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*“If you are in a position  
to help others achieve  
their full potential but  
don’t take an active  
role in enabling them,  
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your own education.”*

INDRANIL HALDER  
Philanthropist, Macquarie alumnus

We believe in nurturing the global leaders and innovators of tomorrow. Through your compassion and generosity, you offer students a life-changing pathway so that they can change the world.

At Macquarie University, learning and teaching are at the centre of our purpose and equip our students with the skills and abilities they need to tackle future challenges.

When students from Australia and beyond come to Macquarie, they will find a university that simultaneously supports and challenges them, and fulfils their aspirations yet opens them to new areas of accomplishment. Scholarships create opportunities for our students to forge new pathways, personally and professionally, inspiring them to lead the world in their fields of expertise – opportunities they simply could not pursue otherwise.

Giving to education is an investment in our society's future and benefits communities locally, nationally and globally. Providing generous scholarships is a way of delivering much-needed assistance to reduce the financial burden that many students face.

Student scholarships are key to helping us create the diverse, talented and highly motivated student community we pride ourselves on at Macquarie. As we continue to grow, develop and explore the world around us, your support enables us to contribute to the continued prosperity of our communities and country. Through scholarships, you are supporting our core missions: the creation of new knowledge through transformative learning, life experiences, research and enquiry – and the application of that knowledge in the service and engagement of our students and society.

**Your compassion and generosity in supporting a scholarship makes you the life-changer. It empowers you to make a lasting, profound life-changing difference for students who otherwise may never have realised their true potential.**

# Scholarships snapshot

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## Top 3

### areas funded by scholarships:

- Academic expenses (eg books, computers)
- Living expenses (eg travel, food, petrol)
- Accommodation expenses

## Top 3

### benefits of receiving a scholarship:

- More time to focus on studies
- More time for extracurricular activities
- More time to spend with peers

## Top 3

### feelings from scholarship recipients:

- A sense of financial security
- A broader sense of possibility
- A feeling of overall stability

Equity scholarship recipients have a retention rate of

**90.6%**

VS

**84%**

for non-scholarship holders

**600** (approx)

Number of Macquarie students supported by scholarships

**105** (approx)






Number of scholarships funded by donors

**\$4.5 million**

each year (approx)

Total value of scholarships awarded at Macquarie

**Our students have revealed the positive impacts a scholarship makes**

				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enabled participation in higher education study</li> <li>• Encouraged a sense of equal opportunity</li> <li>• Bridged the rural/city divide</li> <li>• Fostered inclusion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved financial security/stability</li> <li>• Reduced financial stress</li> <li>• Increased affordability to socialise with peers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved sense of belonging and social engagement</li> <li>• Felt accepted and welcome</li> <li>• Felt understood</li> <li>• Encouraged campus engagement</li> <li>• Felt valued and supported</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved academic engagement</li> <li>• Felt supported to progress academically</li> <li>• Increased motivation to study</li> <li>• Improved academic results</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved overall wellbeing</li> <li>• Improved sense of value and self-worth</li> <li>• Enhanced positive future outlook/planning</li> </ul>

Results from a Macquarie University survey

**The full impact of your gift is measured not by what students achieve at university but by what they contribute to their communities and to the world.**



# Types of scholarships

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You can make a difference through our broad categories of scholarships for undergraduate and postgraduate students.

## **EQUITY SCHOLARSHIPS**

At Macquarie we believe that where you come from should not dictate where you are going. Higher education should be accessible to everyone. Through your support, we strive to ensure that students from disadvantaged backgrounds can fulfil their dreams and reach their full potential. We aim to provide as many invaluable opportunities as possible to those who may otherwise have no access to a university education.

Macquarie is strengthening a culture that values equity, diversity and inclusiveness. All those who have the potential to benefit from higher education should be able to do so – regardless of their socioeconomic status, ethnicity, geographical location, gender, disability and age.

## **MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS**

Merit scholarships are awarded based on students' academic achievements, leadership potential, community involvement and other extracurricular achievements. They focus on applicants' strengths, including academic success, leadership experience, community engagement and sporting success.

