

Check Your Eligibility

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Eligibility and selection criteria are provided within the [Westpac Future Leaders Funding Guidelines](#). We encourage you to thoroughly read this and the Frequently Asked Questions available on our [website](#) before starting your application.

Criteria

Please note that you may be required to provide evidence of the below on request.

1. What is your Australian Citizenship Status? *

Australian Citizen

Australian Permanent Resident

Applicants must be an Australian citizen or permanent resident. You will be required to provide supporting documentation on request.

2. When did/will you complete your first undergraduate degree? *

Applicants must have completed their first undergraduate degree from 01 January 2021 or will complete your degree by 31 December 2026.

3. What is your average result, WAM or equivalent? *

Applicants must have achieved an average result of H1 or H2A / min 75% WAM or equivalent (or on track to achieve if course not completed yet). The application form includes questions to provide further context to grades if required.

4. At which university do you want to undertake postgraduate study? *

Applicants must have chosen to study at one of our nine participating university partners. [View the full list in the 'Our partner universities' section of our website.](#)

5. What type of degree do you intend to pursue? *

Applicants must plan to commence study by 31 July 2027 and must not have already started their degree. Eligible programs include full-time Masters by Coursework (maximum 2 years), Masters by Research, or PhD study. MD and Juris Doctor programs are not eligible, nor are Masters by Coursework programs exceeding 2 years in duration.

6. I confirm that I am available to attend the following events:

- National Assessment Centre in Sydney (Monday 23 November or Tuesday 24 November 2026), if shortlisted;
- The Leadership Development Program in Sydney (Mid-February 2027), if successful;
- The Westpac Scholars Summit in Sydney (March/April 2027), if successful.

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Yes No
Domestic travel is covered by Westpac Scholars Trust

Supporting Documentation Required

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- Your **CV** of no more than two pages (PDF Only);
- A **photo** (headshot) of yourself (JPEG Only);
- Copy of all university **academic transcripts**. Please combine into a single PDF;
- Two references (PDF Only) are required using our templates. The referees you select should be people who consent to being contacted by the Trust as part of the selection process.
 - 1.The first is an **academic reference** and needs to be completed by a person who is familiar with your academic record and understands the importance of your study program. [Download the template here.](#)
 - 2.The second is a **personal reference** and needs to be completed by a person who can demonstrate that you have the attributes of a Westpac Scholar and has known you for at least two years. This can be a previous work colleague or manager, however should not be a family member or a person who currently or previously reported directly to you. [Download the template here.](#)

Please ensure you allow enough time to collect your references and copies of your academic transcripts. These supporting documents must accompany your application before submission on or before the application closing date.

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- A **Letter of Support** (PDF Only) is required from your university (for Masters by Research and PhD candidates only) from either your supervisor, research office or dean of the faculty. [Download the Letter of Support template here.](#)

Please ensure you allow enough time to collect your references and letter of support as well as copies of your academic transcripts. These supporting documents must accompany your application before submission on or before the application closing date.

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About You

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Thank you for applying for the Westpac Future Leaders Scholarship. For questions, contact westpacscholars@westpac.com.au with your Scholarship and Application Number.

Scholarship

This field is read only.
The round this submission is in.

Application Number

This field is read only.
The identification number or code for this submission.

Your Contact Details

Applicant *

Title	First Name	Last Name
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Preferred First Name

The email used to register for SmartyGrants will be considered your 'Primary Email' address.

Secondary / Uni Email

Must be an email address.

Mobile Number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

LinkedIn URL

Must be a URL.

Share a relevant website

Must be a URL.

Birth Day *

Number only

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Birth Month *

Number only. January = 1, February = 2, etc.

Gender *

Pronouns

Other:

Your pronouns may be used in relevant marketing, communications and event materials, including on your scholar website profile, in email and on name tags at events.

Residential Address *

Address

Address Line 1, Suburb/Town, State/Province, Postcode, and Country are required.

Postal Address

Address

Getting To Know You

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Your Background

It is optional to provide the information requested in this section for the questions not marked with asterisks (*). The information collected is used to report on the diversity of our candidate base and to assist with any special requirements.

The Westpac Scholars Trust does not discriminate on the basis of race, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, age, national or ethnic origin, political beliefs, veteran status, or disability unrelated to job or course of study requirements.

Do you identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?

Yes

No

Do you identify as having a disability?

Yes

No

Which country were you born in? *

Country only

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If raised in Australia, in which postcode did you spend most of your youth?

Must be a number.

