

AFTRS Radio/ABC Selwyn Speight Diversity Radio Scholarship

Graduate Diploma in Radio (Full-time)

Purpose

The purpose of this scholarship is to expand and enrich the school's student community by recognising and supporting an outstanding Graduate Diploma in Radio full-time student, selected on the basis of merit from eligible students from Indigenous, culturally or linguistically diverse backgrounds. Or from otherwise underrepresented minority groups including ethnic or socio-economic.

The AFTRS/ABC Selwyn Speight Diversity Scholarship for the Graduate Diploma in Radio is awarded to support and develop the career of the recipient, providing them with a minimum \$15,000 scholarship (final amount to be determined by the Trustee), an internship at the ABC throughout the study year followed by a 12 month employment contract if all performance measures are met.

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

One scholarship may be offered in 2020 to a Graduate Diploma in Radio full-time student after consideration by the selection committee. The recipient cannot defer the commencement of the scholarship.

Payments

The scholarship is made available via a bequest from the late Selwyn Speight, who was an ABC journalist. The 2020 scholarship is valued at a minimum of \$15,000.

A lump sum will be paid to the scholarship recipient following the applicable census date.

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 the merit selection process applied to all Graduate Diploma in Radio applicants.

The committee will take into consideration the statement provided by the applicant regarding their Indigenous-status or other cultural background. Applicants are asked to self-identify when making an application, but may be required to supply documentation relating to their membership of a target 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 the ABC 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, and the AFTRS Indigenous Scholarship for the same year. Successful applicants will be told of any conditions of the scholarship.

Who can apply?

To be eligible to apply, you must:

- Be an applicant for, or have accepted a position in, the 2020 Graduate Diploma in Radio full-time course
- Be an Australian citizen or Australian permanent resident or a New Zealand citizen
- Provide a statement identifying that you are from an Indigenous or other underrepresented cultural background

Application dates

Applications open Thursday 22 August 2019 and close Monday 14 October 2019.

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 2019. You will be contacted regarding the AFTRS Radio ABC Selwyn Speight Scholarship selection by the Radio Department after that date.

How to Apply

Prerequisites

Applicants to postgraduate programs are required to hold a relevant undergraduate degree at bachelor level, or to have completed equivalent work experience and/or training.

Applicants to postgraduate programs are required to have completed the following:

A relevant undergraduate degree at bachelor level, or to have completed equivalent work experience and/or training. Some examples of equivalent work experience and/or training are as follows:

For prospective applicants who do not have an undergraduate degree, they are required to have:

Year 12 completion plus:

Relevant industry/work experience including volunteering on a regular program (24 months minimum experience). Industry would include community and/or commercial radio OR media or sound recording/engineering training and/or experience (24 months minimum); OR

Diploma/Advanced Diploma in a relevant field eg. TAFE – Screen and Media AND relevant industry/work experience including volunteering on a regular program (12-24 months minimum experience); PLUS

Demonstrated interest in radio and/or podcasting and letter of reference supporting your application. Prospective students are required to demonstrate they have achieved corresponding learning outcomes by completing a similar volume of relevant work experience and/or training. If you wish to apply for admission by degree equivalence, contact the AFTRS Radio team on 02 9805 6586.

Selection Criteria

1. Evidence of interest in and engagement with Radio and Podcasting.
2. Evidence of original creative thinking and ability, enthusiasm, development of ideas and experience in communicating those to a broadcast, online or live audience.
3. Evidence of ability to complete complex tasks and critical thinking.
4. Excellent communication skills and an ability to work successfully in a team.
5. Broad general knowledge and life experience, and an interest in current affairs and popular culture.

Resume and Educational Qualifications

Provide a one-page list of your achievements, educational qualifications and work experience. You must also provide a certified copy of your highest education level as detailed on the How and When to Apply page on the AFTRS website. Use the link provided for information on how to certify documents.

Proof Of Citizenship/Residency

Ensure you submit a certified copy of your birth certificate or passport as detailed on the How and When to Apply page on the AFTRS website. Use the link provided for information on how to certify documents.

Demonstrating Eligibility

When you apply for the scholarship you will be asked to provide a statement regarding your cultural, linguistic, or diverse background. You may be asked to provide additional documentation as required.

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

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.

Further information and application

The application portal will be open to take applications from Thursday 22 August 2019 and will close on Monday 14 October 2019. Complete the online application form and provide all the documentation requested by the closing date.

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 at the following link.

aftrs.edu.au/students/future-students/scholarships-and-financial-support