CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

This scholarship will financially assist students with the costs associated with higher education.

Value: $3,000
No. available: 5
Conditions: see details on application form
Payment: One-off payment available in November 2011.
Citizenships/residency: Australian citizens; Permanent residents other than New Zealand citizens
Level of study: Undergraduate
Area of study: any course or major hosted in the Faculty of Arts
Attendance: full-time, part-time, internal, external, distance
Type of course: a Commonwealth-supported place (HECS-HELP deferred payment only)
Closing Date: 31st October 2011

Criteria – Students must meet one or more of the following criteria
(Meeting the scholarship eligibility criteria does not guarantee that you will be awarded a scholarship):

• English language difficulty (e.g. non-English speaking background)
• financial hardship (e.g. Centrelink Youth Allowance, Start-Up Scholarship, Relocation Scholarships)
• Indigenous Australian
• long-term medical condition/disability or ongoing effects of abuse
• refugee status
• from remote or rural location

Previous qualifications: Current Australian bachelor, honours, masters and higher degree holders are not eligible.

Receiving Australian Government funded scholarships: You are eligible if you are receiving Start-Up Scholarship and/or Relocation Scholarship. You are not eligible if you are receiving another Commonwealth Scholarship, e.g. Commonwealth Education Costs Scholarship.

Receiving non-Government funded scholarships: You are not eligible if you are receiving one or more non-Government funded scholarships in 2011 or 2012.
APPLICATION OVERVIEW

Required Documentation includes:
- Student ID card
- Unofficial academic transcript
- Birth certificate or passport
- HECS-HELP debt statements

Supporting Documentation may include:

Financial hardships
- Centrelink Customer Reference Number (CRN)
- Details of exceptional, real and enduring financial hardship

English language difficulty
- English language documentation
- Details of study undertaken
- A verified copy of your first immigration visa

Medical condition, disability
- A Medical Impact Statement completed by a registered health professional who is treating you for your condition
  AND
- An Educational Impact Statement completed by a responsible person who can comment on the educational impact on your studies

Refugee status
- A verified copy of your visa showing refugee status; or a verified copy of your Red Cross or UNHCR registration if you arrived in Australia on a non-refugee visa; or a verified copy of your document for travelling to Australia

From regional or remote location
- Documentary evidence substantiating your residence in a regional or remote area of Australia, for a period of at least 12 months in the two years immediately prior to the start of your current undergraduate course*
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  * You can use the Rural Bonus Points Scheme information to identify your classification based on your postcode, i.e. Inner Regional; Outer Regional; Remote or Very Remote: http://mq.edu.au/future_students/undergraduate/bonus_points/rural_bonus_scheme
The Faculty of Arts
Equity Scholarships

NOTES
- We recommend that you do not submit original documents as they cannot be returned to you.
- All copies of documentation must be verified by a Justice of the Peace (JP) prior to submission. A JP Service is available at The Spot, Campus Hub via appointment: Phone (02) 9850 7606; Email: spot@mq.edu.au.
- Documents not verified or not verified correctly cannot be processed.
- If you have documents under a previous name, you must supply documentary evidence to prove your change of name, such as a registration with the Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages.

Condition of scholarship

- An applicant will submit a scholarship application to the Faculty of Arts Enquiries Desk (W6A level 1).
- Provision of the scholarship will be determined by the Selection Committee.
- The successful applicant will reflect on the outcomes of the scholarship, communicated in either written (letter, report, journal), oral (presentation, video) form one year to date after the issue of the scholarship.
- An approved scholarship may be spent on essential resources for their continued study at university (e.g. food, accommodation, transport, textbooks and stationary).
- Deferment of scholarship is not permitted.
- If you commit serious misconduct (e.g. provided false or misleading information) the scholarship you have been awarded will be terminated.
- If your application for an Equity Scholarship is successful, you will receive an offer letter and email (to your student email account) from the Faculty of Arts. Accompanying material will include details about accepting the offer and/or how the payments will be made.
- If you are a student receiving full-time education at university, your scholarship will be exempt from taxation subject to certain exceptions*.
- Maintain a financial diary to account for the use of the funds.