How difficult is it for you to read or understand English?

What language do you speak at home?

Select your high school type.

Other:

If you attended more than one, select the one where you spent the most time

Are you the first in your immediate family (excluding your siblings) to complete a university degree?

Yes No

Are you a Westpac Group employee? *

Yes No

Have you ever worked at Westpac Group? *

Yes No

Criminal History Disclosure

Have you ever been convicted of a criminal offence in Australia or any other country that may reasonably affect your eligibility for, or ability to fully participate in, the Westpac Future Leaders Scholarship, including travel or scholarship-related activities (excluding spent convictions, where applicable)? *

Yes No

If yes, please provide brief details you consider relevant. Disclosure will not automatically disqualify an application.

Are you currently the subject of any pending criminal charges that may reasonably affect your eligibility for, or ability to fully participate in, the Westpac Future Leaders Scholarship (including travel or scholarship-related activities)? *

Yes No

If yes, please provide brief details you consider relevant. Disclosure will not automatically disqualify an application.

Please provide brief details you consider relevant. Disclosure will not automatically disqualify an application. Any information provided will be considered confidentially, fairly, and in context, having regard to the purpose, expectations and requirements of the Westpac Future Leaders Scholarship. (200 words max) *

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Must be no more than 200 words.

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Your Scholarship Status

Have you applied for the Future Leaders Scholarship in the past?

Yes

No

What year did you apply? *

How have you grown since you last applied? (100 words) *

Word count:

Must be no more than 100 words.

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Have you ever been awarded another Westpac Scholarship? *

Yes

No

If yes, please include the scholarship name and year awarded.

Word count:

Must be no more than 20 words.

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Tell Us A Bit More About Yourself

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We'd love to learn more about you. Tell us about a moment you're proud of. What inspired you, what did you learn, and how has it shaped your future aspirations? (150 words) *

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Must be no more than 150 words.

Please note we may draw on this section for welcome speeches at the National Assessment Centre. To change the size of this text box, drag the bottom right-hand corner to your desired size.

How have you pursued your aspirations and grown as an emerging leader? Share a few examples from your work, study, community or life. What skills, mindsets or values have you developed, and how are these shaping the leader you want to become? (250 words) *

Word count:

Must be no more than 250 words.

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Why is this scholarship the right fit for you and your future professional and personal goals?

In your response:

- Reflect on how the opportunity will help you contribute to Australia's future.
- Consider the Westpac Future Leader attributes outlined in the [Funding Guidelines - Appendix A](#).

(300 words)

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Word count:

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Academic Qualifications

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Academic Qualifications

Degree	Institution	Date degree conferred or expected completion date	Average Grade
Higher education only		Must be a date.	Must be a number.

Please include any comments about your grades if needed. (150 words)

Word count:

Must be no more than 150 words.

To change the size of this text box, drag the bottom right-hand corner to your desired size.

List your academic achievements, awards and memberships. (150 words) *

Word count:

Must be no more than 150 words.

Examples: University medal, Dean's List or Commendations, internships, etc. To change the size of this text box, drag the bottom right-hand corner to your desired size.

List any scholarships you have been awarded, past and current. (150 words)

Word count:

Must be no more than 150 words.

Example: Academic merit scholarship. To change the size of this text box, drag the bottom right-hand corner to your desired size.

Please list up to 8 publications, articles, theses or conference presentations you have authored or contributed to. For each include the title, type of work, and where it was published / presented. (150 words)

Word count:

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Examples: Journal article, thesis, conference paper, presentation. To change the size of this text box, drag the bottom right-hand corner to your desired size.

Program of Study/Research

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Have you applied to study at the university you indicated in the previous section? (Note: You must submit an application to the university) *

What is your field of study / research? *

What is the name of your course? *

Word count:

Must be no more than 20 words.

What is the title of your research? (20 words) *

Word count:

Must be no more than 20 words.

To change the size of this text box, drag the bottom right-hand corner to your desired size.

Provide a short summary on your research. (100 words) *

Word count:

Must be no more than 100 words.

To change the size of this text box, drag the bottom right-hand corner to your desired size.

Please include your research proposal.

In addition, please be specific about how your research will advance knowledge and addresses real-world challenges or opportunities relevant to Australia's future.

(300 words)

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Explain why the university and your chosen supervision team are best placed to support your research. How does this environment foster innovation, excellence, and impact?

In your response, provide specific examples such as the University's research excellence, world rankings, access to infrastructure and facilities, collaborative networks, and history of impactful research.

