

Westpac Young Technologists Scholarship

Online Information Session

 Scholars





Acknowledgement of Country

WESTPAC SCHOLARS PROGRAM

100 scholarships a year, forever

We partner with Australia's leading universities to offer 100 scholarships a year, forever. Backing people from all walks of life who have the drive and ideas to shape the future of Australia.

Our four funding priorities

1. Sustainable Futures
2. Australia in Asia
3. An Inclusive Country
4. Thriving Tech Sector

\$45M

Awarded to Westpac Scholars since 2016.

830+

Westpac Scholars

Five programs

- Young Technologists
- Asian Exchange
- Future Leaders
- Research Fellowship
- Social Change Fellowship

**It's 100
opportunities to
change the world,
forever. It's 100
legacies every
year, forever.**



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I want to bridge the digital divide in remote communities and explore virtual reality to overcome geographical barriers in healthcare and assist in diagnosing illnesses.

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Elisha Cordero
2024 Westpac Young Technologist

 **Scholars**

WESTPAC YOUNGH TECHNOLOGIST SCHOLARSHIP

Thriving Tech Sector

Looking for those who have a deep passion for all things technology and STEM, who wish to contribute to the thriving tech sector and push Australia's current and future prosperity.

\$20,000

Over three years, to help you with your studies in a STEM & Technology related field at one of our partner universities

Network

Gain lifelong membership of the W100 Scholars Network. Growing by 100 Scholars every year, it is a diverse and collaborative community of Australia's brightest and boldest students, researchers and social entrepreneurs.

Attend events and participate in programs such as our Mentors in Residence initiative.

Disruptive Leaders Program

Includes a one-week experience in Singapore with your fellow Young Technologist scholars.

Universities

NSW: UOW, WSU | **VIC:** RMIT

QLD: QUT | **WA:** MU

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Summit

During the Scholars Summit in March, Young Tech Alumni and industry leaders will deliver a workshop for Young Technologist scholars.



Leadership Program

In Singapore in July 2025, dependent on travel restrictions and government advice.
Funded by Westpac Scholars Trust

Will provide scholars with leadership, personal and professional development opportunities, as well as networks.



ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1

Studying full-time at a **participating University**

2

An **undergraduate** (including Honours) **enrolled in first year** when commencing scholarship

3

Intending to complete the **Scholars Summit in Sydney** in April

4

Holding a minimum of a **credit average**

5

You are an **Australian citizen** or hold **permanent resident status**

6

Intending to the **Disruptive Leaders Program** in Singapore in July

KEY DATES

1 Applications open 9am AEST, Monday **2 September** 2024

2 Applications close 5pm AEDT, Monday **13 of January** 2025

3 Notification of scholarship awarded **late-February** 2025

4 Westpac Scholars Summit in April **7 - 8** 2025

5 Leadership Development Program Residential **July** 2025

APPLICATION TIMELINE

1 Students apply online using **Westpac's portal** between 03rd September 2024 - 13th of January 2025

2 Westpac collate applications and **sends them to universities**

3 **Universities shortlist applicants** in late-January 2025

4 Shortlisted applicants to complete **interviews** in early-February 2025

5 **Successful applicants** are notified in late-February 2025

APPLICATION TIPS

- 1 Read the FAQs and the 'About' section on the [Westpac Scholars](#) website, especially our 'Focus Areas' - think about how you intend to contribute to these areas
- 2 Start the application [early](#) and save as you go
- 3 Provide [well-thought](#) answers, avoid '[refer to above](#)' as some answers are assessed in isolation
- 4 Use language a non-specialist would understand, and use real-world [examples to bring your answers to life](#)
- 5 Be [inspiring](#) and [self-aware](#), talk about your [strengths](#) but remember to be [humble](#)
- 6 Consider [opportunities](#) both during and beyond on your exchange, such as [internships](#), or by getting involved in the [W100 alumni network](#) – incorporate these into your answers

WHO ARE WE LOOKING FOR?

Generosity of Spirit

Westpac Scholars should demonstrate a passionate desire to contribute to their communities through their work or study.

Making the uncomfortable, comfortable

Westpac Young Technologist scholars are encouraged to be curious, challenge themselves, and learn to make the uncomfortable comfortable. The ability to make mistakes and learn from them is vital.



All walks of life

Westpac Scholars are diverse in background, study areas and interests. The W100 is an inclusive network that celebrates difference.

A scholarship for life

Westpac Scholars are expected to be engaged in the alumni network by getting involved in initiatives and events.

Technology & STEM passionate

We're looking for scholars who demonstrate a passion for technology as a vehicle for good. We strongly encourage you to take on opportunities to improve your community's well-being through technology and innovation.

W100 SCHOLARS NETWORK



97%

Have had access to opportunities they wouldn't otherwise have had



85%

Have had access to networks that are valuable to their career ambitions

W100 SCHOLARS NETWORK

Attend events

Numerous opportunities to attend state-based social and development-focused events, from casual dinners to scholar retreats.

Scholar-led

Get involved in leadership opportunities by joining your State Committee to build leadership skills.

Growing

100 scholars a year, forever. Imagine the potential of 2000 scholars.

Collaboration

Collaborate with other scholars both within and beyond your scholarship program and contribute to our goals of sustainable futures, Australia in Asia, an inclusive country, and a thriving tech sector.

National initiatives

Get involved in successful scholar-led programs such as the Mentors-in-Residence initiative, which pairs those seeking advice with our more experienced scholars.

Participate in the annual 3 Coffee Challenge, where you'll connect with other scholar alumni.



MEET OUR SCHOLARS



Indigo Hennig

Young Technologist Scholar



Erfan Mahmoodi

Young Technologist Scholar

Q&A

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