



HORIZON SCHOLARSHIP TERMS AND CONDITIONS

WHAT THIS SCHOLARSHIP PROVIDES

The Horizon Scholarship provides a \$5,000 cash payment each year to assist with costs associated with studying (textbooks, incidental expenses etc), and additional funding to assist with travel and accommodation associated with the annual Horizon Development Workshop and industry placement.

The scholarship is available for the duration of a scholar's relevant undergraduate degree. Any study that is taken over and above the expected duration will be at the scholar's expense, and this includes Honours (in addition to the undergraduate degree) and diploma study. If any semester study is undertaken below or above full time enrolment, approval must be applied for in writing and approved by RIRDC. Scholars will then be advised of the affect this change will have on the Scholarship.

It is each scholar's responsibility to declare to Centrelink any scholarships you are awarded.

The Australian Tax Office has a "Is your scholarship taxable?" tool on their website to assist scholar's to determine if their scholarship is taxable. For expert advice contact the Australian Taxation Office or an accountant.

CONDITIONS THAT NEED TO BE MET TO KEEP YOUR SCHOLARSHIP

To retain eligibility for a Horizon Scholarship you must:

- 1) Unless there are **exceptional circumstances**:
 - Remain enrolled in your relevant undergraduate degree
 - Maintain a full time enrolment. If any study is undertaken below or above full time enrolment in a semester (including summer and winter sessions), you are required to seek approval from RIRDC.
 - Remain eligible for a Commonwealth Supported place at the University (this means you must be an Australian citizen or the holder of an Australian Permanent Humanitarian or Permanent Resident visa) and be residing in Australia.
 - Achieve a satisfactory standard of academic progress. Scholars must maintain an acceptable course weighted average and fail no more than one unit in their first year. Academic monitoring of scholarship recipients will occur each semester. If you fail one or more units, you are required to contact RIRDC immediately.
- 2) A leave of absence may be permitted, but permission needs to be sought from RIRDC.
- 3) A student who withdraws from their units or course of study or is terminated from studies will become ineligible for continuation of the scholarship and will be required to repay to the university any stipend awarded for that study period.
- 4) The Horizon Scholarship has been awarded for your selected undergraduate degree and university and is not transferable into any other course or university without permission from RIRDC.



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Unless there are **exceptional circumstances**, a recipient with unsatisfactory progress or who breaches the scholarship conditions shall be ineligible to retain the scholarship. If a student does not meet all the conditions outlined they may be placed once on breached status which would provide an opportunity for the student to improve their grades in the next semester exams. This opportunity would occur only once during the duration of the scholarship.

Exceptional circumstances must be forwarded to and shall be at the discretion of RIRDC. Supporting original documentation (e.g. medical certificate) may be requested.

ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS

- Recipients may apply for or receive other industry sponsored scholarships whilst receiving the Horizon Scholarship, but must inform RIRDC.
- Recipients of the Horizon Scholarship will be required to sign the Horizon Terms and Conditions and commit to all activities and reporting requirements of the program. This includes completing progress reports in February each year, conducting industry placements annually and actively participating in communication with relevant sponsors.

PAYMENTS

The scholarship will commence from semester 1 each year. Payments will be processed once the external funder has been invoiced and the invoice paid. Cash payments of \$5,000 will be paid to the student's nominated bank account in semester one of each year from the relevant university. Cash payments are based on fulltime enrolment each semester.

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SCHOLARSHIP ACCEPTANCE

- I have read and understood the Terms and Conditions governing the Horizon Scholarship and I agree to abide by these conditions and obligations outlined therein.
- I accept the offer of a Horizon Scholarship under the conditions specified.
- I have initialled page 1 and 2 of the Horizon Scholarship Terms and Conditions to indicate my acceptance of these conditions.
- I understand that if I fail to meet my obligations as outlined in the Terms and Conditions or change any of my course information without prior approval from RIRDC, I risk my scholarship being terminated. Should this occur, I understand I will not be eligible to receive the yearly cash payment for the remainder of my studies with the university.
- I understand and agree that details relating to my enrolment, academic record, examination results and academic status will be made available to RIRDC for the purposes of on-going scholarship administration.
- I acknowledge that none of my past and future actions will cause embarrassment to, or bring the Scholarship and relevant agencies into disrepute, and commit to comply with all relevant laws whilst fulfilling all obligations of the scholarship.
- I grant the University, RIRDC and my sponsor permission to:
 1. Use photographs and videos of myself in its publicity material to promote the *Horizon Scholarship*. I also give permission for RIRDC and my sponsor to use in its publicity material, information about me which is contained in my program application form and progress reports, and provided to the panel during my interview. Publicity material includes, but is not limited to, media releases, newsletters, newspaper articles, annual reports, newsletters, audio interviews, the RIRDC and social media websites.
 2. I agree for my contact details to be provided to RIRDC and my sponsor who will coordinate any potential contact between myself and journalists.
 3. I give RIRDC permission to contact my university to receive information about my academic results to ensure I am fulfilling the requirements of my selected degree, and provide this information where necessary to my sponsor.

I have read the RIRDC privacy policy at rirdc.gov.au/policies/privacy-policy and consent to my personal information being collected, held, used and disclosed in the manner and for the purposes stated there.

Student Full Name: Signature:

Date:

Please read, sign and return one complete (*pages 1 & 2*) copy of the Horizon Scholarship Terms and Conditions to:

Horizon Scholarship, c/o Charles Sturt University, Locked Bag 588, Wagga Wagga, NSW, 2678
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