Our scholarships do more than help pay for education. They recognise and reward hard work, dedication and achievements. They also set students on the path to success at university and beyond. This support prepares exceptional students to become Australia's next generation of leaders and innovators, while contributing to the advancement of our society and positively impacting communities.

## **HIGHER DEGREE RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS**

Macquarie has a strong record of innovation. Our researchers are responsible for groundbreaking discoveries that have changed the world. As one of Australia's leading research universities, we bring together the best minds in research and academia.

Through Macquarie's higher degree research scholarships, such as the Future Research Leaders Program, as a donor you have the opportunity to ensure talented students are supported so that they can perform vital work contributing to Macquarie's five future-shaping research priorities: Healthy People, Resilient Societies, Prosperous Economies, Secure Planet and Innovative Technologies. Scholarships contribute towards stipends for living expenses and support relevant research costs and conference travel so that students can focus full-time on their research.

*“My scholarship gave me a sense of confidence I could live comfortably, something that had worried me a lot before moving. The benefit I did not expect was being able to live comfortably and still do the hobbies I loved to do, which I had not thought was possible at this time.”*

*“I did not expect how much this scholarship would help my day-to-day life. Without this scholarship I would not be able to keep my head above water.”*

*“It's a positive feeling knowing that MQ cares about me and has my back. I feel I am part of this university's history and future.”*

*“I feel very lucky to have received a scholarship, and in return I am motivated to make the most of the opportunity by doing my best in my studies.”*

*“Ultimately, the scholarship has given me a greater sense of empowerment and autonomy within my studies and professional life and allowed me to gain satisfaction from the work that I am doing, rather than just trying to make ends meet.”*

*“The scholarship program extends support to the most exceptional early career researchers across a broad range of academic disciplines. Through externally engaged, career-focused research training, our Future Research Leaders will be equipped with the skills to deliver fresh perspectives and creative solutions to global challenges. The impact that these students will have on the world is unlimited, and the support they receive is a key enabler in ensuring their full potential is realised – for their own sake and for that of the global community.”*

PROFESSOR SIMON HANDLEY

Pro Vice-Chancellor, Graduate Research, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research)

**100 per cent of every gift will be directed to the purpose specified.**



**Your gift to scholarships transforms a life and changes the world – one student at a time.**

Education has the power to transform a life. The impact of a university education reaches far beyond the student, their family and the entire community. Scholarships create opportunities for deserving students who might not be able to afford tertiary education. And they allow the University to recruit the best and brightest minds.

Donations help Macquarie train the doctors, teachers, scientists and engineers of tomorrow. These people, and their research, help make us a healthier, safer and more prosperous society. The stories in this booklet are examples of how scholarship recipients are using the opportunity awarded to them to reach their full potential.

*“This scholarship was literally the deciding factor as to whether I attended university. At the start of Year 12 I had moved out of home and was supporting myself by working 20 hours per week on top of attending school. I volunteered a couple of afternoons a week at local community schools and their homework centres. It was this that sparked my interest in social justice and pushed me to pursue a career in this area.”*

TIERNEIGH

*“I have a young family and there’s no way it would be possible to do this PhD without the scholarship. I’m really thankful and pleased to have it.”*

JOSHUA PATE  
PhD candidate

*“Having the scholarship gave me the security to focus on my research rather than having to take on a lot of additional paid employment to support myself.”*

JAMES COX PhD



# Scholarships make a difference

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## **ENABLING NICOLE TO DO GREAT THINGS FOR OTHERS**

The reduced financial strain on Nicole Apap and her family has been a major bonus of her three-year scholarship. But the biggest impact has been the boost in confidence in her first year of university – a year in which she achieved the high results she had hoped for, from the isolation of her family home in Narromine on the Great Western Plains of New South Wales. “It was very challenging because I did it all over Zoom due to COVID,” says the Bachelor of Professional Accounting and Bachelor of Laws student. “But once I got my results, I was proud that all the effort and hard work I’d put in had paid off. The scholarship is a lot more than just money.

