



Imagine your
Impact
Scholarships 2020



Acknowledgement of Country

Southern Cross University acknowledges and pays respect to the ancestors, Elders and descendants of the Lands upon which we meet and study.

We are mindful that within and without the concrete and steel of buildings these Lands always were and always will be Aboriginal Land.



A message from our Vice Chancellor

Our university is grounded in the belief that higher education changes lives for the better.

Access to that education is not a level playing field, but it can be. Scholarships make an enormous difference.

This year we celebrate the 25th anniversary of Southern Cross University. We are proud to be ranked as one of Australia's most accessible and inclusive universities. Since our foundation, more than 6,000 students have received scholarships, valued in excess of \$38 million. We have set the audacious goal of offering 500 student scholarships by 2020, and we need your help.

Change-makers come from all walks of life. 8 in 10 of our students are the first in their families to pursue university. Nearly 7 in 10 students are women. Our graduates range in age from 20 to 97 years old. Our award-winning, fee-free Preparing for Success program offers an alternative pathway for those who may not meet the formal entry requirements for university study.

We want our students to succeed and thrive, both during their studies and beyond. We want to equip the leaders of tomorrow with the critical mindset and the professional tools to confront the world's greatest problems. Our innovative research is focused on solving issues that are both regionally relevant and globally significant, including climate change, natural resource

management, food security, health and wellbeing and social equity.

Through our scholarship program you can reward deserving students who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in academic, community, arts, sport and leadership roles. You can support students facing financial hardship and other barriers preventing them from achieving their goals.

Scholarships are offered at both an undergraduate and postgraduate level as well as research grants.

Join our community of supporters - those who believe in the power of education to create a better world.

Adam Shoemaker

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Adam Shoemaker". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Vice Chancellor
Southern Cross University



**A donor has
the power...
to make our
dreams happen.**

“It brings me to tears thinking about the impact a scholarship has had on me. I didn’t realise the power it would have on my self-confidence – it showed me someone has faith in me. It’s given me the opportunity to believe in myself and I am now committed to finish no matter what. A donor has the power to change people’s lives; to encourage and support us to make our dreams happen.”

**Gaynor Palmer, Bachelor in Engineering (Honours) in Civil Engineering student
Coffs Harbour City Council Scholarship recipient**



“As a local council working for the region, we recognise our responsibility to support students to gain access to tertiary education and study the degree of their choice. We want more than anything for regional students to do something significant, enjoy diverse careers and give back to the community in whatever way they can. It is well known that gaining a tertiary education can be difficult for some people, as students do not receive the support they did in the past. Our scholarships are one way we can support those in our local community.”

Cr Isaac Smith, Lismore City Council, scholarship donor

Southern Cross University Scholarships 2020

You can model your scholarship on the many types of scholarships already in place or you can tailor a scholarship by designing the criteria to align with your values and vision for student impact. Our range of scholarships and bursaries for financial support demonstrate our deep commitment to the success of our students. The scholarship areas encompass all student endeavours at Southern Cross: undergraduate and postgraduate, coursework and research, international and Indigenous, academic and sports.



Achievement
Scholarships



Access
Scholarships



Advancement
Scholarships



International
Scholarships



Undergraduate Coursework
Scholarships



Postgraduate
Coursework Scholarships



Postgraduate Research
Scholarships



Honours
Scholarships



Indigenous
Scholarships



Sports
Scholarships



Creative and Performing
Arts Scholarships



Rural and Regional
Scholarships

Creating your life-changing scholarship

In one way or another, your scholarship will generally fit into one of the following categories.



Achievement



Access



Advancement

A Southern Cross University scholarship gives you the freedom to decide:

- + The value of your gift*
- + Who will be eligible to apply
- + The selection criteria important to you
- + The name of your scholarship

You can choose from a range of scholarship packages that align to the level of impact you would like to make to support a student in their educational journey.

*Scholarships commence at \$5,000.

Creating a lasting impact

As a donor, you play an important role in a student's life. Your scholarship gives a student the powerful message that someone believes in them.

One of the most rewarding aspects of being a donor is the personal interaction you will have with your scholarship recipient.

You will have the chance to meet your student at annual events and be kept informed of their academic performance, with the deeply satisfying knowledge that you have made a life-changing contribution to their education, career and future.



