

2026 Certificate IV and Graduate Certificate Scholarships Guidelines

Conditions of award

The objective of the Lowitja Institute Certificate IV and Graduate Certificate scholarships is to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students who are wanting to develop their skills and knowledge within the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health research workforce.

Eligibility criteria

- Scholarships are available to applicants who are Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander.
- Students are eligible to enrol for the chosen course and can commence in the next study semester following award of the scholarship.
- Students can demonstrate how the requested area of study is related to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and wellbeing, as it aligns with Lowitja Institute's research agenda and principles.

Application requirements

- Submission of a fully completed application form with required evidence.
- Provide confirmation of Aboriginality or Torres Strait Islander descent.
 - This must include the common seal and be signed by the chairperson of an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander land council or an incorporated Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisation in whose area the person lives or has previously lived.
- Provide proof of additional funding or scholarships in which you are in receipt of in relation to the chosen course (if relevant).
- Describe how the chosen course relates to one of Lowitja Institute's research agenda themes: www.lowitja.org.au/research/lowitja-institute-research-agenda-2024-2026
- Outline professional experience in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and wellbeing research.

- Outline personal and professional goals and aspirations in relation to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and wellbeing research.
- Describe how completing the chosen course will contribute to professional development and future goals.
- Describe how completing the chosen course will benefit Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and wellbeing.


Assessment criteria

Applications are assessed against the following criteria:

Assessment criteria	What is Lowitja Institute looking for?
Course impact	Demonstrates how the chosen course will benefit Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and wellbeing.
Development of skills and knowledge	Articulates how the chosen course will support the development of the student's skills and knowledge in relation to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health research.
Research agenda and principles	Demonstrates how the chosen course aligns with one of Lowitja Institute's research agenda themes.
Professional development	Describe how the scholarship will positively impact personal and professional endeavours.

Scholarship value, duration and requirements

- The scholarship value is up to \$15,000 for course fees.
- The amount awarded will be assessed against criteria including, but not limited to, alignment with Lowitja Institute's research agenda, impact and benefit for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.
- The maximum duration is up to one year.
- Funds are paid directly to the training institution.
- Acceptance of the scholarship is subject to the awardee, Lowitja Institute and the training institution accepting and agreeing to all conditions set out in the



Certificate IV or Graduate Certificate scholarship agreement (depending on which is awarded).

- Continuation of funding during the tenure of the scholarship is dependent on the awardee maintaining satisfactory progress in the program in which they are enrolled and meeting key deliverables as stipulated in the Certificate IV or Graduate Certificate scholarship agreement, including completion of progress reports.

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