It is time to devote to our studies and to the community. It is inspiration to achieve our best results, and it’s hope that we will be able to one day make a difference to other people’s lives. By my donor investing in me and believing I have the potential to do great things, it encourages and motivates me to try my absolute hardest.” For Nicole, doing great things means helping others. “Getting the scholarship has really inspired me to give back to those who are less privileged. I am fully aware of how significant and prestigious my scholarship is, and I want to take full advantage of all the opportunities it will give me while I’m at Macquarie.”

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## **FIRST IN FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT**

Jessica Kennedy, from Bathurst in New South Wales, is the first person in her family to attend university. With the assistance of a scholarship, she is studying law and psychology full-time.

Throughout high school, Jessica was always academically successful and is grateful that her schoolteachers nurtured her to help get her where she is today. It was her Advanced English teacher who encouraged Jessica to apply for scholarships at Macquarie, knowing that it would make her transition to university a lot smoother.

Understandably, moving away from home and embarking on an undergraduate degree was daunting at first.

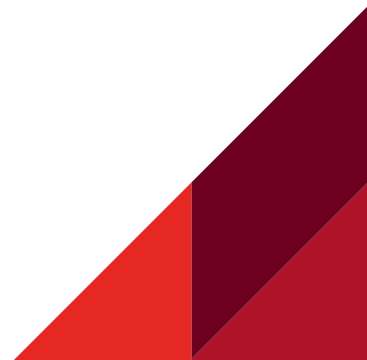
Macquarie’s First in Family Scholarship certainly helped. When Jessica started her first session, she was also working 15 hours a week on top of her demanding coursework.

The scholarship allowed her to cut back on her shifts and focus more fully on her studies.

As Jessica puts it, “I don’t want to be a lawyer or a psychologist that knows 60 per cent of the content because I’m simply working to live; I want to be a professional in either field that knows 90 to 100 per cent of the course content because I’ve had the time to learn properly.”

“The quote that resonates with me the most is ‘If not me, then who?’ The world needs more advocates. Individuals and communities without voices require others to speak for them, and injustice must be quelled by justice. This scholarship is one form of giving that has enabled me to reach my goals, and all I wish is to help other people in international and local communities, so that they too may reach their goals without hindrance.”

*“The amazing financial support provided to me from your generous scholarship has already improved the quality of my education. I hope that one day I will be able to carry on the same generosity you have provided me to other individuals in need, so they too may have their obstacles reduced.”*







### INDIGENOUS INCENTIVE SCHOLARSHIP

Raised in rural New South Wales, Danielle Malone was the first person in her family to finish Year 12. Tertiary education, however, seemed an unreachable goal: she hadn't received the required marks, and it was too expensive for her to consider studying in Sydney.

Encouraged by her Indigenous Studies teacher, Danielle learned about Macquarie's Warawara Alternative Entry Program, which provides opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to gain a spot in an undergraduate course.

The program offers students the chance to study, while the Macquarie University and Dunmore Lang College Indigenous Incentive Scholarship provides a scholarship that makes it all possible.

Danielle met the criteria, including demonstrating her potential to excel, and was invited to study for her chosen course at Macquarie – the Bachelor of Education and later transferred to the Bachelor of Business Leadership and Commerce to better fulfil her career goals.

*“Scholarships have allowed me to find out who I am,”* says Danielle, who believes she now has greater control over her own future.

*“It hasn't just affected me; it's benefited all the people around me. I've become passionate about helping other students to have the experience I've had. With so many opportunities for regional, rural and Indigenous students, Macquarie offers a lot more support than many other universities.”*



### MAINTAINING HIS IDENTITY IN THIS WORLD

“You're not going to go to university tomorrow.” These were the words that turned Bryton Johnson's world upside down. “I was in the city and had just finished my interview for the scholarship when I was told the university was closing down due to COVID,” explains Bryton, who was one month into the Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Laws. “It was a lot to take in, in a year with so much change in my life. I have Asperger's.” Bryton had been working three jobs, playing in three orchestras and competing in weightlifting. But something would have to go as he juggled his busy life with starting uni and helping to support

his mum and autistic sister. The news that he had been awarded the donor-funded scholarship changed everything. “The relief of knowing I could still study and be there for my family was unbelievable,” he says. Bryton credits the scholarship with allowing him to maintain his identity. “It's the stuff that makes ‘me’ me,” he laughs. Bryton still plays music – and is also training as a conductor for his community orchestra. He's also continuing with weightlifting at the national level. At uni, Bryton remains on top of his studies: “I couldn't have been more excited to get a high distinction in Economics in my first semester. It seemed as if the world had chucked everything it possibly could in my way, and I had triumphed.”

