



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)
 - Are **undertaking or planning** a clinical placement
 - Your placement is in a **regional or remote Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander community**
 - You have an **existing connection and/or relationship** with the community
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2. Confirm or Plan Your Placement

You must be able to clearly describe your placement:

- Placement **location and community**
- Organisation, clinic or host (if applicable)
- Placement **start and end dates (or planned dates)**
- Type of activities or clinical experience you will undertake
- How the placement aligns with **Indigenous community priorities**

Tip: Confirmed placements are stronger, but well-developed planned placements are acceptable.

3. Demonstrate Your Community Connection

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

- Previous engagement with the community

- Existing relationships with **community organisations or leaders**
 - Evidence of **community support, invitation, or collaboration**
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✓ 4. 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
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✓ 5. Articulate Impact and Outcomes

Your application should clearly explain:

- How your placement will contribute to **community wellbeing and health outcomes**
 - How you will engage in a **culturally respectful and appropriate way**
 - What you hope to **learn and develop professionally**
 - How this experience will influence your **future practice**
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✓ 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)
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✔ 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**
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💡 What Makes a Strong Application?

Strong applicants clearly demonstrate:

- ✔ A **genuine, respectful connection** to the community
 - ✔ A **well-planned placement with clear outcomes**
 - ✔ A strong link between the placement and **community benefit + professional growth**
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Need help before you apply?

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

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