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SCHOLARSHIP · CO-ADMINISTERED WITH THE ANU COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING,
COMPUTING & CYBERNETICS

Indigenous *Engineering* Scholarship

Eligibility criteria, application requirements and obligations for the Macropod Dynamics Indigenous Engineering Scholarship — a fully-funded undergraduate engineering pathway for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

DOCUMENT REFERENCE

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COHORT

2026 intake (Cohort 5)

APPLICATIONS OPEN

1 May 2026

APPLICATIONS CLOSE

30 September 2026

NOTIFICATION

By 30 November 2026

AWARDING AUTHORITY

Scholarship Selection Committee

1 · The *Scholarship*

The Macropod Dynamics Indigenous Engineering Scholarship is a fully-funded undergraduate pathway established in 2022 in partnership with the Australian National University College of Engineering, Computing & Cybernetics. The Scholarship provides four awards per cohort, with intakes commencing in February of each calendar year.

1.1 What the Scholarship provides

TUITION	Full Commonwealth Supported Place gap and any associated mandatory fees, for the standard four-year duration of an ANU Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) programme.
LIVING STIPEND	A\$32,500 per year (indexed annually to CPI), paid in equal monthly instalments by the Group.
EQUIPMENT GRANT	One-time A\$3,500 grant in Year 1 against laptop, software and prescribed coursework materials.
TRAVEL & RELOCATION	Reasonable relocation costs for scholars whose home is more than 200 km from the ANU campus, capped at A\$4,500 in Year 1.
PAID INTERNSHIP	Guaranteed paid internship at the Group across two summer placements, structured to complement coursework.
MENTORING	Pairing with a Group engineer for the duration of the programme; access to the Group's Indigenous Employee Network.

2 · *Eligibility*

An applicant is eligible for the Scholarship if, at the date of application, the applicant satisfies all of the criteria below.

- 1. Identity.** The applicant identifies as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person and is recognised as such by an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander community.
- 2. Citizenship.** The applicant is an Australian citizen or holds permanent residency.
- 3. Admission.** The applicant has secured, or is in the process of securing, an offer of admission into a Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) programme at the ANU College of Engineering, Computing & Cybernetics commencing in the year following application.
- 4. Discipline.** The applicant intends to major in one of: Mechatronic Engineering · Robotics & Autonomous Systems · Mechanical Engineering · Electrical Engineering · Software Engineering · Systems Engineering. Other disciplines may be considered on application.
- 5. Standing.** The applicant is not in receipt of another full-tuition scholarship that would be incompatible with this Scholarship under the ANU multiple-scholarship rules.

6. **Eligibility for security clearance.** The internship component requires the holder to be eligible to obtain a Negative Vetting Level 1 (NV1) clearance under the Australian Government Personnel Security Adjudicative Guidelines, at the time the internship commences. Eligibility to *obtain* a clearance is not the same as holding one; the Group will sponsor the application.

3 · *Application* requirements

Applications are made through the ANU Scholarships portal and consist of the following components.

1. **Personal statement** of up to 1,000 words covering the applicant's interest in engineering, motivation for considering this Scholarship and the disciplines that interest them.
2. **Academic record** for the most recent two years of secondary or post-secondary study.
3. **Two referees**, of whom one should be an academic referee. Community referees are welcome.
4. **Confirmation of Aboriginality**, in any form recognised by the ANU Tjabal Indigenous Higher Education Centre.
5. **Permission to share** the application with the Group's Scholarship Selection Committee, which is co-chaired by an Indigenous member of the Group's Board.

4 · *Selection* & notification

The Scholarship Selection Committee comprises four members: a representative of the ANU College of Engineering; a representative of the ANU Tjabal Centre; an Indigenous member of the Group's Board; and a Group engineer. Decisions are made by consensus where possible.

Shortlisted applicants are invited to an informal conversation (in person where practicable, otherwise by video) with two members of the Selection Committee. Successful applicants are notified in writing by 30 November of the application year. Unsuccessful applicants are entitled to written feedback on request.

5 · *Obligations* & continuing eligibility

Acceptance of the Scholarship creates the following obligations.

- Maintenance of academic progression as defined under ANU policy. A scholar may take an approved leave of absence on application without prejudice to the Scholarship.
- Participation in the two summer internships at a Group site (typically Brindabella or Eveleigh), unless the Selection Committee approves an alternative arrangement.
- Participation in the Group's annual Scholar Forum, held each February in Canberra.
- Acknowledgement of the Scholarship in any conference or publication arising substantially from work conducted during it.

Post-Scholarship. The Scholarship does not bind the holder to subsequent employment with the Group. Scholars are encouraged, but never required, to consider Group roles after graduation. Of the eight scholars

who have completed the programme to date, six are employed by the Group (including two full-time engineers) and two are pursuing further study.

6 · *Privacy* & contact

Applications and supporting material are handled in accordance with the ANU Privacy Policy and the Group's Privacy Policy. Information is shared with the Selection Committee for assessment purposes only and is not used by the Group for marketing or recruitment beyond the assessment.

Enquiries may be directed to:

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