*“This scholarship means so much to me, but I think above all, it's the ability to still be me and get the best education I can.”*



### DMITRY POLIKARPOV, PHD CANDIDATE

While studying medicine in Russia, Dmitry Polikarpov became fascinated with targeted drug delivery for bladder and prostate cancer. His research proposal was supported by a scholarship to complete a Master of Research at Macquarie, where he investigated antibodies that can find and bind to bladder cancer cells. He then continued building on that research through a PhD. He looked at targeted diagnosis and therapy of bladder and prostate cancer

because current treatments are not effective enough and can cause significant adverse effects. Through the University, he had access to state-of-the-art laboratories, world-leading researchers and clinicians, patients and industry partners. “I'm able to ask clinicians about the patient's need and relevance of my research. Then, with the support of highly qualified researchers and industry partners, new drugs can be developed and applied in clinical trials,” Dmitry says.



**MASTER OF RESEARCH INDIGENOUS STUDENT EXCELS EVEN THOUGH UNIVERSITY ONCE FELT OUT OF REACH.**

Katelyn Mills is a Gamilaraay woman studying Macquarie's Master of Research in Education. She is from Moree, New South Wales, and lives in Sydney. She is first in her family to attend university, having graduated from Macquarie in 2020 with a Bachelor of Education majoring in Biology and Chemistry. She is a recipient of many scholarships, including the Macquarie University Indigenous Research Excellence Scholarship.

Katelyn pursued her dream to go to university, believing that she needed to do something important in her life.

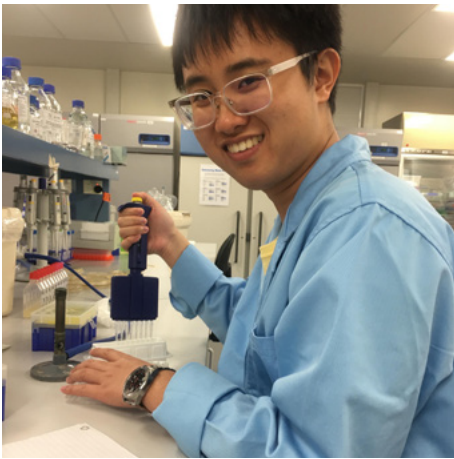
When she left home to move to Sydney and start at Macquarie, she had no money, and her mum didn't have a lot of resources of her own, but she gave her all she could. Katelyn has continued to excel at a level she could not have imagined, all because of the people who believed in her.

*"I received the Macquarie University Indigenous Research Excellence Scholarship when I began my Master of Research (MRes). This scholarship is based on merit during my undergraduate degree. I also received the Macquarie University Research Excellence Scholarship.*

*Receiving these stipends at the beginning of my MRes was incredibly helpful. Without these I would struggle not only financially but academically. I previously worked 55 hours a week at a café to support myself during the first three years of study. My grades suffered as I didn't have time to focus on study and had to prioritise working to live.*

*I experienced a lot of anxiety around starting my master's degree. Every day after work I would go and study at the library from 8pm until midnight and study further at home. With these stipends I was able to leave my casual job and develop a more flexible and healthy study schedule. Receiving these scholarships in 2021 enabled me to improve my marks dramatically, and I received the highest grade in my cohort for one of my units."*





### **DENNIS SUN SCHOLARSHIP ALLOWS VICTOR TO PURSUE HIS DREAM**

Dr Dennis Sun, a businessperson who holds a distinguished record of public and community service in China and Australia, established Macquarie's largest-ever full scholarship.

As a child in Hong Kong, Victor Lee harboured dreams of studying medicine overseas. However, in his final years of school, his mother lost her job, which meant there was no money for him to study abroad.

Just missing out on getting enough marks to study medicine, he enrolled in a Bachelor of Engineering at Hong Kong University, where during his first year he learned about the Dennis Sun Scholarship offered by Macquarie.

