

RENTAL ASSISTANCE SCHOLARSHIPS 2011

GENERAL INFORMATION AND CONDITIONS



SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

1. The Rental Assistance Scholarship aims to assist students with accommodation costs from low socio-economic backgrounds or experiencing significant financial disadvantage.
2. Scholarships are the value of \$2,000 and paid in fortnightly instalments of \$100 until 31 December 2011 (if the student remains eligible) with a lump sum backdated to March 2011 for those students enrolled from Semester 1. Students enrolling in Semester 2 will be entitled to \$1,000 paid in fortnightly instalments of \$100 until 31 December 2011 (if the student remains eligible).
3. All payments will be made by direct deposit through Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) to a nominated bank account in your name. Payment to the nominated bank account will be made fortnightly.
4. Bank details must be supplied within 14 days from the date of the offer, or the offer will lapse and the scholarship will not be paid.

SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS

A Rental Assistance Scholarship recipient is required to agree to the following conditions:

1. Notify the Manager, Equity and Disability Support Service immediately if you:
 - 1.1 discontinue full-time study including defer, take leave of absence, change to part-time status
 - 1.2 transfer to another institute
 - 1.3 change address
 - 1.4 bank account details change – any change in bank details must be submitted AT LEAST a week before payment is due to avoid any delay in receipt of payment
 - 1.5 circumstantial change e.g. relationship status changes from single to partnered
 - 1.6 income changes
2. **It is your responsibility** to declare to Centrelink that you are in receipt of this scholarship as it may have impact on your fortnightly Centrelink payment.
3. **It is your responsibility** to check with the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) if the scholarship has tax implications for you.
4. To maintain the scholarship recipients will need to:
 - 4.1 remain enrolled in a full time undergraduate program at Swinburne University of Technology unless there are exceptional circumstances
 - 4.2 meet low socio economic status requirements or significant financial disadvantage
 - 4.3 maintain satisfactory academic progress
5. Swinburne University has discretion to terminate the scholarship and/or recover payment from recipients in the event of any of the following:
 - 5.1 recipient fails to maintain eligibility as outlined in point 4
 - 5.2 maximum payments have been reached
 - 5.3 completed study
 - 5.4 withdrawal or discontinuation from the program of study
 - 5.5 transfer to another institute
 - 5.6 serious misconduct during a course of study including, but not limited to, the provision of false or misleading information