



# GOWRIE BURSARY

## Applicant Information Document

### Financial Hardship

Important items to include would be:

Individual/family expendable capital assets, income from all sources, assistance reasonably expected from family or other sources, and other scholarships held or applied for.

Individual/family expected liabilities including tuition fees, travel and accommodation costs, living expenses and other relevant expenses.

Any other relevant financial or other situation factors that impact on your ability to continue with your studies.

Examples of documentation to be included would be Centrelink or Veterans Affairs statements covering such items as Youth Allowance, Austudy, Abstudy, Single Parent Benefit, service pensions and other veterans affairs allowances, and so on.

As per the Conditions of Award, demonstrated financial hardship is an eligibility requirement, and financial hardship a major selection criterion. Providing clear and comprehensive justification for your claim is therefore critical, and it is in your own interests to provide information that is as fulsome as possible.

### Additional Year Funding

Written evidence of a high standard of academic performance so far in your research. This should include progress in your research, publications, and attendance at academic conferences and seminars.

You will also need a written report from your research supervisor confirming your progress and on-going support of your candidacy.

### Referees

The selection committee may choose to contact your referees.

A personal reference from someone who knows you well and is able to paint a picture of your character and personality. Your referee should specify how long they have known you and in what capacity, and address in particular your claims against the Bursary's non-academic selection criteria.

Your personal referee may be the same person as academic referee, in which case their personal reference will need to be a separate document, not incorporated into their Statement of Support.

## Personal Statement

A personal statement pitching your claims against the selection criteria, providing wider context and filling in any relevant detail that you feel your referee may not be aware of, and addressing those selection criteria that are not covered elsewhere.

Please address any impact on you of your own or your forebear's service in the armed forces, and make any claim for special consideration should your armed forces forebear have died as a result of their service in operations during or after World War Two.

Additionally, provide an outline of your involvement in extracurricular activities you have been involved in at your school, tertiary institution or in the wider community, along with any personal circumstances you consider relevant including particular personal challenges you are facing or have had to overcome.

While the subject matter of your proposed research program will have been covered elsewhere in your application, you might wish to describe here what it was that attracted you to the subject, why you consider it so important, and what sustains your interest in it.

Some detail on your employment history and current employment, along with family structure if relevant, may provide additional context for your financial hardship claim.

## Publications, awards, scholarships and other academic achievements

Scholarships held (past and present, provide details and amounts) and any pending Scholarship applications (details and amounts).

List Titles of publications, papers, theses submitted and other academic achievements.



## Useful links:

[Contact our office if you have further questions!](#)

[Gowrie Bursary Webpage](#)

[Referee Report Form](#)