

APPLICATION FORM

RESIDENTIAL ACCESS SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDENTS WITH REFUGEE BACKGROUND

Description

Five Residential Scholarships are offered for 2012. These Residential Scholarships provide for one academic year's on-campus accommodation at La Trobe University on the Melbourne, Bendigo or Albury-Wodonga campus. The scholarship does not include the provision of meals, however shared kitchen facilities are available in all residences. The University Residences provide a safe and supportive environment where student leaders and staff have established several programs to help you make a successful transition to university life.

The University Residences house both male and female students, and you are encouraged to visit the Residences before you apply for a scholarship, to ensure they are suitable to your accommodation needs.

Please phone 9479 1565 or email living@latrobe.edu.au, to arrange a tour of the Melbourne campus residences. You can take a virtual tour of the Melbourne campus residences at www.latrobe.edu.au/accommodation/bundoora/

Please phone 5444 7425 or email residences-bendigo@latrobe.edu.au, to arrange a tour of the Bendigo campus residences. You can take a virtual tour of the Bendigo residences at <http://www.latrobe.edu.au/residentialservices/>

Please phone 02 6024 9847 or email accommodation.aw@latrobe.edu.au, to arrange a tour of the Albury-Wodonga campus residences.

The Residential Scholarships cover the cost of room rental, bond and application fee. The scholarships **do not cover** the following additional fees charged by Residential Services. (Some of these additional fees may not exist on regional campuses.)

- Facilities and Services Fee \$350 per annum
- Internet Connection Fee \$150 per annum
- Student Activity Fee \$450 per annum
- Orientation Fee \$430 per annum
- Any other fees charged by Residential Services

Please note that the abovementioned fees are quoted at 2011 fee levels. They may or may not be increased in 2012.

Eligibility Criteria

The applicant must have arrived in Australia in the past ten years as a refugee or asylum seeker and have registered with the Refugee Contact Person in the Equality and Diversity Centre at the relevant La Trobe University campus.

The applicant must have approval from the Department of Immigration and Citizenship to remain in Australia on a permanent basis.

Applicants who have previously received a Residential Scholarship under this program are not eligible to apply again.

Selection Criteria

Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of academic merit and financial hardship. At Melbourne and Bendigo campuses, one scholarship on each campus will give priority to commencing students.

Commencing Students – Academic Merit evidence

Applicants must demonstrate academic merit, through the provision of:

- an academic transcript; OR
- Year 12 results; OR
- a statement from two teachers or other professional persons who can confirm your potential to succeed in your university studies (this criteria should only be used if no academic documentation is available).

Continuing Students – Academic Merit evidence

Undergraduate applicants must provide their student ID number and postgraduate students must provide their student ID number and a certified copy of their academic transcript for their undergraduate degree.

Evidence of Financial Hardship

All applicants must demonstrate financial hardship through the provision of:

- Centrelink documentation; OR
- A statement from a professional person who can confirm that you are experiencing financial hardship and cannot afford to pay university residence fees. This may be a person who has assisted you in your settlement in Australia eg a representative from Red Cross, the Adult Migrant Education Service, a Migrant Resource Centre, local church group, or other welfare organisation.

How to Apply

Applicants must complete the attached Residential Scholarship application form, and attach a Personal Statement (300 word maximum) explaining why they should receive the scholarship. Applicants must also attach other relevant supporting documents requested above.

Applications Open: Monday 14 November 2011

Applications Close: Friday 20 January 2012

Return your completed application form to:

Residential Access Scholarships
Equality and Diversity Centre
La Trobe University
VIC 3086

All relevant sections of this form must be completed. Where indicated documentary evidence must be submitted.

Failure to attach documentary evidence **will disadvantage** you in the selection process.

Section 1. Personal Details

(Please leave a space between words and tick appropriate boxes)

1. Family Name

2. Given Name/s

3. Postal Address

City/Suburb

State

Postcode

Country

4. Home Address (if different from postal address)

City/Suburb

State

Postcode

Country

5. Male Female

6. Private Telephone

Mobile Telephone

7. Email Address

8. Student ID number (currently enrolled students only)

Section 2. Eligibility

9. What year did you arrive in Australia as a refugee or asylum seeker?

10. Are you registered with a Refugee Contact Person in the Equality and Diversity Centre at La Trobe University? Yes No

Section 3. Proposed Course of Study and Campus location (commencing students only)

11. You may list one or more courses you have applied for:

Course: Campus:

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Section 4. Education Background

12. What is your highest level of educational attainment?

- Year 11 or below Year 12 or equivalent TAFE Diploma/Certificate
Undergraduate Postgraduate

Briefly describe your education, including any course/s you have studied in Australia and/or your country of origin, even if you did not complete it.

Section 5. Personal Circumstances

13. Please attach a Personal Statement (300 word maximum) detailing why you should receive a scholarship.

Section 6. Supporting Documentation

14. All applicants should attach:

- Centrelink documentation OR
- a Supporting Statement (300 word maximum) from a professional person who can confirm that you are experiencing financial hardship and cannot afford to pay university accommodation fees.

15. Commencing student applicants should attach:

- a certified copy of any academic transcripts or testamurs (If have taken the STAT test, your results must be provided to the Equality and Diversity Centre as soon as they are available) OR
- a Supporting Statement (300 word maximum) from 2 professional people (who are not related to you) who can confirm that you have the academic potential and motivation to succeed at university (**only if academic transcript is not available**).

Section 7. Applicant Declaration

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge, the information supplied in this application and the supporting documentation is true and complete. I acknowledge that the provision of false information or documentation or the withholding of information or documentation relating to my application may result in the cancellation of any scholarship by La Trobe University. I confirm that I have read and understood the information for applicants and understand the conditions of the scholarship. I authorise La Trobe University to obtain, where necessary, further information regarding this application from other relevant bodies. I understand that the scholarship process is competitive and that not all applicants who meet the eligibility criteria can be awarded a scholarship. I will verify my ongoing eligibility as required.

NOTE: Giving false or misleading information is a serious offence under the Criminal Code (Commonwealth)

Signature:

Date:

Privacy Statement

La Trobe University is providing you with this notice because the university has sought personal information about you. The university needs the information so that it can fully and properly assess your application in accordance with its policies and procedures. The information you supply on this form and in any documentation supplementary to this application may be provided to scholarship selection authorities.