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# Ian Webster Scholarship

to promote and build leadership capacity  
in the alcohol and other drugs sector

## Frequently asked questions

### **When was the Ian Webster Scholarship created?**

At its 10th anniversary reception on 18 October 2011, at Old Parliament House, Canberra, the Foundation for Alcohol Research and Education (FARE) launched the Ian Webster Scholarship to recognise Professor Ian Webster's outstanding achievements over many years.

### **How often is the Ian Webster Scholarship offered?**

At this stage, it will be offered annually, from 2012 until 2016.

### **Who sponsors the Ian Webster Scholarship?**

FARE funds the Ian Webster Scholarship.

FARE is an independent, charitable organisation working to prevent the harmful use of alcohol in Australia. Since 2001, FARE has invested over \$115 million in research and community projects to minimise the impact of alcohol misuse on Australians. Through its national grants program and commissioned research, FARE has established itself as a leading voice on alcohol and other drugs issues. FARE works with community groups, all levels of government, police, emergency workers, research institutions and the private sector to address alcohol-related problems.

For further information visit: [www.fare.org.au](http://www.fare.org.au)

### **What can an applicant spend the scholarship funds on?**

The scholarship funds may be used to cover the costs of:

- a formal program of study, such as a management course, through an accredited education facility
- independently-led research



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- loss of wages while undertaking personal development opportunities that will benefit the AOD sector, such as shadowing a leader in the field in his/her workplace or gaining work experience and/or
- reasonable, associated travel and accommodation costs. FARE does not fund business class travel.

### **Can the scholarship be used to fund my undergraduate degree or postgraduate studies?**

No. The Ian Webster Scholarship has been specifically established to assist emerging leaders in the AOD sector to develop their leadership and management skills, not to contribute towards any tertiary degrees.

### **If I work in an alcohol-related field in Australian, State or Local Government, can I apply?**

No. The Ian Webster Scholarship has been explicitly established to assist people working in the not-for-profit sector.

### **How do I apply for an Ian Webster Scholarship?**

The competition for an Ian Webster Scholarship is merit-based. To be eligible for the Ian Webster Scholarship applicants must:

- demonstrate a commitment to the AOD or a related sector, with at least three years' experience working in the field
- be currently employed within the AOD sector or in a related not-for-profit sector
- be able to show how the scholarship will promote the development of their leadership and management capacity and in turn will benefit the AOD sector and
- be Australian citizens or permanent residents.

Applicants are required to submit an online application an up-to-date resumé or curriculum vitae; and at least two referee reports, one from a leader in the AOD sector and a second from an immediate manager. Applications and referee reports must be received by the due date for the applicant to be considered.

### **Is there an age limit for applicants?**

No. However, applicants must be over 18 years of age at the time of application and consideration is given to their demonstrated ability for future achievement in and contribution to the AOD sector.

### **I hold permanent residency status in Australia – can I still apply?**

Yes. Ian Webster Scholarships are open to Australian citizens and permanent residents.



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### **Do I need any qualifications to apply for a Scholarship?**

No. There are no academic or tertiary qualifications required in order to apply for an Ian Webster Scholarship.

### **If I am studying at a tertiary institution can I still apply?**

Yes, provided that your proposed project is not directly related to your tertiary studies.

### **Can I apply for a Scholarship with someone else or as a group? Can a company apply?**

No. Ian Webster Scholarships are awarded to individuals only.

### **Can I put in a late application?**

No. The closing date is absolute. The selection process follows a strict time line and no late applications will be accepted for any reason.

### **I live outside Australia. Can I apply?**

These scholarships are only for Australian citizens and permanent residents of Australia who are employed by Australian charitable not-for-profit organisations. Australian citizens and permanent residents who live outside Australia who are employed by Australian charitable not-for-profit organisations are eligible as long as they meet the basic eligibility requirements and are able to meet any attendance requirements of the scholarship.

### **Can I apply again next year if I miss out this time around?**

You may apply for a scholarship as long as you meet the eligibility criteria. If you applied previously for a scholarship and were unsuccessful, and you remain eligible, you can apply again.

### **Are academics who are only employed at a university eligible to apply for this scholarship?**

To be eligible for the Ian Webster Scholarship applicants must:

- demonstrate a commitment to the alcohol and other drug (AOD) or a related sector, with at least three years' experience working in the field
- be currently employed within the AOD sector or in a related sector
- be able to show how the scholarship will promote the development of their leadership and management capacity and in turn will benefit the AOD sector and
- be Australian citizens or permanent residents.

As such, academics who are only employed at a university would not be eligible, although people who work in the AOD not-for-profit sector who are also employed at a university on a casual basis would be eligible if they meet all four criteria above.



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**I am confused. While the scholarship may be used to ‘participate in a formal program of study, such as a management course, through an accredited education facility (such as a registered training organisation or university)’ it ‘is not designed to financially support an undergraduate or postgraduate student to complete their studies’. What does this mean?**

The Ian Webster Scholarship may be used to assist an applicant to participate in formal study. The formal study is not intended to be an undergraduate or postgraduate degree, but might be a short course or professional development course offered through a university, such as these offered by ANU: <http://www.anu.edu.au/cce/pdcourses/about.php>. It might also include formal study such as a certificate or diploma in management offered by providers of vocational education and training such as Technical and Further Education (TAFE) or organisations such as the Australian Institute of Management.

**If my question has not been answered here, who should I ask for more information?**

Please forward your question or query to FARE via either email ([fare@fare.org.au](mailto:fare@fare.org.au)) or post (PO Box 19, DEAKIN WEST ACT 2600). Your question will then be referred to the appropriate FARE staff member.

We will respond to you directly, and if your question is relevant to other applicants, we will also add the question and our response to the FAQs.