

SCHOLARSHIPS

AFTRS/ABC Selwyn
Speight Diversity Radio
Scholarship

2021

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AFTRS/ABC Selwyn Speight Diversity Radio Scholarship Graduate Diploma in Radio

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 student, selected on the basis of merit from eligible students from diverse backgrounds.

Diversity refers to the differences that distinguish groups of people from one another. People manifest differences through attributes such as culture, religion, language, gender, age, disability, educational disadvantage, socio-economic status, or sexual orientation. This is not an exhaustive list of diversity groups; and individuals may identify as belonging to one or a number of these groups.

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 unpaid 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 2021 to a Graduate Diploma in Radio 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 2021 scholarship is valued at a minimum of \$15,000 to 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 selection process applied to all Graduate Diploma in Radio applicants.

The committee will take into consideration the personal statement provided by the applicant in regards to their 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. 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 2021 Graduate Diploma in Radio full-time or part-time
- Be an Australian citizen or Australian permanent resident or a New Zealand citizen; and
- Identify as being from a diverse background

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.

Application form

To be eligible for this scholarship, you must have been offered a place in the Graduate Diploma in Radio full time or part-time course, so it is important that you apply for the course as well as apply for the scholarship. Complete the online scholarship application form and provide any documentation requested by the closing date.

Demonstrating eligibility

When you apply for the scholarship you will be asked to provide a statement regarding your background and the diversity group/s that you identify as belonging to. You may be asked to provide additional documentation as required. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants will be required to upload their Proof of Aboriginality.

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.

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