Tech Futures Scholarship 2027
Form Preview

Check Your Eligibility

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Eligibility criteria are provided within the Westpac Tech Futures Scholarship website. We encourage you to thoroughly read this and the Frequently Asked Questions 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. I confirm that I completed my secondary education (Year 12 or equivalent) between 01 January 2021 and 31 December 2024 (inclusive) *
○ Yes ○ No

3. I am currently enrolled full-time in my first undergraduate degree and studying a STEM discipline *
○ Yes ○ No
STEM disciples include (but are not limited to): Information Technology, Computer Science, Data Science Software Engineering, Cyber Security, AI or related fields Biomedical Science, Health Technology or Medical Science. If unsure, please contact the partner university to confirm your degree is eligible.

4. In 2027 I will be the final year or Honours year of my degree. *
○ Yes ○ No

5. I am currently enrolled at the following university: *
Applicants must have chosen to study at one of our six participating university partners.

5. I have achieved, or am on track to achieve, a strong academic record, averaging a WAM of 70 or above. *
○ Yes ○ No

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

- Westpac Scholars Summit in Sydney (28 - 29 April 2027), if successful;
- Two leadership program residentials (July and September 2027), if successful.

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○ Yes ○ No
Domestic travel is covered by Westpac Scholars Trust

7. I confirm that I have not previously been awarded a scholarship or fellowship through the Westpac Scholars Trust. *

○ Yes ○ No

Supporting Documentation Required

The following documentation will be required on page 8 of this application form.

- Your **CV** of no more than two pages (PDF Only);
- Copy of your university **academic transcripts**. Please combine into a single PDF;
- One **academic reference** (PDF Only) is required using our templates. The referee you select should be someone who consents to being contacted by the Trust as part of the selection process as needed. This reference 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.

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

About You

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Thank you for applying for the Westpac Tech Futures 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

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.

Date of Birth *

Must be a date.

Share a relevant website

Must be a URL.

LinkedIn Profile

Must be a URL.

Student ID *

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

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. *

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

Please share your high school type. *

Word count:
Must be no more than 10 words.

Will you be 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 Tech Futures Scholarship, including travel or scholarship-related activities (excluding spent convictions, where applicable)? *

○ Yes ○ No

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 Tech Futures Scholarship (including travel or scholarship-related activities)? *

○ Yes ○ No

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 Tech Futures Scholarship. (200 words max) *

Word count:
Must be no more than 200 words.
To change the size of this text box, drag the bottom right-hand corner to your desired size.

Your Academic Qualifications

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What is your field of study? *

What is the name of your course? *

Word count:
Must be no more than 20 words.

List any academic achievements, awards and scholarships. *

Word count:
Must be no more than 150 words.

What is your average grade? *

Word count:
Must be no more than 10 words.

Please include any comments about your grades if needed.

Word count:
Must be no more than 100 words.

Tell Us About You

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1. We'd love to learn more about you. Tell us about a moment you're proud of. What made it meaningful to you, what did you learn and how has it shaped your future aspirations? *

Word count:
Must be no more than 150 words.

2. How have you explored and developed your interest in technology throughout your undergraduate degree? Share a few examples from your study, work, community or personal life. What have you learnt about yourself, others or the world along the way? *

Word count:
Must be no more than 150 words.

3. Why is this scholarship is the right opportunity for you? What are you hoping to gain from the experience and how will it help you develop as a future technology leader? *

Word count:
Must be no more than 200 words.

4. Which Westpac Scholars Trust impact area(s) most align with your future aspirations? *

☐ Sustainable Futures
☐ Asia-Pacific Leadership
☐ Connected and Stronger Society
☐ Innovation for Impact

No more than 2 choices may be selected.

5. Tell us why the impact area(s) align with your future aspirations. *

Word count:
Must be no more than 100 words.

Your Technology Leadership

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1. Tell us about a technology-related project, challenge or idea that has been important to you. Why did it matter, what was your role or contribution, what did you learn and how has it shaped what you want to do next? *

Word count:
Must be no more than 250 words.

2. Describe a situation where you noticed an opportunity to improve something, solve a problem or help someone and chose to act. What obstacles or uncertainties did you encounter, how did you respond, what was the outcome and what did you learn about yourself from the experience? *

Word count:
Must be no more than 250 words.

3. What is a technology, innovation or issue that excites, concerns or intrigues you? Why is it important, who could be affected, and what opportunities or challenges might it create for society? *

Word count:
Must be no more than 300 words.

4. Tell us about a time when someone's feedback or perspective challenged the way you thought about something. What did you learn and how did it influence your actions or behaviour? *

Word count:
Must be no more than 150 words.

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:
Must be no more than 150 words.

