

# Aboriginal Groundwater Scholarship

Are you keen to make a difference to the management of our State's most precious resource – water?

The Aboriginal Groundwater Scholarship has been designed for an Aboriginal student seeking to study a groundwater related undergraduate qualification within the School of the Environment at Flinders University.

Water is vital for South Australia's future. High quality science and monitoring of South Australia's water enables us to better allocate water between communities, industry and the environment. The opportunity to train in this area is co-funded by the South Australian Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources and the National Centre for Groundwater Research and Training (NCGRT).

This scholarship is potentially worth around \$90,000 over three years.

## About the aboriginal groundwater scholarship

The Aboriginal Groundwater Scholarship will encourage and assist an Aboriginal student who is currently studying or enrolled in an undergraduate degree in an Earth Science discipline.

The eligible Aboriginal student has the option to choose from a number of different undergraduate courses, however completion of some subjects relating to water is required.

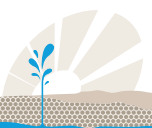
Preferred Undergraduate courses include, but are not limited to:

- Bachelor of Environmental Management
- Bachelor of Science (Environmental Science) - Specialisation
- Bachelor of Science - with a major in Environmental Hydrology and Water Resources

Up to two Aboriginal Groundwater Scholarships are available each calendar year (the Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources and the National Centre for Groundwater Research and Training reserve the right to not offer scholarships).



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## Scholarship value (tuition fees and paid work experience)

As part of the Scholarship the NCGRT will

- pay tuition fees for the Undergraduate Degree (adjusted annually) for an approved scholarship holder. The scholarship will pay for the university tuition fees (108 units 3 years full-time) for successful completion of a course from the School of the Environment at Flinders University.
- depending on successful completion of the Undergraduate Degree and associated Grade Point Average (GPA), scholarship recipients may be eligible to receive tuition funding for a fourth year while undertaking an honours degree within the School of the Environment.

As part of the Scholarship the Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources will:

- fund the salary at ASO1 level for the student's paid work placements throughout their study (12 weeks each year)
- provide a workplace mentor
- offer employment in a graduate role following the successful completion of their undergraduate and/or honours degree.

The Scholarship is paid in two parts (two installments to cover full-time tuition fees after the Semester 1 and Semester 2 census dates). The up-front student contribution fees applicable to the course for which the scholarship is awarded are paid directly to the University on or after the census date in each semester (payment of the second installment is subject to the recipient making satisfactory progress in accordance with the rules for the course in relation to which the scholarship is awarded).

The payment of salary will be through the fortnightly payroll system in the Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources following the completion of periods worked or averaged out and paid fortnightly over the year.

For further information on the value of the Scholarship, please visit:

[www.environment.sa.gov.au/get-involved](http://www.environment.sa.gov.au/get-involved)

## Eligibility requirements

To be eligible for consideration for the Aboriginal Groundwater Scholarship, an applicant must be

- of Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent
- identify as an Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
- accepted as such by the community in which you live or have lived
- an Australian resident
- be enrolled or intend to enrol as a full-time student in the School of the Environment at Flinders University.

## Selection criteria

The Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources and the National Centre for Groundwater Research and Training will form a combined Selection Committee to assess applicants. The Scholarship is awarded to the applicant who, in the opinion of the Selection Committee, best demonstrates through their application, supporting documentation and interview performance:

- academic achievement of students who apply for a Flinders University School of the Environment Degree through SATAC or University transcript for current students
- one or more of the following
  - »» Other achievements or abilities
  - »» Leadership
  - »» Community Service.

## How to apply

Written applications are now open until 31 January. To download the application form, please visit:

[www.environment.sa.gov.au/get-involved](http://www.environment.sa.gov.au/get-involved)

Applications must be lodged attention to Mrs Kim McLean, Project Officer Workforce Development, Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources via email [DEWNRjobs@sa.gov.au](mailto:DEWNRjobs@sa.gov.au) or via post to GPO Box 1047, Adelaide SA 5001.

## Conditions

The Aboriginal Groundwater Scholarship is tenable for the duration of the undergraduate course for which the recipient is awarded, including honours year if applicable. The Scholarship cannot be held concurrently with any other externally-funded undergraduate scholarship except a Commonwealth Scholarship. The Scholarship may not be deferred during the tenure of the Scholarship unless exceptional circumstances apply.

Continuation of the scholarship from year to year is subject to the recipient

- making satisfactory progress in accordance with the rules of the course for which the scholarship is awarded
- maintaining continuous enrolment at the University as a full-time student in the course for which the Scholarship is awarded unless otherwise approved by the Scholarships Committee
- completing 12 weeks paid work placement each year.

Any thesis, dissertation or other publication resulting from research undertaken by the recipient while in receipt of the Aboriginal Groundwater Scholarship must acknowledge the support of the Scholarship and carry the University by-line.

## For further information contact:

Mrs Kim McLean, Project Officer Workforce Development, Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources

(08) 8463 4492 or

[www.environment.sa.gov.au](http://www.environment.sa.gov.au)

[www.groundwater.com.au/scholarships](http://www.groundwater.com.au/scholarships)

[www.flinders.edu.au/scholarships](http://www.flinders.edu.au/scholarships)

