

SCHOLARSHIPS

CRA Podcast
Scholarship

2021

AFTRS

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Purpose

The CRA Podcast Scholarship provides \$7500 to enable a student from interstate and/or regional or remote areas to study the AFTRS Graduate Diploma in Radio. The scholarship is intended to support students by providing contribution to living expenses and relocation to Sydney. The CRA Podcast Scholarship includes a 4-week internship with Podcast One.

One scholarship will be offered in 2021 to a Graduate Diploma in Radio full-time student after consideration by the selection committee.

Payments

This scholarship is made available via funds provided by Commercial Radio Australia (CRA).

The scholarship is valued at \$7500 and is for one year only. \$3750 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.

AFTRS Graduate Diploma in Radio

Assessment of applications

Working in partnership with CRA, AFTRS will determine which, if any, applicants will be awarded a scholarship.

The following Selection Criteria will be used in assessing applications:

1. A demonstrated interest and potential in the creation of interesting and innovative radio, podcasting and audio.
2. A knowledge of podcasting, sound design and trends in the industry.
3. Able to demonstrate a regional, rural, remote (or interstate) background.

AFTRS' decision is final and no correspondence about decisions will be entered into. Successful applicants will be told of any conditions of a scholarship. In the event of there being no suitable applicants for that year the committee will convene to determine a course of action.

In 2021 the recipient of the CRA Podcast Scholarship cannot defer the commencement 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 course
- Be an Australian citizen or Australian permanent resident or a New Zealand citizen; and
- Reside in an interstate and/or regional or remote area.

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 a scholarship, you must have been offered a place in the Graduate Diploma in Radio full 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.

Application task

Record a 3-5 minute audio pilot episode for a podcast concept. Submissions may be on any topic; however the following prompts are offered as suggestions:

- Tell us a story about yourself or your community: about something that happened there – recently or in the past – that you want your audience to know about.
- A moment in Australian history
- An issue that's important to you.

Application supporting material

- You will be required to provide proof of your current residency in an interstate and/or a regional or remote area. This could be a driver's licence, utility or phone bill, bank statement or insurance policy. The document must show your full First and Surnames and residential address.
- To demonstrate your knowledge of podcasting, sound design and trends in the industry you will be required to write a personal statement (max. 1000 words) describing your interest in podcasting, sound design and your listening habits.

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/)