It provides a full international scholarship to an exceptional student from a Hong Kong college who applies for an undergraduate course at Macquarie. Successful candidates must demonstrate a variety of attributes, including academic merit, proficiency in English, outstanding character and active participation in their school or community.

For Victor, being awarded the scholarship to study the Bachelor of Advanced Science majoring in Biomolecular and Chemical Sciences has been life-changing. "Without the scholarship, it wouldn't have been financially possible for me to study medicine or enrol in any postgraduate studies in a related field."

Through Dr Sun's generous scholarship, Victor Lee's humble beginnings transformed to a life of confidence, remarkable personal growth and academic excellence. Victor has become a medical doctor and will have his opportunity to give back to the community.

*"I am grateful for the opportunities I have been offered from the scholarship. My study in Australia has been life-changing, where I have developed the confidence to challenge myself to constantly achieve more, and I am confident that I can achieve my future goals."*

VICTOR LEE



### **MOBILITY SCHOLARSHIPS HELP OVERSEAS STUDENTS IN NEED**

A donation to an international scholarship is the largest the University has ever received was made by Mr Li Sze Lim, a successful businessperson and philanthropist from Hong Kong. He is strongly committed to community service and has generously contributed to education, public health, law enforcement, elderly care, poverty reduction, improvement of transportation and international cultural exchange.

One example is the Hong Kong Mobility Fund, which provides scholarships for Chinese students studying at Macquarie.

The fund offers promising students in China and Hong Kong the opportunity to study for their chosen degree at Macquarie – an opportunity that might otherwise have been out of reach.

*"Studying abroad, for all or part of a degree, has immeasurable benefits, providing students with greater comparative learning, an openness to diversity and a well-rounded learning experience,"* says Professor S Bruce Dowton, Vice-Chancellor of Macquarie University. *"It's incredibly important to us that students from around the world are able to study and learn at Macquarie, and scholarships like these play a key role in making this possible."*



### CHINA ELITE SCHOLARSHIP

The Li Sze Lim China Elite Scholarship was set up by Macquarie to support commencing high-achieving international students from China to pursue coursework at Macquarie. Scholarships vary in value and are awarded to exceptional students based on academic merit. They provide opportunities to Chinese applicants who exhibit the University's core values and demonstrate commitment to excellence, innovation, entrepreneurship and social justice. Each scholarship supports a student's study as much as possible so their finances are not a barrier to becoming part of the Macquarie community.

### THE LI SZE LIM MGSM TRANSNATIONAL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

Leveraging Macquarie's strong profile and deep reputation in business, the Li Sze Lim Scholarship remains a key scholarship that supports mobility for students studying the Master of Business Administration (MBA) in Hong Kong and who embody the values of ethical, sustainable and globally conscious leadership.



Through this scholarship, Jason Zeall was able to complete his MBA without an overstretched schooling budget. The scholarship gave him the opportunity to further his studies after having already gained work experience. It also enabled him to increase his chance of success and improve his skills and networks so that he can take charge of his future.

### SCHOLARSHIPS TO STUDENTS WHO ASPIRE TO EXCEL IN MEDICINE WILL PERMEATE INTO LOCAL AND GLOBAL COMMUNITIES

Improving lives and contributing to health communities is one of the most rewarding things you can do. Supporting a career in medicine or health as a doctor, physiotherapist, medical researcher or other health professional is exciting and dynamic, and gives you an opportunity to make a real difference.

Jordan Griffiths has a deep-rooted passion to one day be able to support vulnerable communities by offering them medical aid. Through Macquarie's Doctor of Medicine (Macquarie MD), she was able to travel to India and explore the medical needs of a less developed country, inspiring her to start working towards her ambition of assisting such communities.

Having a scholarship was a constant encouragement for her to work consistently to demonstrate her capacity as a medical student and excel.



### GIFTS TO SCHOLARSHIPS FOR COTUTELLE PROGRAMS ALLOW CHINESE STUDENTS TO SPREAD THEIR WINGS INTERNATIONALLY AND GAIN, INVALUABLE RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Jie Wen is one person benefiting from the Key Partnership Scholarship scheme, a cotutelle program. As well as having his tuition fee covered and receiving a living allowance, Jie Wen acknowledges that the opportunities he has been gifted are broadening his horizon and improving his professional level. "The cotutelle program enables me to obtain a doctoral degree both from my home institution and Macquarie University. International education background is favourable to the labour market, and it will broaden my career pathway," says Jie Wen.



