



CURTIN'S FINANCIAL SUPPORT BURSARY (International Students)

The Financial Support Bursary (FSB) is for students who require immediate financial assistance and do not have other means of support available. Successful applicants may receive a cash payment ranging from \$500 to \$1,500 AUD in September 2020. The amount can be used at the recipient's discretion to contribute towards educational related expenses.

Eligibility criteria

- International student
- Enrolled full-time or part-time (minimum of 25 credits) in an eligible course at Curtin University in semester 2, 2020
- In financial hardship as a direct consequence of COVID-19

Application period

Applications open: 6/07/2020

Applications close: 7/08/2020

Funds disbursed: Early September 2020

Things to prepare

- Details of your income (*ie: Centrelink, paid work, allowance/ assistance from family and/or friends*)
- Supporting Documents:
 - Most recent 60 days transactions for all accounts including savings, regardless of balance;
 - Transactions must include your name and account number;
 - Transactions must be dated within 10 days of submission date;
 - If you are partnered, you must also provide the above for your partner's accounts;
 - If loss of income, letter from your employer detailing the impact of COVID-19 on your employment status and/or income.

Application process

- ⇒ Access [FSB online application](#)
- ⇒ Answer questions
- ⇒ Attach supporting documents
- ⇒ Click submit
- ⇒ Student notified of one of the following outcomes on **31 Aug 2020**:

Successful: Email sent to student to accept terms and conditions and provide bank details -> Once student has completed this -> funds to be deposited into account (*estimated 2 weeks from acceptance date*).

Unsuccessful: Student to contact [Curtin Connect](#). Student can refer to [Guild's COVID- 19 Support Page](#) for external options.

THINGS TO NOTE

Incomplete Applications

Students who submit an incomplete application will be assessed as unsuccessful. Before you submit your application, you are encouraged to contact the Scholarships Office if you have any queries. The Scholarships Office can advise you about any sections of the application or document requirements that you may be experiencing difficulties with.

<https://scholarships.curtin.edu.au/contact/>

Describing your circumstances

You will be asked to provide further details regarding the particular difficulties you are facing, and how this will impact your capacity to continue your studies.

Be very specific when highlighting your current circumstances.

If the difficulty is due to loss of income:

- State if you have lost your job or a reduction in hours
- State if you are not able to receive your allowance from home (*which country are you from, why are you unable to receive funds*)
- State if you are having difficulty finding work

(Example: I was working at Waterford Café and was given 15 hours a fortnight. Now the café has reduced my shifts to 8 hours per fortnight. I have attached my shifts from March and current shifts for your reference. Because my shifts have been reduced I am having difficulty paying my bills such as _____ These difficulties impact on my studies because _____)

If the difficulty is due to sudden expenses:

- Give details of the expenses (*purchasing laptop/ internet connection to study, sudden medical bills due to illness, etc*)
- State cost of item
- Why was this purchase made?
- Attach the receipt or show where the purchase is on your bank statement

(Example: I had to buy a laptop for \$600 and internet connection for \$60 per month as my units are online. I have attached the receipt as proof of purchase)

Loss of income

Unable to obtain "Letter from Employer", if you have not been working or have been a contractor (e.g. Uber Driver) state this in your application.

(Example: I am unable to get a letter from my employer because I work for Uber)

Supporting documents: Bank Statement

If you do not provide your bank statement or if it does not have sufficient information, your application will be rejected!

- Bank statements must show **60 days** activity up to the date of application (*for example if you are applying in May, show withdrawals/ purchases and deposits from March to date of application*)
- Provide **ALL** bank accounts for yourself and your partner including international accounts, regardless of balance.
- Bank statements must include **name and account number**
- Explain large transactions (*who has sent this money? What is it used for?*)

If your bank statement shows that you have money in your bank account to cover rent and food for the next 1 month, your application will be given a lower priority as it is not an immediate need. Apply only when you have limited funds.

Sample bank statement:

Mary Jane Smith
100 Pine Street
Metro, AA 09371

Account Summary

Opening Balance	\$5,234.09
Withdrawals	\$2,395.67
Deposits	\$2,872.45
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Closing Balance on Apr 18, 2010	\$5,710.87

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For Mar 15, 2010 to Apr 18, 2010

Account Number
00-123456
Branch Transit Number
098765

Contact Information

1-800-222-0123
Contact us by phone for questions, on this
statement, change of personal information, and
general inquiries, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

TTY for the hearing impaired:
1-800-123-0007
Outside North America:
+1-123-4567

Your branch
Main and Elm
100 Main Street
Metropolis, AA
01234

Your Transaction Details

Date	Details	Withdrawals	Deposits	Balance
Apr 8	Opening Balance			5,234.09
Apr 8	Insurance		272.45	5,506.54
Apr 10	ATM	200.00		5,306.54
Apr 12	Internet Transfer		250.00	5,556.54
Apr 12	Payroll		2100.00	7,656.54
Apr 13	Bill payment	135.07		7,521.47
Apr 14	Direct debit	200.00		7,321.47
Apr 14	Deposit		250.00	7,567.87
Apr 15	Bill payment	525.72		7,042.15
Apr 17	Bill payment	327.63		6,714.52
Apr 17	Bill payment	729.96		5,984.56
Apr 18	Bill payment	223.69		5,710.87
Closing Balance				\$5,710.87

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Name and Address

Account Number

Explain Deposits
E.g.
Payroll - no longer employed as of 23rd March 2020
Internet Transfer: - money from parents.
Deposit - Loan from a friend

Explain Withdrawals
e.g.
ATM - cash out for groceries
Bill payment \$135.07 - power bill
Direct Debit \$200 - Phone Bill
Bill payment \$525.72 - rent
Bill payment \$327.62 - medical bill