



THE UNIVERSITY OF
SYDNEY



FOOD LADDER

The Indigenous Leadership Scholarship

Conditions of Award

Background

Food Ladder is an Australian-based, international not-for-profit (NFP) working to address food security. Using environmentally sustainable, climate controlled greenhouses and food growing technology, a Food Ladder social enterprise produces commercial quantities of vegetables for sale and employment opportunities for local people.

Established in 2017, through a generous donation from Food Ladder, the University of Sydney Business School is offering *The Indigenous Leadership Scholarship* which covers tuition fees for an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander commencing in the Master of Business Administration (MBA).

The scholarship aims to provide an opportunity for a candidate that demonstrates leadership skills and community involvement.

Eligibility

The Indigenous Leadership Scholarship is open to all Australian residents of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent, who meet the eligibility criteria for admission to the degree, Master of Business Administration (MBA).

Value and tenure

- The scholarship covers the cost of the tuition fees for the MBA
- Tenable for a maximum of four years of part-time study
- The recipient must complete a minimum of 18cp of study annually
- Payments are made following the census dates each semester (31 March and 31 August) towards the recipients tuition fees
- Recipients are expected to cover the Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF) and other course associated costs such as course materials, textbooks, transport etc.

MBA Selection Criteria

An applicant for admission to candidature for the degree should:

- have completed a bachelor's degree, graduate diploma or other AQF Level 7 qualification with a minimum credit (65%) average, or equivalent at an institution approved by the School and at a standard acceptable to the School; and
- have met the work experience requirements of the Business School (at least 3 years relevant work experience); and
- a selection interview establishing the candidates suitability for the degree

In exceptional circumstances, the School may admit applicants without these qualifications if, in the opinion of the School, they have qualifications and evidence of experience and achievement sufficient to successfully undertake the award.

Scholarship Application Process

Applicants are required to complete the *The Indigenous Leadership Scholarship* online application form available from the University of Sydney Scholarship [website](#).

As part of the application process, applicants must use the online form to submit the following documents:

- a detailed curriculum vitae including their educational qualifications, employment history, personal achievements, awards, prizes, professional memberships etc. ;
- a copy of their academic transcript; and
- a Statement of Motivation, designed to help the Scholarship Committee learn more about you.

Selection Process

Following the closing date for the *The Indigenous Leadership Scholarship*, the Scholarship selection committee will shortlist a maximum of five (5) applicants on the basis of each applicant's

- application;
- statement of motivation;
- relevant professional experience and personal achievements as outlined in their detailed CV;

Shortlisted applicants will be required to attend a program eligibility interview with MBA admissions staff. Applicants subsequently deemed eligible for entry to the MBA will be invited to a final interview with *The Indigenous Leadership Scholarship* Committee.

Prior to scholarship interviews each applicant will be offered a one-on-one session on 'effective interview techniques' led by the Careers & Corporate Relations Manager, MBA Programs. Attendance at this session is voluntary and not a condition of selection or award.

The recipient is chosen by *The Indigenous Leadership Scholarship* Committee on the basis of the strength of their written submission in response to the scholarship selection criteria, their prior work experience and performance at interview.

Scholarship Terms and Conditions

- The scholarship must be taken up in the semester in which it is offered;
- The scholarship holder is not permitted to defer or suspend their enrolment in the degree to receive the scholarship;
- The scholarship holder must maintain a continuous enrolment, no leave of absence is allowed, except under exceptional circumstances such as a medical condition which limits the student's capacity to undertake study. Such requests must be supported by the Director, MBA;
- In the event that the scholarship holder changes degree or discontinues study, the scholarship is no longer tenable;
- The award is conditional on the scholar meeting all regulations of the coursework program;
- To retain the scholarship, the holder must also achieve a 75% Distinction Grade average each year;
- The scholarship may not be held concurrently with other University scholarship funds awarded to assist with the student's tuition fees;
- Employees of the University of Sydney or Food Ladder are ineligible to apply;
- The scholarship holder will be invited to promote the MBA program in which they are enrolled and represent the Business School at student orientation, marketing and corporate networking events;

NB. Students receiving this scholarship and enrolled in part-time study may be subject to income tax and should check with the Australian Taxation Office or their Accountant for details