#### **Guidelines and Information for Students**

# **Applying for Scholarships for Overseas Study**

#### Overview

The University of Tasmania has scholarships available to students who are intending to go on an approved overseas study program. Some scholarships are for any degree course, but others are course or location specific. There are several sources of financial support available, not just through the Scholarships Office, so it is worth exploring other options as well.

### Things to consider when applying for financial support for your overseas study program or placement

- Have you sought advice regarding financial support available through the <u>Student Mobility Office</u> (utas.info/ge-outbound) and/or through your College?
- If you are undertaking an overseas placement or elective through the College of Health & Medicine, have you checked with your Placement Officer regarding scholarships and bursaries offered by the College of Health and Medicine?

See: <u>www.utas.edu.au/health/students/medicine/prizes</u> for listings of bursaries and scholarships offered through the School of Medicine.

# Things to do when applying for a scholarship

- 1. Look at the eligibility criteria carefully.

  When applying for a scholarship the eligibility criteria are viewable in the online application by clicking on the link next to the tick box where you apply for the scholarship. This includes which period the scholarship covers travel for. Make sure you are applying for the correct round. If you are travelling overseas between January and June, make sure you apply in the main scholarship round (August to October). Alternatively, if you are travelling overseas between July and December, make sure you apply in the mid-year scholarship round (May to June).
- 2. If you are applying for the Barney Rogers London Scholarship, you must be undertaking an approved overseas study program in London in the UK to be considered for this scholarship.
- 3. If you have applied for the OS-HELP loan, please indicate this in your application in the tick box provided. If you have not applied for OS-HELP, then look at <a href="www.utas.edu.au/fees/help-loans/os-help/utas-os-help-guidelines">www.utas.edu.au/fees/help-loans/os-help/utas-os-help-guidelines</a> to see if you are eligible to apply for assistance through that scheme.

### How to apply

Go to: https://apply.scholarships.utas.edu.au/

Create a username and password of your own choosing and complete an online scholarship application. Apply for as many scholarships as you feel you are eligible for using the one application. Submit the application by the closing date.

# What sort of things to include

Please pay attention to the supporting statements section of the online application. These questions are important.

You need to state clearly where and when you are going and what the purpose is of your exchange.

What sorts of things you are hoping to achieve from your overseas experience.

How it will enhance your studies or career aspirations.

Remember this is a competitive process and scholarships are highly sought after.

### What the selection committee look for when assessing your application

The quality of your written application. Spelling and grammar are also considered.

The length of the overseas study period.

Whether or not you have other sources of funding to support your overseas study.

Whether you have already received scholarship assistance for a previous overseas study period.

The selection committee will also consider your grade point average.

Whether or not you have any leadership, voluntary or community involvement or experience.

# **CHECKLIST**

Ш	Have you explored other sources of funding?
	If going on a placement, have you checked to see if there are College scholarships or bursaries available?
	Applied for OS-HELP, if eligible?
	Read the scholarship eligibility criteria, especially the part about when you need to be travelling?
	Written a full supporting statement including your reason for travel and what you hope to get out of the experience?
	Made a note of the online scholarship application closing date?
	(No late applications are accepted)