Supporting Documentation

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The following documentation is required:

- A recent **headshot** (Note: Your photo will not be assessed);
- Your **CV** of no more than two pages (PDF Only);
- Copy of your university **academic transcripts** to date. Please combine into a single PDF;
- One **academic reference** (PDF Only) is required using our templates. The referee you select should be someone who consents to being contacted by the Trust as part of the selection process as needed. This reference 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.

File Upload

File specifications:

- **Headshot** - High resolution, JPEG format. File name: YOUR SURNAME Photo.Note: Your photo will not be assessed, it is an identification tool to assist assessors in the later stages of the process.
- **CV** - PDF Format. File name: YOUR SURNAME CV
- **University transcript(s)** - PDF Format. File name: YOUR SURNAME Transcripts.Note: Please combine all transcript documents into a single PDF. If you need assistance, please reach out to westpacscholars@westpac.com.au.
- **Academic Reference** - PDF Format using our template. File name: YOUR SURNAME Reference

Attach a file: *
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A maximum of 10 files may be attached.

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.

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.

Word count:
Must be no more than 100 words.

How did you hear about the Westpac Tech Futures Scholarship? *

Please share how you heard about the Westpac Tech Futures Scholarship *

Word count:
Must be no more than 10 words.

If you were nominated, who was the nominator?

Terms and Conditions

By submitting this application for a Tech Futures Scholarship (Scholarship), I acknowledge and agree that:

1. I meet all the eligibility requirements for the Scholarship, including any citizenship, residency, academic enrolment and degree progression criteria;
2. all information I provide in this application and throughout the Scholarship application process is correct, complete and not misleading in any way and I understand that providing false or misleading information may result in my application being withdrawn or any scholarship awarded being revoked;
3. this is the only application I have submitted for the Scholarship in the current application round and I have not previously been awarded a scholarship from Westpac Scholars;
4. Westpac Scholars Limited as trustee for Westpac Scholars Trust (ABN 35 600 251 071) (Westpac Scholars) may retain and use this application and its attachments for the purposes described in these terms and the Privacy Statement;
5. Westpac Scholars retains absolute discretion in relation to the assessment, selection and award of the Scholarship, subject to applicable law;
6. to the extent permitted by law, Westpac Scholars has no liability to any Applicant for decisions made in relation to the award of a Scholarship;
7. if I am shortlisted and/or a successful applicant, I consent to Westpac Scholars conducting or arranging identity, background, reference and other reasonable checks (which may include criminal history checks where relevant) as part of the Scholarship award process, including by engaging third party providers where appropriate;
8. any scholarship funding or program benefits awarded to me will be used solely for the purposes outlined by Westpac Scholars and in accordance with the Scholarship Guidelines and program requirements;
9. participation in the scholarship may require active engagement in leadership development activities, networking opportunities, mentoring, events, travel, and other program-related experiences as determined by Westpac Scholars;
10. 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;
11. if I am successful, Westpac Scholars may suspend, withdraw, or terminate the Scholarship, or any Scholarship benefit, and/or require me to reimburse funding paid to me, or reasonable non-refundable costs incurred or paid by Westpac Scholars for my participation, if I:
    1. fail to participate in a core Scholarship activity;
    2. breach the Westpac Scholars Code of Conduct or another requirement of the Scholarship;
    3. engage in conduct that Westpac Scholars reasonably considers inappropriate;
    4. engage in conduct that Westpac Scholars reasonably considers is likely to cause material reputational damage to Westpac Scholars or the Scholarship. *'Core Scholarship activities'* refers to the Westpac Scholars Summit, and both Leadership Development Residentials (**Residentials**);
12. I am responsible for obtaining taxation advice regarding my individual circumstances, and that Westpac Scholars makes no representation or warranty regarding the taxation

treatment of any scholarship funding, travel, benefits or program opportunities provided to me by Westpac Scholars if my application is successful.

13. I acknowledge that the Scholarship includes travel and participation in residential activities, which may involve risks including illness, injury, accident, crime, and other unforeseen events. If I am successful, participation in any residential or other activity may be subject to my acceptance of any additional travel, risk acknowledgement, health and safety or participation terms required by Westpac Scholars.
14. Westpac Scholars may make reasonable changes to the timing, location, format, itinerary or content of Scholarship activities, including for health, safety, operational, travel or other circumstances beyond its reasonable control. Westpac Scholars will give affected Scholars reasonable notice where practicable.
15. The Scholarship may not be deferred;
16. I must meet and continue to meet all eligibility requirements for the Scholarship throughout 2027 and promptly notify Westpac Scholars of any material change in circumstances that may affect my eligibility for, or ability to participate fully in, the Scholarship. If I do not meet or cease to meet an eligibility requirement, Westpac Scholars may withdraw any offer or suspend or terminate the Scholarship.

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 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, criminal history information or information about your racial or ethnic origin, 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 Tech Futures Scholarship 2027. Based on your answers on the previous page, you are ineligible to apply.

Do not submit this application.

We wish you all the best for your studies.