 Scholarship offers made to successful applicants

26 March 2021 Final date for acceptance of offer

Mid 2021 Formal Scholarships Presentation

Privacy

The Oodgeroo Unit, QUT collects the personal information on this form to assess your scholarship application and for other University purposes upon enrolment. Information explaining how QUT manages students' personal information can be found at <http://www.governance.qut.edu.au/compliance/privacy>

Contact details

Should you require further assistance or information regarding the *Herston Lions Club Centennial Indigenous Scholarship*, please contact:

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Bardon Lions Club Centennial Indigenous Scholarship: Application checklist

The following documentation is required to support your completed online *Bardon Lions Club Centennial Indigenous Scholarship* application form.

- Certified copy of documentation supporting Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander heritage (if not already provided to the Oodgeroo Unit, QUT)

APPLICATIONS CLOSE 5 MARCH 2021