(250 words)

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Contact Information of Supervisor (If available)

Title First Name Last Name

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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Department/Faculty Name

Email

Must be an email address.

Phone Number

Must be an Australian phone number.

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Please select which Westpac Scholar Trust priority area your proposed program of study is most focused on. *

Read about our focus areas [here](#)

If your study/research links to a 'Connected and Stronger Society', select which target group this change would impact.

Other:

How do your postgraduate study and professional aspirations align with one or more of the Westpac Scholars Trusts priority areas?

Please provide specific examples that demonstrate how your research or your future leadership will contribute to these [focus areas](#). You do not need to address every priority area - we encourage you to focus on where your work and leadership will have the greatest impact.

(300 words)

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Word count:

Must be no more than 300 words.

Priority areas include Australia in Asia-Pacific, a Thriving Tech Sector, an Inclusive Australia and Sustainable Futures. Read about our priority areas [here](#). To change the size of this text box, drag the bottom right-hand corner to your desired size.

What leadership skills or capabilities do you hope to develop through the Westpac Future Leaders Scholarship and Leadership Program? Share how you plan to use the Scholarship, Leadership Program and international experiences to develop as an emerging leader. (150 words) *

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Upcoming Degree Dates

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What is your intended commencement date? *

Must be a date and between 1/1/2027 and 30/6/2027.

Course/degree expected completion date. *

Must be a date.

Must be full time. Completion within 1-4 years - can be approximate

Other Scholarship Applications Submitted for the Same Academic Year

Please notify Westpac Scholars immediately if other scholarship applications are successful.

Name	University	Description	Estimated Dollar Value
	If relevant		Must be a dollar amount.

Scholarship Funding

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How will you use the Westpac Future Leaders Scholarship funding to support your postgraduate study and development as an emerging leader? In your response:

- **Funding plan:** Outline how you would allocate the funding across your studies, including an international experience.
- **International experience:** Explain what you plan to undertake (e.g. research collaboration, conference, short course, internship or volunteering) and how it will build your skills, networks and knowledge.
- **Impact and alignment:** Describe how these experiences support your study or research goals and strengthen your development as a future leader.

Note: You are not required to submit a fully costed budget in your written application, we will work with candidates who reach the National Selection Panel interview stage on this.

(450 words)

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Word count:

Must be no more than 450 words.

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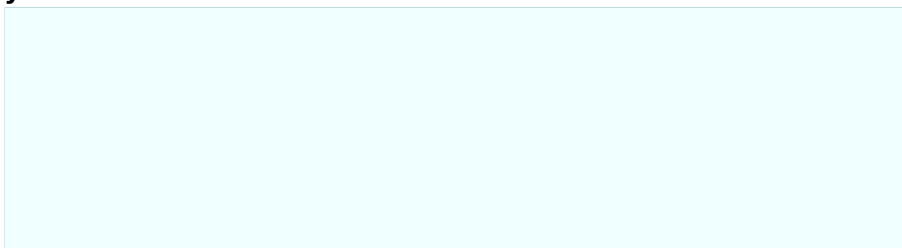
Westpac Scholars Network

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Growing by 100 new scholars each year, the [W100 Scholars Network](#) is a vibrant, cross-disciplinary community of innovators, changemakers and future leaders united by a shared commitment to create a better future for Australia.

In this section, consider what being part of the W100 Scholars Network means to you.

What excites you about being part of the W100 Scholars Network and how will you contribute to and benefit from it? *



Word count:

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Referee Letters & Supporting Documentation

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Upload all documentation on this page:

- Academic Reference. [Download the template here.](#)
- Personal Reference. [Download the template here.](#)
- CV
- Academic Transcripts
- Photo - Note: If you progress to the National Selection Panel, this image will be shared with the panel. It will not be assessed.

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- Academic Reference. [Download the template here.](#)
- Personal Reference. [Download the template here.](#)
- Letter of Support from your university. [Download the template here.](#)
- CV
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References

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Please ensure you allow enough time for your referees to complete the letters as they must be submitted before the application deadline.

File Upload

File specifications:

- **Academic Reference** - PDF format. File name: YOUR SURNAME Academic Reference.
- **Personal Reference** - PDF format. File name: YOUR SURNAME Personal Reference.
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- **Headshot** - High resolution, JPEG format. File name: YOUR SURNAME PhotoNote: Your photo will not be assessed, it is an identification tool to assist assessors in later stages of the process.
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Attach a file:

A maximum of 15 files may be attached.

