

# APAC Excellence Scholarships - Guidelines

APAC supports its students to succeed. One way it does this is through the provision of Scholarships because APAC believes that providing financial support for student's educational endeavours will enable them to focus on their studies and lessen the burden of student loans. Moreover, a scholarship can increase student self-confidence and motivation, and enhance a student resume.

APAC has two Scholarship categories available to Domestic applicants -

- The APAC Excellence Scholarship, which recognises excellence in creative practice and signals our intention to attract the best students to our courses. One scholarship per course may be awarded to the highest ranked applicant based on their audition application (portfolio, interview, or performance).
- In line with APAC's commitment to diversity, two APAC First Nations Excellence Scholarship per course may be awarded to the highest ranked Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander applicant based on their audition application (portfolio, interview, or performance).

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Applications for scholarship must be made at the same time as application for course admission. The closing date for scholarship applications is two weeks prior to the commencement of each Trimester. Please refer to the Academic Calendar. Candidates will be notified of their scholarship outcome one week prior to course commencement.

To be eligible for a scholarship applicants must ensure the following:

1. You must be academically eligible for one of the APAC Bachelor of Screen and Stage degree programs.
2. You must achieve A and/or B grades in your audition or portfolio assessment. Auditions and portfolios are assessed using an assessment rubric for the relevant course.
3. You must complete the Scholarship application form.
4. You must be either an Australian or New Zealand citizen, or a permanent resident.
5. You must identify as First Nations in your APAC course application form (APAC First Nations Excellence Scholarship only)

These requirements must be completed for your application to be deemed assessable and eligible for consideration.

## RECIPIENT PERFORMANCE AND ENROLMENT OBLIGATIONS

- The Scholarship recipient is expected to excel academically, and their performance will be monitored each study period. All Scholarship recipients must maintain a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 5 or greater in any given trimester to maintain the scholarship for the next study period. Failure to maintain this condition may result in the scholarship being terminated and the student will be required to pay full Domestic tuition fees.
- The Scholarship does not extend to failed subjects. If a Scholarship recipient fails a subject, they will be responsible for the subsequent fees for repeating that failed subject.
- All Scholarship recipients must maintain full time enrolment. The scholarship will be discontinued if the scholarship recipient moves to part-time mode at any point during their studies, unless

compassionate or compelling circumstances exist at the discretion of the Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

- The scholarship will be forfeited if the recipient defers or withdraws from their studies (or the entire award if the studies have not yet commenced). The scholarship will not be awarded as a fee refund and recipients will not be eligible for any financial remuneration.
- Scholarship recipients can take a leave of absence only after they have completed one full-time trimester. The scholarship will re-commence upon return from leave of absence.
- Scholarship offers cannot be deferred. If you defer your course, you will be considered for the scholarship the following year, providing you haven't undertaken study in a different APAC course in the meantime.
- By accepting the Scholarship award, the recipient agrees to become an ambassador for the duration of their studies and will be required to play an active role in APAC events such as information evenings, open days and external career exhibitions.
- The recipient must also agree to develop and provide creative content and testimonials as required. Failure to carry out the duties of the ambassador may result in the Scholarship award being terminated.
- APAC also reserves the right to cease or terminate the scholarship if the recipient is found to be taking part in an activity that brings APAC into disrepute. This may include, but is not limited to:
  - Academic misconduct
  - Engagement of an illegal activity
  - Publishing material that may bring APAC into disrepute.

#### **SCHOLARSHIP VALUE AND DISBURSEMENT**

- The APAC Scholarship is awarded as a 20% fee reduction at the beginning of each trimester for a two-year duration. The value of the Scholarships is subject to change dependent on the course fees for the year within which they are awarded. Course offering is subject to change.
- The scholarship amount will be deducted from fee invoices at APAC prior to payment of fees for each trimester.
- Scholarships are not transferable and will not be awarded in cash (or in any other way).

#### **ASSESSMENT CRITERIA**

The APAC Scholarship may be awarded to the highest ranked portfolio, interview, or audition undertaken for entry into the Bachelor of Screen and Stage degree. Assessment and eligibility are at the discretion of APAC's Scholarship Committee. All applications will be assessed through a fair and equitable process using the pre-determined audition criteria.

#### **HOW TO APPLY:**

Applications are to be completed online and at the time of course application. Complete the online application form located at [Scholarships - APAC](#).

#### **REVIEWS**

Candidates have the right to request a review of the decisions made by APAC in relation to their scholarship application outcome. This will be managed as per APAC's [Student Complaints and Appeals Policy and Procedure](#). If you have any questions about scholarships, please contact the Australian Performing Arts Conservatory on (07) 3229 6929 or by email: [admissions@apac.edu.au](mailto:admissions@apac.edu.au).

APAC reserves the right to make reasonable amendments to this document without prior notice.