



Specialist Certificate in Empowering Health in Aboriginal Communities (SC-EHAC) Financial Assistance Guidelines & Application Form- 2024

What financial support is available?

The Department of Rural Health offers financial assistance to a small number of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander students to undertake the Specialist Certificate in Empowering Health in Aboriginal Communities.

- For 2024 the following support is available: Up to a maximum of \$2352 per semester towards the subject fee cost.
(Note: there are a limited number of scholarships available, and you may be offered full or partial support.)

Who is eligible for financial assistance?

To be eligible for this assistance you must:

- identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
- apply for admission to the Specialist Certificate in Empowering Health in Aboriginal Communities and enrol in both subjects
- attend the teaching intensive, actively participate in the course and submit assignments in a timely manner
- not be receiving another full scholarship or financial support (other than Abstudy) for this course, from the University, your employer, government, or other body. (Note: If you have received previous support from DRH for studies you may still apply but this will also be taken into consideration when assessing your application)

Application process

- Submit completed application form and supporting documents (a copy of your CV and a written statement) to the Department of Rural Health by email to aboriginal-health@unimelb.edu.au
- Applications can be submitted up until **31st January 2024**. They will be processed and allocated as they are received so we suggest you apply as early as possible.
- The application will be reviewed by staff from the Department of Rural Health to ensure that you meet the eligibility criteria.
- You will be contacted to arrange to meet (via zoom) with the teaching team to talk about your interest and aims for the course.
- After this meeting, we will let you know if your application for financial support has been successful.
- You will then have two weeks to complete your online application for the course with the University and receive a formal offer. We can assist you with this process. You will need to include a copy of your CV and your written statement.
- If you don't complete your formal application, the offer of financial assistance will lapse and could be made available to another applicant.
- If you don't receive financial assistance we hope you will still go ahead with your study but you will be responsible for the cost of fees for completing the course (via Fee-Help, with your employer's support or directly).

Further Information

For further information or advice on applying please contact:
aboriginal-health@unimelb.edu.au 03 5321 4160

Applicant Information

First Name			
Family Name			
Your email address			
Your phone number/s			
Do you identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?			
Are you currently, or will you receive, any other scholarship or financial support for your studies? (eg. From your employer)	Please provide details including amount.		
What support are you applying for? (Max \$2352 total per subject)	1. Subject Fee Support	Sem 1 \$	Sem 2 \$
Please provide a brief statement (max 150 words) explaining how the scholarship will support you to undertake the Specialist Certificate in Empowering Health in Aboriginal Communities Tell us about any special circumstances or issues that would make it difficult for you to undertake study without support.			

Supporting Documents to be provided with this application

<p>1. Your Work History: Please provide a copy of your CV</p>
<p>2. Written Statement: Please provide a written document of at least two pages that tells us about your work and other relevant experience and why you would like to do this course e.g. Tell us about your role; which community/organisation you were or are involved with; the work you undertook; key achievements; challenges; examples of projects or activities you have been involved in; what you would hope to learn and get from the course etc. You may also submit any relevant documents or examples of your work that you think will support your application.</p>

Declaration

- I certify that all details given in this application are correct and that, if successful, I will hold the award in accordance with the current conditions of the award.*
- I understand that financial assistance is only provided if current enrolment and active participation in the course is maintained.*
- I understand that applying for a scholarship does not mean that one will necessarily be awarded.*
- I understand that false or misleading information in my application may result in the scholarship being withdrawn and other disciplinary action by the University of Melbourne.*

Signed:	Date:



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