



Westpac Scholarship Program

100 scholarships a year, forever

Supporting those with the drive
to shape Australia



Bicentennial
Foundation

Supporting our Best and Brightest - Forever

We believe the best way to advance Australia over the next century is to invest in the next generation of leaders: the gifted visionaries, the bold reformers and ambitious innovators.

The Westpac Scholarship Program will help achieve this by funding 100 scholarships and fellowships every year, forever.

We'll propel our best and brightest to be all they can be, inspired by their peers, motivated by more than money and hungry to shape Australia's future.



The \$100 million Westpac Bicentennial Foundation

The Foundation was established as a \$100 million gift to future generations of Australians, in celebration of Westpac's 200th anniversary in 2017.

With the sole aim of educating and advancing Australians, we'll ensure those with a passion to contribute to our nation's growth and prosperity have every chance to do so.

Scholarships to shape our future

We've centred our scholarships around three focus areas we believe are at the heart of Australia's future growth and prosperity, and central to our own focus as an organisation:

- **Technology and innovation:** digitisation is changing almost every element of everyday life. We want Australia to stay at the forefront of this revolution.
- **Australia-Asia ties:** Australia is uniquely positioned to share in the rapid rise of Asia, with our deep cultural, political and economic relationships. We want to strengthen those bonds.
- **Positive social change:** Social entrepreneurship is fast becoming a distinctive part of the nation's social, economic and political fabric. We want Australia to keep drawing strength from this phenomenon.

Financial support is just the beginning

Money can help launch a vision but it takes a network of inspired and inspiring people to sustain it.

That's why every scholarship recipient across our five categories will be invited to join the *Westpac Scholars Alumni* program. Offering more than just membership of a network that will help your career, it's an incredible platform for surrounding yourself with a diverse group of other inspiring leaders.

Growing by 100 scholars a year, this network of committed contributors will connect those with bold ideas to build a better future for all Australians.



Westpac Scholars Alumni members gain lifelong access to mentorship, collaboration, learning and development opportunities.

Making history

Five scholarship categories have been created for those seeking to excel in one of the Foundation's three focus areas.

We're partnering with 20 Australian universities to deliver the Young Technologists, Asian Exchange and Future Leaders Scholarships and the Research Fellowship. The Social Change Fellowship is being delivered directly by the Westpac Bicentennial Foundation.

Our five scholarships were launched in 2015 and will be fully operational by 2017 when we welcome our 200th Westpac Scholar.

1. Westpac Young Technologists Scholarship

Supporting undergraduates who are keen to become the tech innovators of the future.

This scholarship's aim is to expand Australia's technologist talent pool by helping to break down socio-economic barriers to studying technology, and boosting take-up from talented students with a diverse range of backgrounds.

Up to 40 annual scholarships of \$5,000 a year will be awarded to students embarking on a technology focused degree.

2. Westpac Asian Exchange Scholarship

Supporting undergraduates eager to contribute to Australia's success in Asia.

This scholarship provides students with a unique chance to add another dimension to their classroom learning by spending a semester abroad to study at a leading Asian university. While on exchange, students can customise their experience. This may be a cultural or volunteering opportunity, or a local internship.

Up to 40 scholarships of \$10,000 will be awarded to students annually.



3. Westpac Future Leaders Scholarship

Supporting exceptional post-graduate students who have the potential to make a difference to Australia's future.

This scholarship is designed to help nurture and amplify the strengths, capabilities and career possibilities for highly talented people who specialise in technology and innovation; strengthening Australia-Asia ties; or creating positive social change. Recipients will have the opportunity to study at one of Australia's leading universities, participate in a nine month leadership development program and add a global context to their education through tailored international experiences.

17 scholarships of up to \$120,000 over two to three years will be awarded annually, for research or coursework at a graduate level.

4. Westpac Social Change Fellowship

Supporting innovators with a passion to create positive social change in Australia.

The aim of this fellowship is to help people with brilliant ideas for social change, to realise their full potential. Recipients will be given time and space to develop the skills, knowledge and networks they'll need to bring their idea to life.

Ten fellowships of up to \$50,000 will be awarded annually to individuals who have innovative ideas, matched with energy and commitment, to create positive social outcomes for Australia.





5. Westpac Research Fellowship

Supporting early career researchers to undertake ground-breaking research, here in Australia.

This fellowship supports outstanding researchers through funding of fulltime salary plus tailored professional development and global experiences. It aims to ensure our best and brightest have the opportunity to complete their research in Australia's leading universities.

Recipients will be chosen for their potential to enhance Australia's competitive position in one of our three focus areas of technology and innovation; strengthening Australia-Asia ties; or creating positive social change.

The fellowship has been co-created with our partner universities, offering a uniquely holistic approach to supporting the needs of early career researchers. Four fellowships of up to \$460,000 over three years will be awarded in 2015.

This is the perfect springboard for academics who want to secure our country's long-term peace and prosperity.

Dr Nicholas Farrelly
Fellow, Coral Bell School of Asia Pacific Affairs,
The Australian National University
Westpac Research Fellowship Ambassador.

Could you be a Westpac Scholar?

We're looking for people from all walks of life who have the ability, ideas and drive to make a difference.

Beyond academic excellence, you'll share a passion for the future prosperity of Australia and success in your chosen field.

The ceaseless search for Australia's best and brightest has begun.

You'll be invited to join the *Westpac Scholars* Alumni Program: a network of your peers and mentors, a community that will advance you as you seek to advance Australia.

The Westpac Scholarship Program is open to Australian citizens or permanent residents.

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