



Vision and Values

The Schiff Family Scholarship

Beyond good intentions and towards the transformational

The Schiff Family Scholarship is a bequest-in-perpetuity to fund annual full three-year scholarships to female Indigenous Australian students commencing an undergraduate degree at UTS.

There are two core values that underpin the scholarship:

- Good intentions are only a starting point; to be truly effective, this program must aim to be transformational.
- Developing, contributing to, and utilising professional and personal networks are necessary for the growth of the individual, her peers, her family and her community.

Consequently, this scholarship program is now being expanded to embrace a more 'whole-of-life' approach, rather than simply being a short-term funding activity.

Given the long-term horizon of this bequest, and with multiple scholarships awarded annually, a sizeable population of former recipients will naturally develop over the decades, representing a geographically and professionally diverse group.

This group of engaged, resilient and connected women are a resource that can be effectively used to:

- assist the professional and social development of current scholarship recipients;
- advance the causes important to Indigenous women after graduation;
- provide input into the future direction and growth of the scholarship.

Traditionally, delivering such outcomes to a body of students usually entails the creation of an alumni group. However, we have expanded this concept to create a broader network to include:

- current and former Scholarship recipients;
- family, friends and work colleagues;
- supporters of the causes of Indigenous women;
- current and former UTS and Jumbunna staff.

The expectation is that graduating recipients of the scholarship will provide mentoring and leadership to current scholarship holders and to the wider community beyond their time at UTS.

As the Scholarship in its current format is new, the precise nature of this 'give-back' is still developing. We anticipate that all successful scholarship applicants would have an energetic interest in establishing and maintaining a framework that benefits themselves, those who follow them and their community. Some actions to this end can be implemented immediately; others will take years to develop and mature.

Ultimately, the success of the scholarship will be measured by the extent to which it allows its recipients to be fundamentally transformed both as individuals and as members of their Indigenous communities.

We wish you well in the application process.

The Schiff Family
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