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Academic Reference

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Title First Name Last Name

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Organisation *

Position *

Email *

Must be an email address.

Personal Reference

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Title First Name Last Name

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Organisation *

Position *

Email *

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Feedback

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You are now coming to the end of your application process. Please take a few moments to provide some feedback.

How did you hear about the Westpac Future Leaders Scholarship? *

Other:

If you were nominated, who was the nominator?

Please indicate how you found the online application process. *

How many minutes did it take you to complete this application? Please estimate in minutes. *

Must be a whole number (no decimal place).

Example: 1 hour = 60 minutes

Please provide us with any improvements and/or additions to the application process/form that you think we need to consider. (100 words)

Word count:

Must be no more than 100 words.

Is there anything else you would like to tell us to support your application that you have not been able to include in the form? (150 words)

Word count:

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Terms and Conditions

By submitting this application, I acknowledge and agree:

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- 1.that this application (and any attachments) becomes the property of Westpac Scholars Limited as trustee for Westpac Scholars Trust (ABN 35 600 251 071) (Westpac Scholars);
- 2.that this application is the only application I have submitted in respect of the 2027 Westpac Future Leaders Scholarship;
- 3.that I meet all eligibility requirements set out in the eligibility screener completed as part of this application process, including that I am an Australian citizen or a permanent resident of Australia;
- 4.that all information I provide in this application and throughout the application process is correct, complete and not misleading in any way;
- 5.that I will notify Westpac Scholars of any material change in circumstances that may affect my eligibility for, or ability to participate in, the scholarship or fellowship;
- 6.that I have read and understand the expectations and requirements outlined in the Westpac Scholars [Code of Conduct](#) and acknowledge that, if I am successful, I will be required to agree to and comply with this [Code of Conduct](#);
- 7.that Westpac Scholars retains absolute discretion in relation to the assessment, selection and award of the scholarship or fellowship, subject to applicable law;to the extent permitted by law, that Westpac Scholars has no liability to any applicant for decisions made in relation to the award of the scholarship or fellowship;
- 8.that if I am a successful applicant, the award of funding is conditional on me entering into a funding agreement with Westpac Scholars, and that the scholarship or fellowship will not commence, and no funding will be provided, until a funding agreement executed by me is received by Westpac Scholars;
- 9.to expend any funding provided to me exclusively in accordance with my budget and as directed by Westpac Scholars or the participating university (as the case may be);
- 10.that if I am successful, I may be required to:a) attend and participate in required leadership, summit or development activities; andb) submit reports and acquittals as required under the funding agreement;
- 11.that the scholarship may be suspended, withdrawn, terminated or ceased, or that I may be required to reimburse any funding provided, if I engage in conduct that Westpac Scholars considers to be inappropriate, fails to meet the requirements of the [Code of Conduct](#), or is likely to cause reputational damage to Westpac Scholars;
- 12.that I am responsible for obtaining taxation advice regarding my individual circumstances and that Westpac Scholars makes no representation or warranty in relation to the taxation implications of any funds provided to me by Westpac Scholars if my application is successful;
13. If I am shortlisted and/or a successful applicant, I consent to Westpac Scholars conducting background checks, reference checks and other reasonable checks (which may include criminal history checks where relevant) as part of the Fellowship award process, including by engaging third party providers where appropriate;
- 14.that if required under the Letter of Offer, I may be required to obtain and maintain appropriate health and travel insurance (including cover for pre-existing conditions) for the duration of any approved activity, and that such insurance may be provided under a policy maintained by Westpac Banking Corporation or a related entity, with costs potentially met from program funding.

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Privacy Statement

All personal information we collect about you is collected, used and disclosed by us in accordance with our [Privacy Statement](#). Our Privacy Statement also provides information about how you can access and correct your personal information and make a complaint. You

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do not have to provide us with any personal information but, if you don't, we may not be able to process your application or request.

Your Consent

By providing sensitive information in your application, such as health information, information about your racial or ethnic origin, or criminal record information, you consent to the collection, use, and disclosure of this information in accordance with our [Privacy Statement](#) for the purpose of assessing your application. You may withdraw your consent at any time by contacting us, however, if you do so we may not be able to assess or process your application further

Ineligible

Thank you for your interest in the Westpac Future Leaders Scholarship 2027. Based on your answers on the previous page, you are ineligible to apply.

Please connect with your university's scholarship team to discuss alternate opportunities

We wish you all the best for your important work.

Do not submit this application.