

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student Leader Scholarship



Applications Due: 5 pm, 31/10/2025

Late Applications will not be accepted.

Please attach a copy of your Curriculum Vitae (maximum of 4 pages) to this application and submit as a single PDF file named 'Surname_AboriginalStudentLeaderScholarship2025' to natasha.maginnis@thekids.org.au by COB Friday 31st October 2025.

Applicant Details

Title:		First Name:		Surname:	
Team:					
Position Title:					
University:					
Degree:					
Supervisor (The Kids):					
Supervisor (Uni):					
Project Title:					

Section A: Track record, relative to opportunity (30%)

Provide an overview of your career progression to date, including any difficulties and/or obstacles which may have impacted your career progress. Discuss any community contributions eg. Volunteering, committee groups and attendance to events/conferences where applicable (Max 1 page)

Section B: Describe your study/career plans for the next five years (30%)

Provide an overview of your current and future study plans including Masters or PhD degrees. Explain what your career aspirations are including area of research. (Max 1 page)

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Section C: Describe how you plan to use the Scholarship funds, explaining how the funds will assist you to achieve your goals and career aspirations? (30%) (Max 1/2 page)

Section D: Proposed budget as described above

Description & Justification	Cost
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
Total Budget Request	\$

Section E: Explain how this funding opportunity will benefit or add value to the research being conducted at the Institute? (10%) (Max ½ page)

Applicant:	
Signed:	
Date:	
Supervisor:	
Signed:	
Date:	

Aboriginal Student Leader Scholarship



As part of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student Leader scholarship the successful recipient will receive a payment of \$25,000 per year for the duration of their degree. The scholarship aims to provide the recipient financial relief while completing their Masters or Doctoral studies within one of the Institute's Research Themes listed in appendix 1.

Eligibility guidelines

To be considered for a The Kids Aboriginal Student Leader Scholarship you must:

- be able to provide proof of Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent,
- be conducting research relating to children's health and wellbeing,
- be eligible for, or enrolled in, a Masters or PhD degree (PhD's that have been submitted on or before the application closing date will not be considered)
- remain enrolled in a minimum of 30 credit points for the duration of the scholarship,
- remain an employee/student at The Kids for the duration of the scholarship,
- provide confirmation of project supervision from The Kids Research Institute Australia and University

This award can be spent on research and/or personal expenses which support the applicant's academic/career progression. For example: tuition fees, salary top up, research consumables, or activities that will increase research capacity, collaboration and/or networks. The applicant will be required to clearly define the allocation of funds and demonstrate how the funds will support their progression into a career in research. If the funds are used personally, the funding will be paid as a salary allowance through payroll or the respective University.

Disclaimer: The use of funds to support salary top-up will be subjected to tax, superannuation and on-cost charges as outlined by the Australian Taxation Department and will vary on a case-by-case basis depending on other funding sources/income streams the applicant is in receipt of. Upon successful notification of this award, please speak with Kavuyi Assibey-Bonsu (Senior Finance Business Partner) to navigate the financial constraints.

Other relevant information:

Accountability for expenditures will be managed by the The Kids Finance team. Funds must be spent within 12 months.

Conditions

The recipient will be required to participate in the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Student Leaders Program for the duration of their scholarship with an 80% attendance rate. They may also be invited to present at various functions upon request by Kulunga and or the Development team. At the end of the award period, recipients will be required to provide a report outlining how the funds were used (including an acquittal through finance to demonstrate how the funds were spent).

Naming of Scholarship

Formally within the Institute and externally (e.g., signature blocks and publications) the recipient will be referred to as the [year, Aboriginal Student Leader - qualification category student] (e.g. 2025 Aboriginal Student Leader - PhD student).

Assessment Process

Applications will be assessed by a review panel based on the provided assessment criteria. Shortlisted applicants will be invited to an interview for further assessment. The panel's decision will be final, and they may choose not to make an award depending on the merit of the applications.

Assessment Criteria

30% Track record, relative to opportunity

eg., GPA (situation justification), extracurricular activities (volunteering, community involvement)

30% Career plans for the next five years

30% How the award will assist you in achieving your goals and career aspirations

10% How you will benefit/ add value to the research being conducted at the Institute

Review

The multidisciplinary review panel may include representatives from a combination of the following teams;

Kulunga, Research Development, Learning & Development, a Senior Aboriginal Researcher and a member of the Senior Aboriginal Leadership Group

Applications open: {insert date}

Applications close: {4 weeks post open date}

Contact information

For more information on the scholarship or to submit your application, please contact

natasha.maginnis@thekids.org.au

Research Themes

