



Graduate Certificate Scholarships

Application Form

Closing date is **Friday 16th April 2021 (midnight AEST)**

About the Lowitja Institute

The Lowitja Institute is Australia's national institute for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health research. For over 20 years the Institute has overseen research covering all areas that contribute to the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, including the social and cultural determinants of health and wellbeing.

The Institute is committed to pursuing a new generation of solutions that make a real difference to the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. We will do this by continuing to work with our Lowitja Institute network to invest and support:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander priorities and collective ways of working;
- Knowledge creation (research) and translation that benefits Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples first and foremost;
- Work that recognises the strength and agency of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples; and
- Work that is culturally, ethically and intellectually rigorous.

Our scholarships

The Lowitja Institute is committed to increasing the capacity and capability of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health research workforce. Our scholarships provide an opportunity for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to develop skills relevant to effective health research and contribute to strengthening the workforce. The Institute aims to build the capacity and capabilities of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health research workforce at all study levels (Certificate IV through to postgraduate).

The Scholarships offered in 2021 aim to enhance the capabilities of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants in the following high priority research areas:

- Governance

- Leadership
- Policy

In 2021, the Lowitja Institute is offering three types of scholarships:

- Postgraduate top-up Scholarship
- Graduate Certificate, and
- Certificate IV.

Graduate Certificate Scholarships

The Lowitja Institute are excited to offer up to five (5) scholarships to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to enrol in a Graduate Certificate level course in:

- research management
- governance
- leadership
- policy

The Lowitja Institute will cover the cost of an approved Graduate Certificate course (up to the amount of \$15,000). Applicants can only apply for one scholarship.

The Lowitja Institute has identified the following Graduate Certificate courses are available in the required focuses:

Graduate Certificate	Focus	Location	Details
Graduate Certificate in Research Management , Deakin University	Research Management	Online or Geelong	1-year part time, Further details here: Graduate Certificate in Research Management, Deakin University
Graduate Certificate of Public Policy , ANU	Policy	Online	Further details here: Graduate Certificate of Public Policy, ANU
Graduate Certificate in Policy and Governance , QUT	Policy and Governance	Online	1-year part time. Further details here: Graduate Certificate in Policy and Governance, QUT
Graduate Certificate in Policy Analysis , Griffith University	Policy	Online	1-year part time. Further details here: Graduate Certificate in Policy, Analysis, Griffith University
Graduate Certificate of Public Policy , UWA	Policy	Perth	1-year part time. Further details here: Graduate Certificate of Public Policy, UWA
Graduate Certificate in Social Organisational Leadership , Charles Sturt University	Leadership	Online	1-year part time. Further details here: Graduate Certificate in Social Organisational Leadership

Graduate Certificate in Indigenous Leadership and Engagement , Australian Catholic University	Leadership	Online or Brisbane, Melb, Strathfield	1-year part time. Further details here: Graduate Certificate in Indigenous Leadership and Engagement, ACU
Graduate Certificate in Leadership , UWA	Leadership	Perth	Part-time only. Further details here: Graduate Certificate in Leadership, UWA

Applicants can propose Graduate Certificate courses for the Lowitja Institute's review and approval. If you would like to propose a course not listed above, please email the details of your proposed Graduate Certificate course to Anthea Burns at anthea.burns@lowitja.org.au prior to submitting your application.

Eligibility criteria

The eligibility criteria are:

- Applicant must be an Australian citizen
- Applicant must be an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person
- Applicant must be eligible for the Graduate Certificate program as per the course's eligibility requirements
- Enrolled or will be enrolled in a Graduate Certificate in research management, governance, leadership, and policy.

How to apply

1. Review the eligibility criteria.
2. Submit the **application form** and **all supporting documentation** (see page 8 of this form for more information) via scholars@lowitja.org.au by **Friday 16th April 2021**.
3. Applicants will receive an email acknowledging receipt of their application submission. If an email is not received within 48 hours, the applicant must contact Anthea Burns t: 03 8341 5517 or e: anthea.burns@lowitja.org.au . It is an applicant's responsibility to ensure their application and CV has been received.
4. Applications should be submitted via scholars@lowitja.org.au by **Friday 16th April 2021 (midnight AEST)**. **No late or incomplete applications will be accepted**. It is the applicant's responsibility to submit their application by the due date.

Application form

Please do not delete or re-format any of the content such as questions or instructions. Please comply with the word limits. Please note that, if you do not complete all relevant sections of this application or do not supply all the requested supporting documentation it will not be possible for the Lowitja Institute to process your scholarship application.

Contact details	
Title	
First name	
Last name	
Date of Birth	
Phone number	
Mobile	
Email	
Postal Address	
Are you of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin?	<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal <input type="checkbox"/> Torres Strait Islander <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>Proof of origin may be required if your application is successful</i>

Enrolment Details	
<i>Evidence of your enrolment will be required if offered a scholarship</i>	
Name of Provider	
Name of enrolling Certificate IV	
Course focus (can select more than one)	<input type="checkbox"/> Governance <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership <input type="checkbox"/> Policy <input type="checkbox"/> Other* *This has been discussed with and approved by the Lowitja Institute
Proposed commencement date	
Location (or online)	
Duration of course (part time)	<input type="checkbox"/> 6 months <input type="checkbox"/> 1 year <input type="checkbox"/> 18 months <input type="checkbox"/> _____
Does this course align with one of Lowitja Institute's high priority research areas?	

Selection criteria

Applicants must address all the criteria.

Describe your professional experience in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health research (maximum 250 words).

Describe your personal and professional goals in relation to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health (maximum 250 words).

Explain how completing a Graduate Certificate in your selected focus would contribute to your professional development and future aspirations (maximum 250 words).

Explain how completing a Graduate Certificate in your selected focus would benefit Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the context of your work or research (maximum 250 words)

Supporting documentation

You will need to provide the following supporting documentation:

Qualifications

Attach official documentation of your recent academic qualification/s - Institution, award, year, etc.

Curriculum Vitae

Attach a CV, maximum of 4 A4 pages

Academic referees

Attach two written academic or employment references in support of your scholarship application.

Ensure all supporting documentation meets the requirements of the application and correspondence from an institution or organisation must be on an official letterhead. Allow sufficient time to obtain or prepare your supporting documentation.

Please remember to attach all the supporting documentation to your application email.

Please complete the applicant declaration in the next page

Applicant declaration

I declare that the information supplied in this application is true and correct. I have original copies of all submitted documents and I understand that the Lowitja Institute may request sighting the original documents for the purpose of verification. I acknowledge that all documents submitted will become the property of the Lowitja Institute and, as such, will not be returned to me.

Yes / No

I understand that the information collected in this application form will enable the Lowitja Institute to assess my application and, if my application is successful, create a legally binding Scholarship Agreement. I also understand that if I do not complete all relevant sections of this application or fail to supply all supporting documentation my application will not proceed.

Yes / No

I understand that it is a serious offence under the Criminal Code of the Australian Commonwealth to give misleading or false information and I acknowledge that the Lowitja Institute reserves the right to reverse any decision made about my scholarship application funding if it is found that I have provided misleading or false information.

Yes / No

How did you find out about the Graduate Certificate Scholarship? Please provide details below.

Title	
First name	
Last name	
Signature	
Date	