Foundation Scholarships available in 2016

Closing date for receipt of applications is Thursday 10 March 2016 at 4.00pm

1. Federation University Australia Foundation Scholarships

The Foundation Scholarships have been established by the Federation University Australia Foundation to enhance students’ chances of succeeding at Federation University Australia by awarding scholarships. The Foundation’s aim is to empower and enable students to make a contribution to society once they graduate.

The Foundation Scholarships are open to both commencing and continuing domestic Higher Education students enrolled in an undergraduate degree (including honours), postgraduate degree and commencing and continuing domestic TAFE students.

2. Foundation Scholarships available

In 2016 eleven scholarships will be available, each to the value of $7,000.

Commencing Higher Education undergraduate student
Commencing Higher Education postgraduate student
Commencing TAFE student
Continuing Higher Education undergraduate student
Continuing Higher Education postgraduate student
Continuing TAFE student
Commencing or continuing Mt Helen campus Higher Education student (in honour of Ian Alexander Gordon)
Commencing or continuing Gippsland campus Higher Education student (in honour of Brian Mackenzie)
Commencing or continuing Higher Education undergraduate or postgraduate student who has been in care or a state ward for 12 months or more
Commencing or continuing Fed College student who has been in care or a state ward for 12 months or more
Commencing or continuing TAFE student who has been in care or a state ward for 12 months or more

3. Care-Leavers Scholarship

Care-Leavers scholarships have been established to support former wards of the state or care-leavers. The scholarships are available to Higher Education undergraduate (including honours), postgraduate, VCAL or TAFE students. Applicants for a care-leavers scholarship must have been in continuous care for at least 12 months or more. This scholarship is open to all Australian students who have been in care or a state ward.

4. Ian Alexander Gordon Scholarship

The Ian Alexander Gordon Bequest has been established to honour the life of Dr Ian Alexander Gordon, who was appointed President of the Council of the State College in 1973, and the first Vice-President of the Ballarat College of Advanced Education from 1981-1989. Dr Gordon was a major contributor to the University over many years.

The scholarship is available to a Higher Education student at the Mt Helen campus.

5. Brian Mackenzie Gippsland Scholarship

The Brian Mackenzie Gippsland Scholarship was established to honour the life of Emeritus Professor Brian Mackenzie, who was Pro Vice-Chancellor of Monash University Gippsland from 2000-2007. Professor Mackenzie, who led the Gippsland Campus between 2000 and 2007, made an extensive contribution to not only the university, but the wider community, ushering in a number of major projects that have since become integral to the success of the campus.

Framed by Professor Mackenzie’s passion for education, research and regional opportunity, the fund will support a range of initiatives at the Gippsland campus, including student equity bursaries and new programs to help strengthen connections between the campus and communities in the region.

The scholarship is available to a Higher Education student at the Gippsland campus.
6. **Eligibility**

Students must be undertaking studies in either TAFE or Higher Education at Federation University Australia for the full 2016 Academic Year.

Higher Education domestic students must be undertaking an undergraduate or postgraduate course of study as a Commonwealth Supported Student. TAFE domestic students must be undertaking a TAFE course.

Applicants will be assessed on financial circumstances and commitment to study.

Applicants for a care-leavers scholarship must have been in continuous care for at least 12 months or more. This scholarship is open to all Australian students who have been in care or a state ward.

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.

4. **Selection Criteria and Process**

Applications will be assessed by a Selection Panel against the following criteria:

- Financial circumstances
- Commitment to study

Applicants will need to provide the information as indicated in KickStart in order to be considered eligible for the Scholarship.

The final selection of those to be awarded a Scholarship will be at the discretion of the Federation University Australia Foundation Board.

The Scholarship is paid in instalments. The first payment is made after enrolment and commencement of study.

Termination of studies by the holder will automatically cancel the Scholarship and any further payment of Scholarship funds.

In so far as possible, one scholarship will be allocated within each area.

5. **Applications**

1. Please read the Foundation Scholarship Information Sheet and Selection and Administration Guidelines for full eligibility criteria, available on the Foundation website [federation.edu.au/foundation-scholarships](http://federation.edu.au/foundation-scholarships)

2. All Foundation scholarship applications should be entered into KickStart. You can access KickStart via the Foundation website [federation.edu.au/foundation-scholarships](http://federation.edu.au/foundation-scholarships)

3. Scan and attach your two written references to your KickStart application by the closing date. Written references should be from people (outside of your family) who can comment with knowledge about your circumstances, study history, commitment to furthering education and your personal qualities.

No late applications will be accepted.

6. **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, and support from local businesses Bendigo Bank and the Gippsland Education Precinct.

Successful recipients of a Foundation scholarship will be invited to attend a Foundation event with our donors to receive a scholarship certificate in May 2016.