

# NSW Aboriginal Land Council Educational Scholarship (NES)



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### Who are we?

The NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) is the State's peak representative body for Aboriginal people and our affairs and the largest member-based Aboriginal organisation in NSW, with more than 23,000 members across 120 Local Aboriginal Land Councils (LALCs).

Established under the NSW Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 (ALRA), NSWALC aims to protect the interests and further the aspirations of its members and the broader Aboriginal community through, working for the return of culturally significant and economically viable land, pursuing cultural, social and economic independence for our people and being politically proactive in voicing the position of Aboriginal people in issues that affect them.

### How are we funded?

The Land Council network, including NSWALC, is self-funded and financially independent of government.

For more on the history and achievements of Land Rights in NSW, read *Success Stories in Aboriginal Land Rights in NSW*.

### What careers opportunities exist at NSWALC?

The work undertaken by NSWALC to achieve the aspirations of those who came before us, and the goals contained within our strategic plan is multifaceted and ambitious! Today, NSWALC has five strategic goals that build on this foundation: secure our land and water rights; protect our culture and heritage; pursue economic independence, prosperity and security for our peoples; support our people; and secure our future.

To achieve these goals, we need people with expertise in

- Law
- Policy and Advocacy
- Human Rights
- Commercial Property
- Business & Management
- Media and Communications
- Information Technology
- Land, Environment and Planning

And that's just to name a few!

NSWALC wants to be the employer of choice for current and future generations of Aboriginal professionals with the knowledge and skills we need to achieve our goals and secure the future of the Land Rights Network.



Last year's recipient, Kyle Plant a Wailwan Yuin Gamilaroi man with strong family connections to Walgett, NSW. Kyle studied a Bachelor of Construction Management at Western Sydney University.

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## About the Scholarship

### What does the scholarship offer?

The NSWALC Educational Scholarship provides financial support and valuable on-the-job experience for eligible Aboriginal university students who want to pursue a professional career in the Land Rights network.

The scholarship is awarded for one-year and includes:

- \$10,000 for expenses, paid in two lump sums of \$5,000
- A six-week paid internship in a NSWALC Business Unit relevant to the recipient's area of study (contingent on COVID-19 restrictions and at NSWALCs discretion)

### Am I eligible?

To be eligible for the scholarship you must;

- Be an Aboriginal person, as defined by the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983
- Be a member of a Local Aboriginal Land Council in NSW
- Be enrolled full-time in the penultimate year of an undergraduate/graduate degree at a tertiary institution, in a discipline which supports the current and future business of the NSW Aboriginal Land Rights Network.
- Be eligible for and in receipt of AbStudy, unless otherwise agree by NSWALC
- Commit to undertake a six (6) week internship within a NSWALC Business Unit/s at an agreed time between November and February (contingent on COVID-19 restrictions)
- Not be a current full-time employee of NSWALC
- Declare any potential or perceived pecuniary interest (e.g., relative is employee or Councillor of NSWALC)
- Submit a complete application with all supporting documents before the closing time/date

## NSWALC Educational Scholarship FAQs

### What is the penultimate year?

The penultimate year is your second last year of study.

### What does the Scholarship include?

The two successful applicants will receive \$10,000 as well as a six-week paid internship in a NSWALC business unit in line with their chosen discipline (contingent on COVID-19 restrictions and at NSWALCs discretion).

### Is the internship paid or unpaid?

Paid. Interns will be paid an entry level grade salary, pro-rata for the duration of the internship (six weeks).

### Do I have to undertake the internship component?

Completing the six-week internship is a condition of the scholarship however given COVID-19 restrictions, this has been placed on hold for now.

### Do I have to be enrolled full-time at university?

Yes.

### Do I have to be a member of a Local Aboriginal Land Council?

Yes. NSWALC will only accept Confirmation of Membership from a Local Aboriginal Land Council.

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## Career Opportunities

### What kind of degrees support the current or future business of the NSW Aboriginal Land Rights Network?

Disciplines such as Law, Policy, Finance, Business, Human Resources, Land & Environment, Information Technology, Media & Communications, Property Management & Development and Planning support the current and future business of NSWALC and the Land Rights Network.

NSWALC will consider applicants in other disciplines who can demonstrate a clear link between their studies and our work.

## Applying for the Scholarship

### How do I apply?

Eligible Aboriginal university students interested in applying can access the application form on the NSWALC website's Scholarship page. The NSWALC Educational Scholarship Policy provides details on determining your eligibility. [Click here to go to the page.](#)

Applications for the NSWALC Educational Scholarship close at 5:00pm on Tuesday 31 August 2022.

Please call NSWALC's Program Implementation Unit on **02 9689 4444** for more information or email [scholarships@alc.org.au](mailto:scholarships@alc.org.au).

## The history

In 2000 Mr. Frederick (Freddy) Fricke generously bequeathed his home to the NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC). The Council decided to use the funds from the sale of Freddy's home to establish a Scholarship fund to assist in the education of Aboriginal peoples in NSW. The NSWALC Educational Scholarship (the Scholarship), formerly known as the Freddy Fricke Scholarship was launched in July 2002.

Since then, the NSW Aboriginal Land Council has awarded 53 scholarships to assist Aboriginal students in their studies.

## NSWALC Educational Scholarship FAQs

### What if I have a disability or am experiencing barriers to accessing this Scholarship?

NSWALC wants to ensure the scholarship is accessible for all potential applicants. If you are experiencing any barriers or issues in the application process, or you anticipate barriers to participation in the scholarship program, please contact us on **(02) 9689 4444** or at [scholarships@alc.org.au](mailto:scholarships@alc.org.au).

### Do I have to complete the internship component at NSWALC's Head Office at Parramatta?

NSWALC will make every effort to support internship opportunities at one of our in regional offices, where those offices can provide an internship that is relevant to a scholarship recipient's area of study, however internship opportunities in regional offices will be limited.

### What other ways can I be involved?

As the peak representative organisation for Aboriginal people in NSW, we strongly encourage all Aboriginal people become involved with your Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC) and undertake the requirements of that LALC to become a member.

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