

2025 Pariya Taherzadeh Radio & Podcasting Scholarship

Guidelines

Applications open 19 June 2024 and close 10
November 2024

AFTRS

Australian Film Television
and Radio School

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Who can apply?

To be eligible to apply, you must:

- Have experienced barriers to accessing tertiary education
- Be an applicant for a position in the Graduate Diploma of Radio and Podcasting course in 2025
- Be an Australian citizen or Australian permanent resident or a New Zealand citizen

Purpose

This scholarship is made available by Pariya Taherzadeh who graduated from AFTRS Graduate Diploma in Radio and Podcasting in 2018.

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 and Podcasting student. The successful applicant will be selected on the basis of creative excellence and the impact that the scholarship would have on their education.

AFTRS encourages applicants who are often under-represented in tertiary education including but not limited to individuals from refugee backgrounds or from culturally and racially marginalised communities, individuals who are gender diverse or living with a disability and individuals from low socio economic backgrounds.

Up to two scholarships are offered, providing a contribution to a living allowance or towards relocation costs, study resources and other costs.

One applicant may be awarded a maximum of \$20,000 or two applicants may be awarded a maximum of \$10,000 each. An optional unpaid internship at talent@pariya is offered during the course of study.

Application form

Scholarships will only be awarded to those who have been offered a place in the 2025 Graduate Diploma of 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 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/s must have accepted an offer in the 2025 Graduate Diploma in Radio and Podcasting course. The Recipient/s cannot defer the commencement of the scholarship.

Application tasks

1. Please submit the following audio recordings:
 - a) Tell us about yourself and why you want to study at AFTRS in two minutes. You might also include what makes you unique, your career ambitions, your interests or hobbies, about your family background, the types of stories you'd like to tell or anything else you want us to know about you.
 - b) Record a segment for radio or podcast:
Choose a radio station or podcast, and record a one-minute segment or talk break for it. The segment can be as creative as you wish. You can also include audio elements like music, sound effects, callers or interview guests if you'd like.

Your recordings must be submitted as MP3 files and must not exceed the maximum durations.

Audio can be recorded on any device/s including smart phones. We are not assessing your technical skills or access to equipment.

2. A personal statement (max. 1000 words) that addresses the following:
 - a) Your background and what under represented group you identify as belonging to
 - b) Why you want to tell stories
 - c) The opportunity this scholarship would give you and or your community
 - d) Your career ambitions.
3. Please provide a 1-2 page resume or CV, including all relevant work experience. This should include date ranges for your experiences and the contact details of a reference who may be contacted to verify any details. Do not include your own contact details on the document.

Your CV should be submitted as a PDF file.

What we're looking for

The selection panel will consider the applicant's creative excellence through their radio and podcasting segments and the impact of this scholarship on the applicant through their personal statement, CV and supporting documentation.

AFTRS and Pariya Taherzadeh will determine which, if any, applicants 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.

Shortlisted applicants may be asked to attend an interview with the selection panel.

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: Produce and record items (40%)	<p>There is a compelling creative voice in the works presented. The works are conceptually ambitious and engaging to defined audience.</p> <p>There is exceptional command of the medium and the creative use of the medium to express ideas.</p>	<p>There is an engaging creative voice in the works presented. The works are conceptually strong and to a defined audience. There is a strong command of the medium and the creative use of the medium to express ideas.</p>	<p>The works are conceptually solid. There is a solid competency of the medium. The medium is being used creatively to express ideas.</p>	<p>The works are conceptually limited. There applicant is working towards competency of the medium. There is a limited attempt to use the medium creatively to express ideas.</p>	<p>The works are not coherent. The applicant does not have technical competency of the medium and is unable use the medium creatively to express ideas.</p>
B: Personal Statement And CV (30%)	<p>The applicant would make an extremely beneficial and positive contribution to the industry through their perspective on the world, life experience and back- ground.</p>	<p>The applicant would make a strong contribution to the industry through their perspective on the world, life experience and back-ground.</p>	<p>The applicant would make some contribution to the industry through their perspective on the world, life experience and background.</p>	<p>The applicant would make a limited contribution to the industry through their perspective on the world, life experience and background.</p>	<p>The applicant has not demonstrated that they would contribute to the industry through their perspective on the world, life experience and background.</p>
C: Supporting Documentation (30%)	<p>Documentation demonstrates that financial support is crucial in order to commence study at AFTRS.</p>	<p>Documentation demonstrates that financial support is considerable in order to commence/continue study at AFTRS.</p>	<p>Documentation demonstrates some need for financial support in order to commence study at AFTRS.</p>	<p>Documentation demonstrates limited need for financial support in order to commence study at AFTRS.</p>	<p>Documentation does not support the application or no documentation submitted.</p>

Further information

Payments

The scholarship provides a contribution towards a living allowance, relocation costs, study resources or other costs. Study must commence in the academic year for which you are applying. The 2025 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/s 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.

The Recipient/s cannot defer the commencement of the scholarship.

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
our Scholarships Team.

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