

SCHOLARSHIPS

Pariya Taherzadeh
Radio & Podcasting
Scholarship

2024

AFTRS

Pariya Taherzadeh Scholarship

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 & Podcasting student, who can benefit from assistance to study. The successful applicant will be selected on the basis of creative excellence and a demonstrated impact.

AFTRS encourages and welcomes applications from individuals from low socio-economic backgrounds, who are often under-represented in tertiary education. This includes but is not limited to individuals from refugee backgrounds or from culturally and racially marginalised communities, individuals who are gender diverse and people with a disability.

The AFTRS/Pariya Taherzadeh Radio & Podcasting Scholarship for the Graduate Diploma in Radio & Podcasting is awarded to support and develop the career of the recipient, providing one student with a maximum \$20,000 scholarship or two students with a maximum of \$10,000 scholarships and an optional unpaid internship at talent@pariya during the study year.

The scholarship is intended to support students by providing a contribution to a living allowance or towards relocation costs, study resources and other costs. The scholarship/s may be offered after consideration by the selection committee. The recipient/s cannot defer the commencement of the scholarship.

Payments

The scholarship is made available by Pariya Taherzadeh who graduated from AFTRS Graduate Diploma in Radio and Podcasting in 2018. The 2024 scholarship is valued at a maximum of \$20,000 which may be paid to one recipient or split equally for two recipients. Payments will be made each semester following the applicable census dates, 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 individuals who have been excluded on financial grounds can bring to telling stories at AFTRS, and will be assessed on those grounds.

AFTRS will determine creative excellence on the basis of the selection process applied to all Graduate Diploma in Radio & Podcasting 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 on request.

A maximum of two scholarships are available, competitively determined on consideration of the application ranking of candidates who fulfill the eligibility criteria. AFTRS and Pariya Taherzadeh will determine which, if any, applicant will be awarded the scholarship/s. If the decision is tied between two students the full \$20,000 scholarship may be shared equally between two applicants. 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 2024 Graduate Diploma in Radio and Podcasting full-time or part-time
- Be an Australian citizen or Australian permanent resident or a New Zealand citizen; and
- Experienced barriers in accessing tertiary education.

How to Apply

Application dates

Applications open 20 June 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 this scholarship, you must have been offered a place in the Graduate Diploma in Radio & Podcasting 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 the below documentation requested by the closing date.

All applications will be treated confidentially.

Application task

1. Produce and Record Items

a. Produce and record a two-minute 'audio selfportrait' that gives an insight into who you are, what you are interested in and why you want to study at AFTRS.

b. Record a one-minute talk break for a radio station or a podcast, of your choice. Identify which station or podcast you have chosen. The item can contain any creative audio elements (submit as anMP3).

All audio can be recorded on any device/s, including smart phones. *Podcasts should identify an audience, station or brand that the content would appeal to if submitting an original concept.

2. Personal Statement (max. 3000 characters) that addresses the following;

- a. Why you want to tell stories;
- b. The opportunity this scholarship would give you and/or your community.

3. You will also need to submit a copy of your current CV.

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.

Applicants will be shortlisted based on their application tasks and resume. Shortlisted applicants will attend an interview.

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/)