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“I remember how hard the words hit me – ‘you’re not smart enough’. I lost all motivation and started cutting classes. I almost didn’t finish high school. I hit rock bottom after school, with no university acceptance, no career trajectory and no plan. I’d heard about Southern Cross’ bridging program, Preparing for Success. I was accepted and worked hard, receiving above distinction average grades. For the first time in my life I’d received good grades and it felt so good. I started to believe that I was not only capable of university, but with hard work, I may actually excel at this. I received a scholarship, which enabled me to dedicate to my studies full time. After my first session, the results came in – four distinctions! This made me re-evaluate my goals. I loved the idea of working in a marine related field, but with my grades, I needed to raise the bar. With global problems surrounding marine life, I want to enable real change in the world and research is the best way I can make an impact. I am now living in Fiji conducting practical coral research while I finish my honours degree. Then I plan to complete my PhD.”

**Jordan Ivey, Bachelor of Marine Science and Management student
New Colombo Plan Scholarship recipient**



“It’s about having that opportunity to say we’ve had a part in building careers. It is often difficult for people in regional areas to pursue careers in some of the industries. And so for us to be involved in that development and see them achieve and what they do when they finish that scholarship is really a proud moment for us.”

Naomi Cook, Coffs Harbour City Council, scholarship donor

Talk to us about your gift

Creating a scholarship is a simple process and the Giving Team can provide all the advice you need to get started. Start the conversation with us.

Phone 02 6620 3354 or email giving@scu.edu.au

Establish the selection criteria

Southern Cross University offers a range of scholarship opportunities for our donors that align with your vision.

Once we have determined the selection criteria, we will provide you with some paperwork to sign and return to us. It's as simple as that.

The University will provide you with an invoice for payment, and that money will then be paid to the student on a pro-rata basis throughout the year.

If you wish to offer your support with funds less than the \$5000, then you may be interested in our other options including establishing a Named Prize with our Prize Office or donating an amount to our Student Opportunities Fund. The money donated to the Student Opportunities Fund will collectively go towards bursaries for financial support and create other opportunities for our students to reach their full potential.

Choose your recipient

Our donors generally enjoy the freedom of being able to personally select their scholarship recipient. While the University does all the hard behind-the-scenes work, we do like you to be involved getting the right fit for your scholarship. Once a candidate is chosen, we administer the process at no cost to you at all.

You'll receive recipient progress reports

Throughout the year, the Giving Team will provide you with student progress reports which include student grades.

Sometimes students in their first session are a bit wobbly, as there is so much for them to become familiar with about studying at University, including making new friends and maybe even relocating to the area.

The funds you provide help these students adjust and to settle in to tertiary education expectations by taking the pressure off.

5 easy steps to change a life

- 1.** Talk to our Giving Team about your financial gift. We'll get you started.
- 2.** We'll work together to establish selection criteria that suits your scholarship.
- 3.** You can choose your student recipient from a shortlist of applicants.
- 4.** Enjoy receiving student recipient progress reports throughout the year.
- 5.** Meet your student recipient and other donors at the the annual student achievement celebration.

100% of your financial gift goes to the student. The University covers the administration costs in managing the scholarship for you. That's our commitment to giving back and supporting our student community.

All donations above \$2 are tax deductible.

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“Meeting my donor showed me that there are people out there who do believe that if you put your mind to something and work hard you really can achieve anything. I was able to meet one of the donors which was great. I shared my story and was then able to hear how the donors hope to help those who receive the scholarship. It was a privilege to hear the stories of other recipients, some of whom had faced far more challenges than I, and I was truly encouraged by what they have gone on to achieve. It proved to me that fellow recipients had continued to accomplish phenomenal things and this inspired me to just keep going. My desire is to help and inspire people and be a driving force, where I can take my vision and turn it into reality.”

Sarah Ashley, Bachelor of Business student
Twin Towns Services Community Foundation Scholarship recipient



“We both received scholarships as young adults to attend university. This was an opportunity we would not have been afforded without financial assistance. We feel privileged to be able to give back and support others in having the same opportunity. Between us we have spent 50 years in the education field and we have seen the far reaching benefits education has on individuals, families and communities. The students we support become like family, and we enjoy very much being a part of their life journey. We like the fact that we can offer deserving students the opportunity to gain a university qualification and not allow hardship to hold them back. People deserve the chance. We wish we could support 100 a year!”

Stan and June Gilchrist
The Lord’s Taverners Northern NSW University Scholarship donors

Your gift matters

Your generosity means deserving students can receive the support they need.

You can:

- + Establish a named scholarship
- + Provide support through regular giving
- + Remember The Southern Cross University Student Opportunity Fund in your Will.

We invite you to start the conversation with us.

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scu.edu.au/engage/giving

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