

SCHOLARSHIPS

CRA Podcast
Scholarship

2023

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AFTRS Graduate Diploma in Radio

Purpose

The CRA Podcast Scholarship provides \$7,500 to enable a student from interstate and/or regional or remote areas to study the AFTRS Graduate Diploma in Radio and Podcasting. 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 industry internship.

One scholarship will be offered in 2023 to a Graduate Diploma in Radio and Podcasting 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 \$7,500 and is for one year only. \$3,750 will be awarded each semester, to be paid following all applicable census dates. Payments are conditional on the recipient remaining enrolled, in good academic standing, and continuing to meet the eligibility criteria, and any other conditions.

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 2023 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 2023 Graduate Diploma in Radio and Podcasting 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 Tuesday 5 July 2022 and close Friday 16 December 2022.

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 and Podcasting 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 identifying the audience this is intended for. Submissions may be on any topic. The following prompts are offered as suggestions:

- An issue that is important to you.
- A significant event in your community, or in Australian history.
- A genre you are passionate about e.g. Comedy, Drama, Fiction.

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.

Shortlisted applicants may be required to attend an interview as part of the selection process.

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/)