

2025 CRA Regional Radio Scholarship

Guidelines

Applications open 19 June 2024 and close 10
November 2024

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COMMERCIAL RADIO & AUDIO

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Who can apply?

To be eligible to apply, you must:

- Be an applicant for a position in the Graduate Diploma in Radio and Podcasting course in 2025
- Be an Australian citizen or Australian permanent resident or a New Zealand citizen
- Reside in a regional location (location excludes Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth, Adelaide and Hobart).

Purpose

The CRA Regional Radio Scholarship provides \$10,000 to enable a student to study the AFTRS Graduate Diploma in Radio and Podcasting. The scholarship is intended to support students who reside in regional Australia and are passionate about working for a radio station where they live, by providing a contribution to living expenses and study costs.

The CRA Regional Radio Scholarship includes a 4-week industry internship. One scholarship will be offered in 2025 to a Graduate Diploma in Radio and Podcasting full-time or part-time student after consideration by the selection committee.

Application form

Scholarships will only be awarded to those who have been offered a place in the 2025 Graduate Diploma in Radio and Podcasting, 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.

All applications will be treated confidentially.

Application Dates

Applications open 19 June 2024 and close on 10 November 2024.

Dates are subject to change. Please check AFTRS website for updates.

Conditions

AFTRS may produce public communications in connection with the Scholarship. The Recipient will be asked to provide AFTRS with an irrevocable royalty free license to use and reproduce their image and story solely for the purposes of AFTRS internal and external communications.

The successful applicant must have accepted an offer in the 2025 Graduate Diploma in Radio & Podcasting course.

The Recipient cannot defer the commencement of the scholarship.

Application task

Please submit the following:

1. Proof of residency
2. Why regional radio?

Tell us why you think regional radio is important. You should include why it is important to you as an individual, to your local community, or to Australian society more broadly.

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.

3. Your ideal regional placements

Tell us which commercial radio stations, towns or regional centres would be your ideal work placement location. List at least 3.

Please only nominate towns and regional centres where a commercial radio station exists.

What we're looking for

The selection panel will consider the applicant's creative excellence through their application task.

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

If the selection panel finds that no applicant meets the eligibility criteria, the scholarship will not be awarded.

AFTRS' decision is final and no correspondence about decisions will be entered into.

Other information

In assessing your application, the selection 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.

You will be notified by email whether your application is successful.

Assessment rubric

Item Weighting/ Selection Criteria	85-100	75-84	65-74	50-64	0-49
A: Commitment to and understanding of regional radio (50%)	The response demonstrates excellent understanding and appreciation of regional radio. The response is detailed, original and thought provoking.	The response demonstrates a very good understanding and appreciation of regional radio. The response has some original insights.	The response demonstrates a developing understanding and appreciation of the role of radio in regional areas.	The response demonstrates a fundamental understanding and appreciation of the role of radio in regional areas.	The response demonstrates a limited understanding and appreciation of the role of radio in regional areas. The response may have factual errors.
B: Feasibility of placement (50%)	There is a CRA member station in the placement location which currently need new staff. The suggested placement is highly likely to be feasible.	There is a CRA member station in the placement location which regularly needs new staff. The suggested placement is likely to be feasible.	There is a CRA member station in the placement location which occasionally needs new staff. The suggested placement may be feasible.	There is a CRA member station in the placement location which rarely needs new staff or has sufficient applications for any vacancies. The suggested placement has limited feasibility.	There is a CRA member station in the placement location which has limited staff or employment opportunities. The placement is unlikely to be feasible.

Further information

Payments

The scholarship is valued at \$10,000.

This scholarship is made available via funds provided by Commercial Radio and Audio (CRA). Payments will be made each semester and will vary according to study load.

Payments and the internship are conditional on the Recipient remaining enrolled, in good academic standing, and continuing to meet the eligibility criteria, and maintain the standards set out in the Student Handbook and AFTRS Code of Conduct.

Certification of documents

Any documents you provide as support material must be certified copies. AFTRS' certification requirements are available at:

www.aftrs.edu.au/students/future-students/how-to-apply/

Translation of documents

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.

Additional information - notes on submission of materials

- Do not exceed the total maximum word count – additional materials will not be reviewed.
- You do not have to complete your application in one sitting. Save your application and log back in at any time prior to the closing date to pick up where you left off.
- File names should be clear and descriptive and only include alphanumeric characters (not symbols).
- Do not include your contact details in any documents.
- You are not permitted to submit any work that has been created in part or whole by a generative AI tool such as ChatGPT and claim it as your own. If you are using any work that is not yours it must be referenced – this is essential to ethical creative practice and academic integrity. Failure to reference is also considered plagiarism.

Learn more

If you haven't found the information you need,
or need support with your application, contact
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