



Naturopathic Medicine Indigenous Placement Scholarship

☒ Before You Apply – Student Checklist

Use this checklist to make sure your application is **complete, competitive, and aligned with the scholarship's purpose**.

✓ 1. Confirm Your Eligibility

Before starting your application, ensure you:

- ☐ Are an Australian citizen or permanent resident
- ☐ Are enrolled in:
 - Bachelor of Health Science (Health and Lifestyle), or
 - Master of Naturopathic Medicine (SCU)
- ☐ I have written confirmation of my endorsed external clinical placement
- ☐ My placement is in an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander community
- ☐ I have an established, active, and ongoing relationship with the community and host organisation
- ☐ My placement is externally based (not an SCU clinic)

⚠ Applications will not be considered if your placement is not confirmed or if you are still developing community connections.

✓ 2. Confirm Your Placement

You must be able to clearly describe your placement:

- ☐ Placement location and community
- ☐ Organisation, clinic or host
- ☐ Placement start and end dates (or planned dates)
- ☐ Placement scope, activities, and outcomes are clearly defined and agreed
- ☐ Placement has been developed in consultation with the community/host organisation

☒ *Tip: A confirmed placement is required before applying. Applications will not be considered if the placement is still being developed, proposed, or awaiting confirmation.*



✓ 3. Demonstrate Your Community Connection

Be ready to clearly explain your relationship with the community through at least one of the following:

- ☐ I can clearly describe how the relationship was established and developed over time
- ☐ I can demonstrate ongoing engagement prior to application
- ☐ I have evidence of community endorsement, invitation, or collaboration
- ☐ I can show how the placement was co-designed with the community (agreed priorities, scope, activities)

✓ 4. Supporting Documentation

- ☐ I have written confirmation of my placement (endorsed by host/community)
- ☐ I have letters of support and/or placement agreements
- ☐ I have evidence of prior engagement and communication
- ☐ All documentation clearly shows my placement is:
 - Confirmation of placement
 - Community-supported
 - Appropriately planned

⚠ Applications without sufficient supporting documentation will not be considered

✓ 5. Prepare Your Budget (Up to \$2,500)

You must outline how funding will be used:

- ☐ Travel (e.g. flights, fuel)
- ☐ Accommodation
- ☐ Placement-related expenses (e.g. transport, basic living costs, required items)
- ☐ Provide a clear, realistic cost breakdown
- ☐ Be prepared to provide supporting evidence (quotes/estimates) if requested

✓ 5. Articulate Impact and Outcomes

Your application should clearly explain:

- ☐ I clearly link community benefit + professional learning + future practice



- ☐ I demonstrate how the placement addresses community priorities
- ☐ I articulate why this is a purpose-driven placement
- ☐ I describe the population served (e.g. regional, underserved community)

✔ 6. Prepare Strong Written Responses

When responding to selection criteria:

- ☐ Answer every question fully
- ☐ Use clear, specific examples
- ☐ Avoid vague or general statements
- ☐ Ensure strong alignment with:
 - Community impact
 - Cultural capability
 - Placement purpose

⚠ *Incomplete or unclear responses may not be considered.*

✔ 7. Final Application Check

Before submitting:

- ☐ All sections of the application are complete
- ☐ Placement details are accurate and consistent
- ☐ Budget aligns with your placement plan
- ☐ Responses clearly demonstrate connection, impact, and readiness
- ☐ Supporting documents are attached (if required)

✔ 8. After You Apply (Be Aware)

If successful, you will be required to:

- ☐ Complete your placement as outlined
- ☐ Submit a short reflection or impact report
- ☐ Allow SCU to use your story for promotion and donor reporting



What Makes a Strong Application?

Strong applicants clearly demonstrate:

- ✓ A clearly established and ongoing relationship with the Indigenous community and placement organisation
- ✓ Evidence of genuine and respectful engagement developed over time
- ✓ A confirmed, community-supported placement with an agreed scope of work
- ✓ A strong connection between community benefit, cultural capability development and professional learning
- ✓ Appropriate supporting evidence such as letters of support, placement agreements and records of engagement

Need help before you apply?

If you are unsure whether your placement is suitable, contact:

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