



Scholarships providing pathways for CQU First Nations students

After initially applying for a scholarship in the hopes of receiving a small bursary to purchase some textbooks, CQUniversity student Dionne Singleton said she could not be more grateful to receive the inaugural CQUniCares Holding Redlich Indigenous Law Scholarship.

The scholarship, which provides recognition and financial support to an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander student studying a laws-related undergraduate course in North Queensland will provide Dionne with up to \$5000 to help with her study expenses.

"I was so excited to be chosen, I know that there are many worthy recipients and am very appreciative to be selected," Dionne said.

"Now I can buy my textbooks and will also have the funds to purchase a laptop!

"I have always prioritised my children's education, so now I can look forward to doing something for myself."

Holding Redlich Pro Bono Lawyer and First Nations Advisor, Nareeta Davis said the scholarship was intended to help support First Nations students to enter the law profession as graduates.

As a CQUniversity alumnus and



Vanessa Maruna, Dionne Singleton, Nareeta Davis.

casual academic at the University, Mrs Davis is an advocate for First Nations education in regional Queensland.

"Australia's legal profession is in need of more First Nations voices. In the years to come, it's vital that universities, government and law firms invest in a clearer and well-supported pathway for First Nations law students," Mrs Davis said.

"Holding Redlich is deeply committed to this outcome and partnering with CQUniversity to

offer this scholarship is just one step we are taking to support and work alongside First Nations law students."

CQUniversity Deputy Director of Philanthropy Francois Gallais said a quality education should be accessible to everyone – regardless of background, location or life circumstances.

"That's why we offer a variety of scholarships and bursaries that can help with things like relocation, living on campus, laptops and

technology, childcare, study and living expenses, travel and more," Mr Gallais said.

"Whether you're just starting out or continuing your studies, receiving a scholarship can help balance your study and life commitments. A scholarship looks good on your resume and may also open the door to industry networks and work experience opportunities."

The Australian Government also provides CQUniversity with funding

under the Higher Education Participation and Partnerships Program (HEPPP). The funds provided as part of this program are directed – exclusively - towards students from low socio-economic (SES) backgrounds (as defined by SEIFA), persons from regional areas and remote areas (as defined by ASGS), and Indigenous persons, people of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent and who identify as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

CQUniversity offers numerous scholarships specifically for First Nations students. Applications for scholarships that will be awarded in early 2024 open on Tuesday, 3 October.

Want to know you'll feel welcomed and supported if you're thinking about Uni or TAFE? At CQUniversity you'll join thousands of past and present First Nations students who've changed their lives and those in their communities through higher education.

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