

# Anita Jacoby Trailblazer Scholarship

## MAS – Y2

Guidelines - 2027

Applications open 29 June and close 17  
November 2026

# AFTRS

Australian Film Television  
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# Eligibility and application information

## Who can apply?

You can apply for this scholarship if you:

- Identify as female or gender diverse,
- Have demonstrated leadership or entrepreneurship in your career to date,
- Are currently enrolled in the Master of Arts Screen and will be progressing into Year 2 in 2027,
- And are an Australian citizen or Australian permanent resident or a New Zealand citizen.

## Purpose

AFTRS alum, Anita Jacoby AM is an award-winning television producer and media executive with an illustrious career spanning more than 35 years. Formerly Managing Director of ITV Australia, Anita has occupied senior roles across all Australia's broadcasters and in the independent production sector. She is Executive Chair of Women in Media Australia, and a Board member of Documentary Australia, the Public Interest Journalism Initiative (PIJI), the UK Duke of Edinburgh Award Foundation and most recently, Chief Executive Women.

The Anita Jacoby Trailblazer Scholarship is intended to support and develop the career of a gifted storyteller, leader and or entrepreneur to study at AFTRS

One scholarship, valued at \$7,500 is offered, providing a contribution to living expenses, study costs or other related expenses.

## How to apply

In AFTRS application portal, check which scholarships you are eligible for.

You may select one or all of the scholarships recommended. Apply by providing the requested information and documents before the closing date.

All applications will be treated confidentially.

## Application dates

Applications open 29 June and close on 17 November 2026.

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

## Application tasks

Upload the following:

1. A personal statement, in approx. 500 words, that addresses the following:
  - a. Who you are – introduce yourself and share anything about your background, lived experience or community that has shaped who you are as a storyteller,
  - b. Your creative interests and aspirations, and
  - c. The opportunity this scholarship would give you.
2. Your CV outlining your experience in screen media fields, education, credits and/or relevant achievements (approx. 3 pages)

## What we're looking for

A selection panel will review all applications and decide who will be awarded the scholarship.

The panel will consider your personal statement, CV and your grade from Discipline Studio B, Assessment A2 – Portfolio (MAS-Y1: Semester 2, 2026).

The panel may contact you by email to request further information or supporting documents if needed to make a final decision.

The scholarship may not be awarded if no applicant meets the eligibility criteria.

All decisions are final and cannot be reviewed or discussed.

## Certification of documents

Most supporting documents must be certified copies, with the exception of original digital files and medical documentation.

You can find AFTRS' certification requirements here:

[www.aftrs.edu.au/students/future-students/how-to-apply/](http://www.aftrs.edu.au/students/future-students/how-to-apply/).

## Translation of documents

If your supporting documents are not in English, please provide 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.

## General information

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.

Documents must include your legal name.

Medical documentation must include your full legal name and your health practitioner's registration number and Medicare provider number.

Screenshots are not accepted.

File names must be clear and descriptive, using only letters and numbers (no symbols).

The maximum file size is 3 GB.

We ask that you submit your own original work. This means work created in full or in part using generative AI tools should not be included.

# What happens next

## Notification of outcome

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

## Payments

The maximum value of this scholarship is \$7,500, payable in the 2027 academic year. One payment of \$3,750 will be made each semester after the relevant census dates.

Payments will continue while you stay enrolled, meet the eligibility criteria, and follow the expectations in the Student Handbook and AFTRS Code of Conduct.

## Scholarship conditions

You must be enrolled in Year 2 of the Master of Arts Screen course in 2027.

You cannot defer the commencement of the scholarship.

AFTRS may create public communications related to this scholarship. Throughout the course you will be asked to take part in communications, impact surveys, provide updates or attend scholarship-related events.

We will always seek your consent before using your image or quoting you in AFTRS internal or external communications.

Participation is completely optional. Choosing not to take part will not affect your scholarship.

# Support and enquiries

If you have questions about this scholarship, your eligibility or access needs, please contact our Scholarships Team.

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