

SCHOLARSHIPS

ARN Radio and Podcasting Scholarship

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Purpose

ARN is one of Australia's leading national broadcast and on-demand audio companies. Defining audio through even more Connections That Count, ARN has ownership of 58 radio stations in 33 markets across Australia, plus 46 DAB+ stations nationwide in addition to digital entertainment platform, iHeartRadio.

The purpose of the AFTRS and ARN Radio and Podcasting Scholarship is to expand and enrich the school's student community by recognising and supporting an outstanding Graduate Diploma in Radio & Podcasting student who can benefit from assistance to study. The successful applicant will be selected on the basis of creative excellence and demonstrated impact.

The AFTRS and ARN Radio and Podcasting Scholarship will be awarded to support and develop the career of an individual from a culturally and / or linguistically diverse and / or under-represented group in the Australian radio and podcast industries which could include but are not limited to considerations of age, cultural and religious diversity, disability, LGBTIQ+ and intersectional ways a person's identity may expose them to under-representation. The scholarship is also open to First Nations applicants.

The scholarship is intended to support students with these lived experiences commencing their studies by providing financial assistance towards a living allowance or relocation costs, study resources, fees or other costs.

One scholarship, along with a paid one day per week internship and 12 month employment with an ARN station (at a location agreed with ARN) and/or podcasting division will be offered to a Graduate Diploma in Radio and Podcasting full time or part time student after consideration by the selection committee. The recipient cannot defer the commencement of the scholarship.

Payments

The scholarship is valued at \$15,000. To be paid following the applicable census date/s. Payments will be made each semester, pro rata according to study load.

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

The scholarship is intended to recognise creative excellence and the capacity, skills, knowledge, connections and potential that representation and the inclusion of diverse and intersectional identities can bring to telling stories at AFTRS, and will be assessed on those grounds.

A maximum of one scholarship is available, competitively determined on consideration of the application ranking of candidates who fulfill the following eligibility criteria:

1. Ability to articulate your own story in a compelling way, including how your unique perspective, experiences and background would enrich the AFTRS learning environment, ARN and audio and podcasting industry as a whole.
2. A commitment to media, storytelling, audio production or related fields.

AFTRS and ARN, will determine which, if any, applicant will be awarded the scholarship.

AFTRS decision is final and no correspondence about decisions will be entered into. The successful applicant cannot defer the commencement of the scholarship.

Who can apply?

To be eligible to apply, you must:

- Be a commencing student accepted in the Graduate Diploma of Radio and Podcasting full time or part time course for the year of the scholarship.
- Be an Australian citizen or Australian permanent resident or a New Zealand citizen.
- Identify as a person from an under-represented group in the Australian radio and podcast industries.

How to Apply

Application dates

Applications open on 7 August 2023 and close 14 November 2023.

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 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.

All applications will be treated confidentially and in accordance with the AFTRS Privacy Policy available here: afrs.edu.au/governance/privacy

Application task

1. Personal statement

Tell us about yourself and what this scholarship would mean to you. You could include why you're interested in storytelling through radio and podcasting, what studying at AFTRS means to you, or how receiving this scholarship would affect your studies or community and how you identify as a person from a culturally or linguistically diverse or under-represented group in the Australian radio and podcast industries.

Your task can be presented in one of the following formats:

- Written (2 pages max)
- Audio (2 mins max), or
- Video (90 seconds max).

We are assessing your response and how you explain it, not the audio or video quality of your submission. Audio and video can be recorded on any device/s, including smart phones.

2. Resume or CV

Submit a copy of a resume or CV. Make sure you include details of all your relevant experience, and your goals in radio and podcasting. .

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:

afrs.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@afrs.edu.au

You can find information about scholarships at AFTRS at the following link:

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