



THE INSTITUTE OF FORESTERS OF AUSTRALIA

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Call for Applications

Graduate Certificate of Forestry Scholarship

Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander

HVP Plantations and the Forestry Australia Scholarship Fund are delighted to offer a scholarship for an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student to undertake the Graduate Certificate of Forestry program in 2026 and 2027.

The scholarship is valued at \$38,000 - \$26,000, covering tuition for four units, plus \$3,000 per unit to assist with travel and participation costs.

HVP Plantations and Forestry Australia are proud to support this scholarship as part of our commitment to fostering greater diversity and inclusion in the forest management profession and to creating opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to build skills and leadership.

Are you interested in studying in 2026 and 2027?

Do you want to deepen your knowledge of forest science and management?

Would you like a Graduate Certificate of Forestry?

The Graduate Certificate of Forestry is delivered both online and in person and will consist of four units that can be **undertaken over one or two years**. The successful scholarship recipient would need to participate in each residential school and dedicate approximately 10 hours a week per unit (excluding residential school attendance). The course also requires participants to successfully complete subject assessments for each unit.

Online classes **commence the week of Monday 23 February 2026**.

The Graduate Certificate of Forestry Australia is being developed collaboratively with the University of Tasmania, the Australian National University, The University of Melbourne, the University of South Australia and the University of the Sunshine Coast.

Information about the **Graduate Certificate of Forestry** can be found here [K5K Graduate Certificate in Forestry - Courses & Units - University of Tasmania, Australia](#)

Information about the **scholarship** can be found here [Graduate Certificate of Forestry Scholarship | Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander – Forestry Australia](#) or by emailing Forestry Australia, admin@forestry.org.au

Applications close: 5.00 pm (AEDT) Thursday 29 January 2026



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Eligibility:

The scholarship is available to:

- An Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
- With a passion for forest science and management?

Selection criteria:

Each application will be assessed with the following selection criteria:

- **Commitment to forest management:** Demonstrated interest in, or commitment to, forestry, land management, natural resource management, or related fields.
- **Impact and aspiration:** Clear explanation of how the Graduate Certificate of Forestry will contribute to the applicant's personal, professional, or community goals.
- **Acknowledgement of barriers:** Consideration will be given to applicants who have experienced social, cultural, educational, or financial barriers that may have impacted their ability to access higher education opportunities.
- **Leadership and contribution:** Potential to act as a role model, contribute to their community, or enhance Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander representation in the forestry profession.
- **Support and readiness:** Willingness and capacity to undertake the Graduate Certificate of Forestry program, with recognition that support may be required to ensure success.
- **Letter of support** from current employer or community leader
- **Two referees**

About the Forestry Scholarship Fund

The Forestry Scholarship Fund was established to provide support to students studying forestry and forest related programs including forest science, forest management, bushfire planning and forest research. The Forestry Scholarship Fund is registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission (ANC) and has DGR status, all donations over \$2.00 to the Fund, are tax deductible.

Scholarship terms and conditions:

Applications must be submitted using the attached application form and received by the closing date.

The scholarship recipient must be an Australian citizen, or a permanent resident in Australia, within the meaning of the Australian Citizen Act 1948 to be eligible to apply.

The decision of the judges is final, and no correspondence will be entered into.

Scholarship funds must be used solely for educational expenses as outlined in the agreement.

The scholarship recipient must agree to:

- *maintain satisfactory academic progress or a minimum grade point average throughout the program.*
- *remain engaged in the profession after completing the program for a period of at least two years or as long as practically possible.*
- *Provide permission to HVP and Forestry Australia to use their name in promotion of the scholarship including but not limited to:*
 - o *provide a high-resolution image*
 - o *submit a 500-word report and high-resolution images (from residential school participation) at the conclusion of their study.*

Forestry Australia reserves the right to withdraw the scholarship if terms and conditions are not met.



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Forestry Scholarship Fund Application Form

Forestry Australia member number:			
First name:		Last name:	
Phone:			
Email:			
Address:			
Current employer or Community leader:			
Referee name:			
Referee phone:			
Referee email:			

Please attach the following to your application form:

- ✓ 2-page curriculum vitae (CV), indicating academic performance
- ✓ Letter of support from employer or a community leader
- ✓ A short (300-word) statement on how the scholarship and study will contribute to your professional development and your future career in forest management.
- ✓ A short (200-word) statement on your view of the future of forest management in Australia and where you see emerging trends and opportunities.
- ✓ Australian birth certificate, proof of permanent residency or citizenship

Please review and sign:

All the information given in this Scholarship application is factual and correct at the time of submission. I understand that incorrect information may render this application void. I understand that all decisions made by the Trustees in relation to the awarding of this or any other scholarship, prize or bursary are final and are not subject to appeal, review or petition.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Email your application form and attachments in one document to admin@forestry.org.au

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