2019 Foundation Commencing Scholarships

Selection and Administration Guidelines
Closing date for receipt of applications is 22 February, 2019

1. Purpose

These guidelines underpin the allocation of Federation University Australia Foundation Scholarships, which are intended to enhance students’ chances of succeeding at the Federation University Australia by awarding scholarships.

2. Scholarships available

Buninyong Community Bank Scholarship (x 1)
Available for a commencing Higher Education domestic, undergraduate (including honours) student studying in agricultural or environmental pursuits (Bachelor of Environmental and Conservation Science, Bachelor of Veterinary and Wildlife Science or Bachelor of Science with a major in Ecology and Environmental restoration) at the Mt Helen campus.

Care-Leavers Scholarship (x 2)
Available for commencing Higher Education domestic, undergraduate (including honours) or postgraduate students who have been in care, kinship care or a stare ward for 12 months or more.

Carol Lynette Grant Prowse Scholarship (x 1)
Available for a commencing Higher Education domestic, undergraduate (including honours) or postgraduate student at the Mt Helen campus.

Elite Athlete Scholarship (x 1)
Available for a commencing Higher Education domestic, undergraduate (including honours) or postgraduate FedUni campus students. Elite Athletes must be recognised as an elite athlete by the AIS, State Institute or Academy of Sport, AFL Players’ Association, Rugby Union Players’ Association, Rugby League Professionals Association, Australian Professional Footballers’ Association or a national squad member from Australian Sports Commission funded sports.

FedUni Council Scholarship (x 1)
Available for commencing Higher Education domestic, CALD, migrant, refugee, international undergraduate (including honours) or postgraduate FedUni campus students and online students.

Federation University Australia Staff Scholarship (x 2)
Available for commencing Higher Education domestic, CALD, migrant, refugee, international undergraduate (including honours) or postgraduate FedUni campus students and online students.

Foundation Commencing Scholarships (x 7)
Available for commencing Higher Education domestic, CALD, migrant, refugee, international undergraduate (including honours) or postgraduate FedUni campus students and online students.

Ian Alexander Gordon Scholarship (x 1)
Available for a commencing Higher Education domestic, undergraduate (including honours) or postgraduate student at the Mt Helen campus.

Isobella Foundation Scholarship (x1)
Available for a commencing Higher Education domestic, undergraduate (including honours) or postgraduate student from a regional or rural area at the Mt Helen campus.

Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw Scholarship (x1)
Available for a commencing Indian student undertaking Higher Education studies in the fields of Science, Technology or Mathematics at the Mt Helen campus.
3. Eligibility Requirements

3.1 Basic Eligibility Requirements

To meet the basic eligibility requirements for all Federation University Australia Foundation Commencing Scholarships, students will need to be:

a) enrolled as a commencing Higher Education domestic, CALD, migrant, refugee or international Undergraduate or Postgraduate student or online course;
b) undertaking studies in Higher Education at Federation University Australia for the full 2019 academic year at a FedUni campus;
c) able to demonstrate financial circumstances;
d) able to demonstrate commitment to study.

3.2 Financial Circumstances

A student is not eligible for a Federation University Australia Foundation Scholarship unless Federation University Australia is satisfied that the student is able to demonstrate financial status through their KickStart application:-

a) in receipt of a Centrelink benefit such as Austudy, Abstudy, Youth Allowance, Parenting Payment, Disability support etc. This excludes payments such as Family Tax Benefit Part A and/or Part B and Low Income Health Care card
b) on the basis of a comprehensive assessment conducted by or on behalf of Federation University Australia.

3.4 General Circumstances

Please note, a Scholarship application does not guarantee a place in the course of your choice.

The Scholarship holder is required to commence study no later than 1 March in the year in which the Scholarship commences.

Scholarships are not available to Federation University Australia employees, employed by the University at a time fraction of 0.5 or above.

Previous recipients of a Foundation Scholarship are not eligible to apply.

4. Applications, Assessment and Selections

4.1 Applicants who do not complete KickStart, scan and attach the two written references to their Foundation Additional Information Sheet or answer the additional question by the due date will be ineligible.

4.2 Personal and financial status will be assessed according to information provided in the KickStart registration.

4.2.1 The selection process will be administered by the Federation University Australia Foundation with input from staff from Federation University Australia. Finance Department is responsible for payment to successful applicants.
5. Scholarship Payments

5.1 If successful in being awarded a Federation University Australia Foundation Scholarship, students will receive the scholarship payments for 2019 only, provided they continue to meet the ongoing eligibility requirements.

5.2 Students successful in being awarded a Federation University Australia Foundation Scholarship will receive their payment in instalments.

6. Conditions of the Federation University Australia Foundation Scholarships

6.1 A student must formally accept the scholarship offer in order to receive any payment, and in doing so, accepts the conditions of the scholarship.

6.2 Ongoing eligibility will be assessed in Semester One for the Federation University Australia Foundation Scholarships. If circumstances or eligibility change which render a student holding a Federation University Australia Foundation Scholarship ineligible according to eligibility requirements, the scholarship will be terminated.

6.3 It is the responsibility of the student to maintain current contact details, including email, in the Federation University Australia Student Administration System (mysc.federation.edu.au). If a student cannot be contacted by mail, email or telephone for the purpose of assessing ongoing eligibility, and as a result their eligibility cannot be determined in the allowed timeframe, their scholarship will be terminated.

6.4 Students awarded a Federation University Australia Foundation Scholarship are not permitted to suspend their scholarship if they take leave from studies or defer their course.

6.5 Termination of a Federation University Australia Foundation Scholarship will occur:

a) if a student ceases to meet the eligibility criteria; or
b) if Federation University Australia determines that the student:
   i) has failed to maintain satisfactory academic progress and there are no extenuating circumstances for such failure; or
   ii) has committed serious misconduct during a course of study whilst attending Federation University Australia including, but not limited to, the provision of false or misleading information.

7. Review / Appeal

Students with a grievance about the selection process should, in the first instance, direct their concerns to the Foundation Office. If the matter remains unresolved, students can access the University’s Student Grievance Policy, which is available on the University’s website http://policy.federation.edu.au/university/student_grievance/ch1.pdf

8. Donors

The Federation University Australia Foundation acknowledges with gratitude funds donated to the Foundation to support Foundation scholarships, and warmly thanks individual donors and their families for their generosity.

Successful recipients of a Foundation scholarship will be invited to attend a Foundation event with our donors to receive a scholarship certificate in May 2019, and provide feedback to donors towards the end of 2019 on what it has meant to receive the scholarship.