

# Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Tertiary Scholarship

In 2023, the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is offering tertiary scholarships to students who identify as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person, are enrolled in engineering and engineering related disciplines, and are attending a recognised tertiary institution.

TMR recognises financial support as a way to widen participation and enable success for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples through educational and employment entry pathways.

## What is a scholarship?

A scholarship is a sum of money to support a student to help further their education. Unlike a loan which accrues interest or need-based financial aid, scholarships do not need to be paid back. Most organisations that offer scholarships consider them an investment rather than a gift.

The purpose of a scholarship is to provide financial support to students to help them further their education, and can also include employment options.

## Scholarship value

The scholarship is valued at \$3000 per semester (maximum \$6000 per year), pro rata for part-time students, until completion of the qualification.

The scholarship will be for the continuing duration of the applicants chosen engineering or engineering related qualification.

## How to apply

If you are interested in this opportunity, please go to

[www.tmr.qld.gov.au/scholarships](http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/scholarships)



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## Eligibility criteria

To be eligible for the scholarship, applicants must:

- identify as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person
- be enrolled full-time or part-time in a qualification at a recognised Australian tertiary institution in an engineering or engineering related degree or diploma course that relates to transport infrastructure, and have completed at least one semester in that qualification
- to be able to take up work placements in Toowoomba, Bundaberg or Brisbane.

Please note that receiving any other scholarships, excluding Commonwealth funded scholarships for financial hardship, may be a factor in deciding eligibility.

## Selection criteria

Applicants will be assessed on a resume, latest academic record and online submission addressing:

1. Why you chose your field of study?
2. Information on any volunteer, extracurricular work or special interests that you have.

An interview with the local business area (TMR) hosting the scholarship holder may be required.

## Additional information

The scholarship can be used to help with study costs, including course fees, cost of books, study materials, tools, equipment, accommodation and travel costs.

The scholarships offered will combine university study with paid practical work placements of at least 30 days per year.

The successful applicant must maintain their enrolment to continue the scholarship.

At the conclusion of the scholarship, the successful recipients can apply for a graduate position with TMR.

## Payment of scholarship

Instalments of \$3000 to be paid twice a year (every 6 months) at the end of a full-time semester after academic checks (pro rata for part-time students).

## Supporting documentation

- Application submission
- Transcript (latest academic results)
- Resume

## Benefits

This scholarship will give students the opportunity to put skills learnt studying into a practical real work environment. TMR is committed to supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to build their knowledge and skills and help shape their own futures.

## Further information

If you are interested in this opportunity, visit [www.tmr.qld.gov.au/scholarships](http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/scholarships) and apply. Alternatively you can email [scholarships@tmr.qld.gov.au](mailto:scholarships@tmr.qld.gov.au) for further information.

## Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners and Elders

The Department of Transport and Main Roads acknowledges Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the Country.

We recognise their connection to land, sea and community.

We pay our respects to them, their cultures, and to their Elders, past, present and emerging.