OASES Scholarship Application Guidelines

One of OASES’ core values is social equity. Broadening access to higher education is one of the ways we embody this value, by creating one of the most affordable postgraduate programs in the country, and accompanying this with the OASES Scholarship Fund.

The OASES Scholarship Fund aims to assist those who are often excluded from higher education opportunities due to socio-economic, cultural or other disadvantages. Through this Fund, OASES offers partial scholarships to selected applicants, to cover the cost of individual unit tuition fees in our postgraduate program in Sustainability and Social Change.

Partial scholarships currently available: 2

Scholarship award

$1,050 - to meet tuition fees for a single unit in the OASES postgraduate program in Sustainability and Social Change.

Eligibility

Applicants must satisfy all of the following criteria and provide a statement of support from a responsible independent source (who is not related to you), verifying your application. Examples of suitable sources may include: doctor or primary health care provider, lawyer, accountant, social worker, counsellor, religious or community leader and teacher.

1. Be an Australian citizen, Australian permanent resident or hold a permanent humanitarian visa
2. Be intending to enrol in the Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma or Master of Sustainability and Social Change in 2014
3. Satisfy the pre-requisites for the OASES postgraduate program, including a Bachelor degree or equivalent experience
4. Illustrate your commitment to complete the degree level in which you are intending to enrol (Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma, or Masters)
5. Be able to demonstrate socially or financially compelling circumstances such as one or more of the following:
   • disability or chronic medical condition/s
   • Indigenous Australian or refugee background
• primary care responsibilities for a pre-school or school-aged child as sole parent with limited access to outside support
• primary care responsibilities for a disabled family member/dependant
• be able to provide evidence that you are receiving a means-tested Centrelink benefit, or
• evidence of financial need, including an explanation for the absence of support payments from Centrelink.

NB: Part or full-time employment is not considered a compelling reason on its own.

Selection
Selection is based on the level of commitment and financial need.
Partial scholarships are awarded by formal application to the Head of School, who convenes a sub-committee of the Academic Council to assess applications, which then presents its selection of successful applicants to the full Academic Council.

The successful candidate(s) for 2014 will be notified by 7 February 2014.

Application Process
1. Complete and submit a scholarship application form, along with your enrolment application form (or re-enrolment form if you are a continuing student) for the postgraduate program, and any other relevant documentation as stipulated on the relevant form (e.g. academic transcripts as evidence of your previous studies).
2. Include relevant supporting documentation and a personal statement (no more than 250 words) in support of your application, with reference to the above criteria.
3. Please note that scholarship funds are limited. To ensure your best chance of success, please ensure you provide adequate documentary evidence with your application.