
FACULTY OF HEALTH AND MEDICAL SCIENCES

STUDENT FINANCIAL BURSARY GUIDELINES

Background

Although Students are expected to be financially self-sufficient, we recognise that educational expenses can place a burden and be the difference between failure and success.

In 2017 a Financial Bursary has been established in the Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences to support students. The funds are intended to support educational expenses only. The Bursary is not intended to provide ongoing support.

2017 Funding Scheme

The total funding available to Faculty of Health and Medical Science Students is \$40,000.

- Eligible students will be notified of the Financial Bursary through a direct email campaign.
- There will be one formal round of submission seeking support to cover or reimburse educational expenses such as text books, stationary, equipment, uniforms, placement expenses.
- Applications outside the formal round of submission will be considered and reviewed based on merit and availability of funds.
- Awarded funds MUST be used for the educational expenses outlined in the application and incurred in 2017.
- Should the funding no longer be required, be used as requested on application or study is discontinued/deferred then funding will be recalled or reimbursement cancelled.
- Excess funding not used will be either recalled or agreement for its use negotiated.
- A maximum of \$1,000 will be allocated to any one student.
- Students can only receive funding once per calendar year.

Eligibility

To be eligible to submit an application:

- **Low socio-economic status background.**
*Preference will be given to low socio-economic students who are **also** indigenous students, students from regional and remote locations, students with disability, women in non-traditional areas or students from non-English speaking backgrounds.*
- **Students are Australian Citizens or Permanent Residents of Australia.**
- **Undertaking an active full course load in an undergraduate program in the Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences (FHMS) in 2017.**
For the purposes of the support, full time study means that you are undertaking at least 75% of the maximum full time student course load (at least 9 units per semester).
- **Demonstrated financial need.**
Students must be able to demonstrate financial need and be able to provide supporting documentation and evidence at the time of application (e.g. details of income tested). Commonwealth income support payment, such as Youth Allowance, Austudy, ABSTUDY benefits, or other details of their financial circumstances.
- **Satisfactory academic merit.**

Application Process

- Applications will be called for the formal round submission in August 2017.
- Eligible FHMS undergraduate students will be notified by a direct email campaign.
- Deadline for the formal round submission is Thursday 31 August 2017.
- Complete online application form.
- Forward relevant supporting documents by email to the Student Engagement and Success Officer.
- Receipt of application will be acknowledged in writing within two business days.
- Students will be notified about the status of their application within two weeks of the deadline for submissions.
- Applications outside the submission deadlines will be considered and reviewed based on merit and availability of funds.

Budget

All applications must include an indicative budget breakdown of the applicant's personal financial situation to enable an assessment of their financial need. An indicative budget breakdown of educational expenses the applicant wishes to be reimbursed for must also be provided as outlined in the application form.

Selection Process

The Student Engagement and Success Officer will coordinate the selection process.

The selection panel will consist of:

- Student & Learning Services Manager, Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences
- Faculty Executive Director, Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences

Students will be notified about the status of their application within two weeks after the formal round deadline or within two weeks of application submission.

Access to Funds

Following the selection process, the Student Engagement and Success Officer will contact the successful students to discuss the distribution of funds.

- Formal evidence of application for financial support
- Reimbursement of funds with evidence of purchase or use by a tax receipt is required.
- Nominated personal bank details.

Please note: Failure to provide evidence of purchase or use of funds will cancel right to reimbursement.

Reporting

Students who are recipients of Financial Bursary funding will be required to provide a testimonial to the Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences on the use of funds and how it impacted on their education.

The reporting timelines are to be negotiated between the Student Engagement and Success Officer and recipient following notification of the funding.

APPLY NOW

Further information on the Financial Bursary can be obtained from Rebecca Pym, Student Engagement and Success Officer on 8313 2892 or rebecca.pym@adelaide.edu.au