



2021

Go Further Indigenous Tertiary Scholarship

Application guidelines

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Introduction

The *Go Further Indigenous Tertiary Scholarship* is a joint initiative between the Oodgeroo Unit, Queensland University of Technology (QUT) and Arrow Energy.

The scholarships are valued at

- \$10,000 (full-time enrolment) or
- \$5,000 (part-time enrolment).

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 research 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.

Arrow Energy

Arrow Energy is an integrated coal seam gas company, safely and sustainably delivering a world class coal seam gas to liquefied natural gas project. Through the Arrow Energy Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP), Arrow Energy is aiming to build mutually beneficial relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and communities in a range of fields including education.

As a part of this commitment, Arrow Energy is providing higher education scholarships and support programs to assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to attend and complete university.

Go Further Indigenous Tertiary Scholarship

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

Eligibility criteria

Applicant must:

- be of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent (10% weighting for applicants who identify as one of the Traditional Owner Groups and 0% for those who do not identify with one of these groups)
- be Australian citizens or permanent residents
- be enrolled at Queensland University of Technology at the census date.

Applicants must also be studying part-time or full-time and may be studying externally or on-campus.

Where applicants are comparable, preference will be given to applicants who identify as one of the Traditional Owners groups to whom Arrow Energy has capacity-building obligations through its land use agreements in the following regions:

Surat region	Bowen region
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barunggam • Bigambul • Cobble Cobble • Emon / Iman • Mandandanji • Jarowair / Yarowair • Kambuwal • Northern Gomeri • Wakka Wakka / Western • Wakka Wakka 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barada Barna • Birri • Jangga • Wiri • Yetimara / Yetimara

10% weighting. Applicants who do not identify with one of these groups will receive zero in this criterion.

Timing and payment of scholarship

The scholarship will be awarded in Semester 1, 2021 and paid to the scholarship recipient in two equal instalments—one payment following census date in Semester 1, the second payment following census date in Semester 2. Payments will be made as soon as possible after the census dates in Semesters 1 and 2.

Termination of scholarship

The Oodgeroo Unit, QUT in consultation with Arrow Energy, may terminate a recipient's scholarship if the recipient does not maintain satisfactory academic progress or a grade point average of 4 each semester.

Scholarship recipients who do not maintain a grade point average of 4 may be considered for continuation of scholarship if they can demonstrate a strong desire to continue their academic program and adhere to the recommended course of action as suggested by Oodgeroo Unit, QUT. Scholarship recipients should apply in writing to the scholarship panel to request continuation of their scholarship. Student support including mentoring is provided and scholarship recipients will be encouraged to apply for specialised academic extension—*Keystones of Success: Supporting our future leaders*.

Scholarship recipients who wish to change their academic program should advise the scholarship panel in writing and seek approval to continue their scholarship support.

Should a scholarship recipient need to suspend their scholarship for one or more semesters (maximum one per academic year) they should apply to the scholarship panel in writing for approval. Should the suspension be approved, the funds will be held by Oodgeroo Unit, QUT for payment to the scholarship recipient once they continue their studies at the end of the suspended period.

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 *Go Further Indigenous Tertiary Scholarship* application form, proof of Aboriginality and/or Torres Strait Islander heritage status (if not already provided to the Oodgeroo Unit, QUT), a written submission of 500 words or less answering the following questions in their own words:

- Give examples of your academic ability and potential to achieve at university (30% weighting).
- Describe your personal attributes e.g. community involvement, career aspirations, interests, drive, ability to overcome adversity (30% weighting).
- Impact of the scholarship. How will the *Go Further Indigenous Tertiary Scholarship* assist you in achieving your current and future career goals? (30% weighting).

Other documents

Applicants should attach documentary evidence of additional material that they believe will support their scholarship application. These should include but may not be limited to:

- academic transcripts (from high school, TAFE and/or current/previous study)
- academic transcript if a continuing QUT student (Please attach a copy of your academic record from QUT Virtual)
- certified copy of documentation supporting Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander heritage (if not already provided to the Oodgeroo Unit, QUT)

- a current resume/curriculum vitae
- referee reports, published research, etc
- evidence of Australian Citizenship or permanent residency.

Submitting the application

Go Further Indigenous Tertiary Scholarship applications must be completed via the link below

<https://unihub.qut.edu.au/Form.aspx?id=3175059>

by 5pm Friday, 5 March 2021.

Selection process

The *Go Further Indigenous Tertiary Scholarships* 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 two representatives of the Oodgeroo Unit and Arrow Energy. They panel may elect to interview short-listed applicants to assist with their decision-making process.

The assessment panel will determine the number of full-time and part-time scholarships to be awarded 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 *Go Further Indigenous Tertiary 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 March 2021, at which time a presentation ceremony may 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:

- maintain a 4 grade point average
- submit results and confirmation of continued enrolment promptly at the end of each semester
- (if applicable) defer for no more than 12 months during the study period
- maintain active communication with the Oodgeroo Unit, QUT at all times
- attend the official scholarship presentation ceremony
- give consent to photographs being taken for the purposes of promotional activities including media, webpage/s by the Oodgeroo Unit, QUT and Arrow Energy.

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 Arrow Energy with certain personal information about the recipient in relation to the scholarship, for example, the recipient's name and image, email address, phone number, course details, grade point average to Arrow Energy's Indigenous and Social Investment Team.

Withdrawal and termination of scholarship

Withdrawal from scholarship by recipient

Scholarship recipients who withdraw from the scholarship program after receiving payment of scholarship benefits will be required to repay some or all of the scholarship funds received.

Termination of scholarship by the Oodgeroo Unit, QUT

The Oodgeroo Unit, QUT may terminate a scholarship if a recipient does not satisfactorily meet the scholarship conditions, including if the recipient:

- fails to provide evidence of maintaining a grade point average of 4
- fails to provide confirmation of continued enrolment, seek prior approval for deferral, or exceeds the maximum 12-month deferral time allowed
- fails to remain enrolled in the approved degree program for which the scholarship has been awarded
- withdraws from the study program either before or after the cooling off period has expired
- acts in a manner that contravenes the scholarship agreement, in QUT's absolute discretion.

Please note: Scholarship recipients who have their scholarship terminated, may be required to repay some or all of the scholarship funds received to the Oodgeroo Unit, QUT.

Scholarship recipients

In addition to fulfilling their study program, scholarship recipients should note that their responsibilities include:

- participating in information sharing with other scholarship recipients
- providing the Oodgeroo Unit, QUT with confirmation of enrolment and results for each semester of study to facilitate scholarship payments
- notifying the Oodgeroo Unit, QUT immediately of any change in enrolment status, unsuccessful completion of a semester, deferral or withdrawal from a course or study program
- providing feedback to the Oodgeroo Unit, QUT if requested.

Oodgeroo Unit, QUT

The Oodgeroo Unit, QUT is responsible for the leadership and management of the *Go Further Indigenous Tertiary 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

16 November 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

29 March 2021 Final date for acceptance of offer

April 2021 Formal Scholarships Presentation

Privacy

The Oodgeroo Unit, QUT collects personal information from the applicant to assess the 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 *Go Further Indigenous Tertiary Scholarship*, please contact:

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Go Further Indigenous Tertiary Scholarship: Application Checklist

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- academic transcript if a continuing QUT student (please attach a copy of your academic record from QUT Virtual)
- certified copy of documentation supporting Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander heritage (if not already provided to the Oodgeroo Unit, QUT)
- a resume/curriculum vitae
- referee reports, published research etc
- evidence of Australian Citizenship or permanent residency (where applicable)

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