

SCHOLARSHIPS

Alumni & Industry
Scholarship

2024

AFTRS

AFTRS Alumni & Industry Scholarship

Purpose

The purpose of this scholarship is to expand and enrich the school's student community by recognising and supporting an outstanding Master of Arts Screen student who can benefit from assistance to study. The successful applicant will be selected on the basis of creative excellence and demonstrated impact.

The new Alumni & Industry Scholarship will be awarded to support and develop the career of a gifted storyteller who may not be able to afford to study in Sydney, with a particular focus on under-represented groups in the Australian screen industries. This includes but is not limited to individuals from refugee backgrounds or from culturally and racially marginalised communities, individuals who are gender diverse, people with a disability and people from low socio-economic backgrounds. The scholarship is intended to support students commencing their studies by providing financial assistance towards a living allowance or relocation costs, study resources, fees or other costs.

One scholarship may be offered in 2024 to a Master of Arts Screen student after consideration by the selection committee. The recipient cannot defer the commencement of the scholarship.

Payments

The scholarship is valued at \$25,000.

\$12,500 will be awarded to a student commencing the Master of Screen in 2024 and again in 2025, to be paid following the 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

The scholarship is intended to recognise creative excellence and the capacity, skills, knowledge, connections and potential that under-represented individuals can bring to telling stories at AFTRS and beyond, and will be assessed on those grounds. Applications are encouraged from students from low socio-economic backgrounds or who can demonstrate financial need.

Application task

1. A personal statement (max. 4000 characters or max. 3 minute video) that addresses the following:
 - a. What is your background and what under-represented group do you identify as belonging to?
 - b. Why you want to tell stories;
 - c. The opportunity this scholarship would give you and/or your community;
2. A letter of support from someone you have worked with in a creative industry or collaborated with on a creative work (this person should not be a member of your immediate family).

AFTRS' decision is final and correspondence about decisions will not be entered into. The successful applicant 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.

Who can apply?

To be eligible to apply, you must:

- Be a commencing student accepted in the Master of Arts Screen for the year of the scholarship.
- Be an Australian citizen or Australian permanent resident or a New Zealand citizen.

How to Apply

Application dates

Applications open 20 June and close 7 November 2023.

Supporting documents must be submitted to AFTRS by the closing date. You will be notified by email whether your application is successful.

Application form

To be eligible for a scholarship, you must have been offered a place in the Master of Arts Screen 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.

Demonstrating need

The application will ask you to provide a statement about your socio-economic circumstances. In addition, you may also want to include any other contextual information about your situation that provides an insight into your needs.

Ways of doing this include:

- Provide information demonstrating exceptional, real and enduring financial hardship using the Financial Information fields and supporting documentation.
- For Australian citizens and residents: through receiving a means-tested Commonwealth income support payment (such as Parenting Payment Single, Disability Support Pension, Carers Allowance, Jobseeker, Austudy, ABSTUDY, Youth Allowance). You will be asked to provide evidence of your current Centrelink support.

- For New Zealand citizens or other people not receiving a means-tested Commonwealth income support payment: by other information demonstrating exceptional, real and enduring financial need. If you do not receive a Commonwealth income support payment you should complete the Financial fields and provide documentation such as bank statements and/or other financial documents that demonstrate your need.

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 via this link: [↗ aftrs.edu.au/students/future-students/scholarships-and-financial-support/](https://aftrs.edu.au/students/future-students/scholarships-and-financial-support/)