

SCHOLARSHIPS

Storytelling Scholarship

2021

AFTRS

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Introduction

Since its inception in 1973 as the national film, television and radio school, AFTRS has empowered Australian storytelling talent. Australian storytelling is vital for building our culture and identity and connecting with one another. Australian stories face many challenges. Building the next generation of Australian talent and equipping our industry with relevant skills is essential to meet these challenges and ensure audiences are enriched by Australian stories.

To ensure AFTRS reflects Australian society, diversity is supported across all the School's activities, with a focus on supporting the best talent, from all backgrounds, into careers in the industry. The Storytelling Scholarship has been created to support this aim.

Purpose

The purpose of this scholarship is to support the telling of diverse Australian stories by providing a fee scholarship for a commencing student in 2021 in the Master of Arts Screen or Bachelor of Arts Screen: Production or Graduate Diploma in Radio. The application will be selected on the basis of merit.

The AFTRS Storytelling Scholarship will be awarded to support a student's study by covering their tuition fees for the duration of their course.

One scholarship may be offered in 2021 to a Master of Arts Screen or Bachelor of Arts: Production or Graduate Diploma in Radio student after consideration by the selection committee. In the event of there being no suitable applicants for that year the committee will convene to determine a course of action.

Payments

The scholarship is valued at:

- Master of Arts Screen—\$25,488 (\$50,976 total indicative course fee).
- Bachelor of Arts Screen: Production—\$13,920 (\$41,760 total indicative course fee).
- Graduate Diploma in Radio—\$26,016

AFTRS tuition fees are reviewed each year and the scholarship will be reviewed to match the course fees annually.

MA Screen or BA Screen: Production or Graduate Diploma in Radio

This scholarship applies to tuition fees only, has no cash value and is not refundable. Fee payments are conditional on the recipient remaining enrolled, in good academic standing, and continuing to meet the eligibility criteria, and any other conditions. The fee scholarship will be allocated per semester.

One scholarship will be awarded in 2021 and the recipient cannot defer the commencement of the scholarship.

Assessment of applications

The scholarship is merit based and intended to support students throughout their student journey by providing a fee scholarship.

AFTRS will determine which, if any, applicants will be awarded a scholarship. AFTRS' decision is final and correspondence about decisions will not be entered into. The successful applicant will be told of any conditions of a scholarship. If the selection panel finds that no applicant meets the criteria, a scholarship will not be awarded.

The selection panel will take into consideration the material provided by the applicant and select a recipient based on the following:

- Distinct point of view
- Originality

Who can apply?

This scholarship is open to new students.

To be eligible to apply for the scholarship, you must:

- Complete an application submission for the Master of Arts Screen or Bachelor of Arts Screen: Production or Graduate Diploma in Radio;
- Be an Australian citizen or Australian permanent resident or a New Zealand citizen

To be eligible to receive the fee scholarship, you must:

- Be accepted into the Master of Arts Screen or Bachelor of Arts Screen: Production or Graduate Diploma in Radio course.

How to Apply

Application dates

Applications open Monday 17 August 2020 and close Monday 9 November 2020. Supporting documents must be submitted to AFTRS by the closing date. You will be notified by email whether or not your application is successful.

Applications for AFTRS Storytelling Scholarship are separate to course applications. To be eligible for a scholarship, you must have been offered a place in the Master of Arts Screen or Bachelor of Arts Screen: Production or Graduate Diploma in Radio course, so it is important that you apply for the course as well as apply for the scholarship. Complete the scholarship application form and provide any documentation requested by the closing date.

Application task

To demonstrate your excellence as a storyteller, please upload one of the following:

- Film or Audio-Visual Content (6-7minutes max); OR
- A script (max 3-5 pages); OR
- A series of still photographs (max 5 photos) OR
- A concept illustration using digital painting, such as Photoshop, photomontage, traditional painting or drawing or a combination of any of these techniques; OR
- An audio pilot episode for a podcast (3-5 minutes). This can be either fiction or non-fiction.

It is strongly recommended that you submit a piece from your AFTRS course submission. Submit this along with a personal statement that describes why you want to tell stories and the basis of the story that you have submitted.

Certification of documentation provided

Any documents you provide as support material must be certified copies. AFTRS' certification requirements are available at:

[↗ aftrs.edu.au/students/future-students/how-to-apply/](https://aftrs.edu.au/students/future-students/how-to-apply/)

Translation of documents provided

If supporting documents are not in English, applicants are required to supply certified copies of the following:

- The document in the original language; and
- An English translation of the document by an accredited translator. Do not send original supporting documents.

Further information

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](mailto:studentinfo@aftrs.edu.au)

You can find information about scholarships at AFTRS via this link:

[↗ aftrs.edu.au/students/future-students/scholarships-and-financial-support/](https://aftrs.edu.au/students/future-students/scholarships-and-financial-support/)