

FOXTEL DIVERSITY SCREENWRITING SCHOLARSHIP 2019

FOR AFTRS MASTER OF ARTS SCREEN: SCREENWRITING

Purpose

The purpose of this scholarship is to expand and enrich the school's student community by recognising and supporting an outstanding Master of Arts Screen: Screenwriting student, selected on the basis of merit from eligible students from diverse cultural, ethnic or socio-economic backgrounds, or from otherwise underrepresented minority groups.

The Foxtel Diversity Screenwriting Scholarship for Master of Arts Screen: Screenwriting, is awarded to support and develop the career of the recipient, providing them with a \$20,000 scholarship and if possible, a professional attachment during the course.

The scholarship is intended to support students commencing their studies by providing a contribution to a living allowance or towards relocation costs, study resources and other costs.

Foxtel will use its best efforts to offer a professional attachment to the recipient to take place during the period specified in the course curriculum, pending a suitable opportunity being available, which Foxtel will organise, manage and tailor to the development needs and interests of the recipient in consultation with AFTRS.

One scholarship may be offered in 2019 to a Master of Arts Screen: Screenwriting student after consideration by the selection committee. In the event of there being no suitable Masters course applicants for that year the committee will convene to determine a course of action. The recipient cannot defer the commencement of the scholarship.

Payments

Foxtel Diversity Screenwriting Scholarship for AFTRS Master of Arts Screen: Screenwriting is provided by Foxtel.

The scholarship is valued at \$20,000.

Over the duration of the course (2 years) \$5,000 will be awarded each semester, to be paid following the applicable census date. Payments are conditional on the recipient remaining enrolled, in good academic standing, and continuing to meet the eligibility criteria, and any other conditions.

The scholarship can be awarded only once to a recipient.

Assessment of applications

The scholarship is intended to recognise both diversity and merit, and applications will be assessed on those grounds.

AFTRS will determine merit on the basis of rankings from the 2019 Master of Arts: Screenwriting application round. Applicants for the scholarship need not provide additional evidence of merit as decisions will be made on the basis of consideration of their course application materials.

The committee will take into consideration the statement provided by the applicant regarding their cultural, ethnic or socio-economic background, or their membership of an otherwise underrepresented minority group. Applicants are asked to self-identify when making an application, but may be required to supply documentation relating to their membership of a group on request.

There is one scholarship available, competitively determined on consideration of the application ranking of candidates who fulfil the eligibility criteria. AFTRS and Foxtel will determine which, if any, applicant will be awarded the scholarship. AFTRS' decision is final and no correspondence about decisions will be entered into. An applicant cannot receive this scholarship, the AFTRS Master of Arts Equity Scholarship and an AFTRS Indigenous Scholarship for the same year.

Successful applicants will be told of any conditions of the scholarship.

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Who can apply?

To be eligible to apply, you must:

- be enrolled in the Master of Arts Screen: Screenwriting; and
- be an Australian citizen or Australian permanent resident or a New Zealand citizen; and
- provide a statement identifying that you are from a cultural, ethnic or socio-economic background underrepresented in the screen industry and/or postgraduate screen education, or that you identify as a member of another otherwise underrepresented minority group.

When to apply

Applications open: July 2018

Applications close: Friday 16 November 2018

Applications must be completed by the closing date. All applicants will be notified by email whether or not their application is successful by **mid-December, 2018**.

The link to the portal is: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NPRR9BP>

How to apply

1. Merit

Your application for an AFTRS course in 2019 will provide the basis to select your application based on merit to fulfill this criterion in your application. You will not need to submit any further evidence of merit.

2. Demonstrating diversity

When you apply for the scholarship you will be asked to provide a statement regarding your cultural, ethnic or socio-economic background, or regarding your membership of an otherwise underrepresented minority group.

The underrepresented groups named are not intended to be an exhaustive list, and applicants may apply on the basis of their membership of any group that is systemically underrepresented in the screen industry and/or postgraduate screen education, but are asked to specifically identify that group in their statement.

You may be asked to provide additional documentation as required.

If you are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander you need to provide your documentation regarding recognition by your community when you apply for the scholarship.

3. Other information

In assessing your application the committee may request you provide additional supporting documents to enable them to make a final decision. You will be contacted via email to request specified documents if required. The scholarship can be awarded only once to a student.

Further information and application

For more information and help with your application, you can contact the Student Centre on 02 9805 6444 between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday or email us at studentinfo@aftrs.edu.au

You can find information about scholarships at AFTRS via this link. <https://www.aftrs.edu.au/students/future-students/scholarships-and-financial-support/>