

# Foundation Scholarship - First Nations Agriculture

The School of Agricultural, Environment and Veterinary Science has established a First Nations Agriculture Initiative that seeks to provide opportunities for Indigenous undergraduate students and postgraduate students interested in agriculture. Part of this Initiative is to provide an undergraduate scholarship program for Indigenous students to encourage them to consider a career in agriculture. Currently, there are many good employment opportunities in agriculture as well as a need for education and training for Indigenous managed lands. This scholarship provides students with an \$8000 (FT equivalent) top-up of their Abstudy entitlement.

## Eligibility

### AVAILABLE TO:

Commencing Students; Continuing Students

**CAMPUS:** Wagga Wagga

### MUST BE STUDYING IN:

Associate degree in Farm Production

Bachelor of Agriculture

Bachelor of Agricultural Science

Bachelor of Agricultural Business Management

Bachelor of Horticulture

### CONDITIONS:

Students identifying as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent (supporting documentation is to be provided).

Recipients who successfully complete their year of study with a GPA of 4.0 and above with continued enrolment in the above courses will be the preferred candidates for the following year's scholarships.

Scholarship payments will be made as 2x \$4,000 instalments over one year. Second payment is dependent upon continued enrolment in the above courses and maintaining a GPA of at least 4.0.

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Riverina Oils has created these scholarships in line with Charles Sturt University's First Nations Agricultural Initiative which aims to increase greater participation of First Nations people in the agricultural sector where they have been under-represented for generations. These scholarships will support First Nations students throughout their degree, ensuring that their focus is on their goals without worry of financial burden.

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#### AVAILABLE TO:

Commencing Students; Continuing Students

**STUDY MODE:** Online; On Campus; Mixed Mode (Online & On Campus)

**CAMPUS:** Wagga Wagga

#### MUST BE STUDYING IN:

Any Year

Bachelor of Agriculture

Bachelor of Agricultural Science

Bachelor of Agribusiness Management

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#### CONDITIONS:

Applicant **must** identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander (applicant to provide supporting documentation)

Provide evidence of impactful community involvement

The scholarship recipient **must** complete their course-based work placement at Riverina Oils Wagga Wagga location

**NOTE:**

The scholarship has a maximum value of up to \$24,000 over the duration of the course, and paid as 2x \$4,000 instalments per annum which is reviewed annually

Ongoing instalment payments are dependent upon the recipient maintaining a pass grade average (GPA 4.0 and above) each semester and remaining enrolled in one of the above courses for the duration of their scholarship

The funds **must** be used towards educational expenses such as HECS, SAF, textbooks, work placement or accommodation expenses (recipient may be asked to provide proof of these payments)

To receive this scholarship, the applicant **must** have accepted an unconditional offer with CSU and be enrolled to study in Session 1 beyond the first census date of the academic year

The scholarship **must** be taken up in the year in which it is offered; acceptance of the scholarship offer cannot be deferred