

# Scholarships for success with NSW Health and Western Sydney University

Lacey Lowe always dreamt of going to university, but until recently the proud Biripi and Worimi woman always found a reason not to do it. Now, the 38-year-old is successfully studying a Bachelor of Science (Environmental Health) through Western Sydney University, with the help of NSW Health.

Her family are understandably proud, but Lacey says taking the first step was daunting.

"It's super scary to go into that but you've done a bit of life, so I'm ok putting my hand up if I don't know something ... and the amount of support and help that you have, it's amazing," she said.

The NSW Health Aboriginal Environmental Health Scholarship is paying her university fees for every subject Lacey passes, saving her thousands of dollars.

She also receives \$500 a year to

cover student administration fees and tutoring costs.

"It's a fabulous opportunity with NSW Health and at the end of this degree, I'll be qualified, I'll have a qualification," Lacey said.

The degree will allow her to pursue a career in environmental health, especially as an Environmental Health Officer.

It's a job in demand. Most Environmental Health Officers work in local government to protect people and the environment by assessing, inspecting and enforcing laws around food safety, public health and the environment. Their work includes educating, inspecting, risk assessment and monitoring public pools, pollution complaints and tattoo premises.

"I think there's a lot of different things that you can do in a day in this profession. I love biology and

science, there's nothing really boring here.

"We need these people, that's why I'm in the industry, there's not a lot of me in the industry," Lacey said.

The degree, which is delivered by distance education, allows Lacey to study at her own pace.

"They're not going to set you up to fail, it's not going to be something that you half do, because if you're struggling, or you are kind of questioning yourself, there's so many outlets for support."

Lacey says everyone interested should apply for a NSW Health Aboriginal Environmental Health Scholarship.

"It's really fulfilling, you get to meet like-minded people and we need more Indigenous voices in STEM. Like, we can do it, we're good at it, so 100% get out there, kids!"



Proud Biripi and Worimi woman Lacey Lowe

## 2024 Aboriginal Environmental Health Scholarships

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- › Flexibility to study full-time or part-time
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