### HELPING THE INDIGENOUS DEAF COMMUNITY

Aboriginal woman Taylor-Jai McAlister enrolled in Macquarie's Bachelor of Psychology hoping to become a clinical psychologist and to give back to the Indigenous community she grew up in.

Taylor-Jai received a scholarship that supports the tertiary education of a student who seeks to improve the health of Indigenous people. The grant meant that the financial barrier was broken and that she could fully commit to helping those in need.

While her interest is in mental health and wellbeing counselling, Taylor-Jai is particularly passionate about working with people who are deaf.

She observes that in Australia, only a few psychologists can communicate with hearing-impaired people in Auslan, which is often their first language.

"This negates access to the Deaf for mental health services and, as a result, there's been a worrying increase in suicide among this community. I not only want to help this vulnerable demographic, but also support the wider society," Taylor-Jai says.

Along with her degree, Taylor-Jai is studying Auslan and the Wiradjuri language.

She says that the scholarship means she can realise her passion for learning and helping others, and help "break the cultural barrier that exists for Indigenous Deaf people who are trying to access mental health services".



### FORMER REFUGEE EARNS VICE-CHANCELLOR'S FUND SCHOLARSHIP

Originally from Tibet, Lobsang Ngodup fled the country with her parents in 1993. The family was facing terrifying persecution under Chinese rule due to the lack of rights for Tibetans (including oppression of language, traditions and religion).

When opportunity arose, Lobsang and her family fled to India, finally arriving in Australia as refugees. Despite this difficult start, and English being her second language, Lobsang beat the odds and shone at school. However, with ongoing family duties, including looking after her sisters and working to support ill parents, university studies seemed an unrealistic prospect.

In what seemed her only chance to further her studies, Lobsang successfully applied for the Vice-Chancellor's Fund scholarship. She says that earning a donor-funded scholarship and being able to study business at Macquarie is "like a dream".

As the first in her family to attend university, Lobsang now hopes to be a role model, inspiring her sisters and ultimately the Tibetan community in Australia to dream big about what they might achieve.

*"I am very thankful. It has made a big impact on my life and has made such a difference to me and my family. I thank Macquarie University from the bottom of my heart."*

# Impact of donor giving



Paul and Sue Taylor with the recipient of the Jennifer Barton Memorial Law Scholarship, Taylor McCoy

## Donors find their gift of a memorial scholarship rewarding, and it gives them great joy.

Philanthropic donors of the Jennifer Barton Memorial Law Scholarship share why they wanted to make a positive impact on the future of a student.

“After Jen’s death in 2013 from ovarian cancer, we approached Macquarie University determined to establish a perpetual scholarship that would not only honour our beautiful daughter but recognise her determination to help talented women overcome barriers and achieve their full potential.

Jen, a Macquarie Law School graduate, was passionately committed to the achievement of social justice for all, fiercely devoted to her family and a friend and mentor to her colleagues at the Minter Ellison law firm in Sydney.

With outstanding support from the Macquarie University Office of Advancement, we were able to set up the Jennifer Barton Memorial Law Scholarship, for a female student in her second year of study in the Macquarie Law School, the annual scholarship is awarded, after a rigorous application process, to the student most able to demonstrate a commitment to the community and social justice that typifies Jen’s courage, determination, and heartfelt concern for the wellbeing of others.

“Since the inception of the scholarship, we have been overwhelmed with the quality of each of the applicants and thrilled to see that the number of exceptional candidates increases each year.

“We have been privileged to meet the successful candidate and their families each year and without exception, our choice has been confirmed through our personal contact with the scholarship recipients.

“We were delighted to meet the 2020 recipient, Taylor McCoy. What an extraordinary young woman! So passionate about her learning and so appreciative that Jen’s scholarship gave her the opportunity to work in areas that provided her great satisfaction rather than just having to work to make ends meet.

“Taylor’s humility, poise, determination, and extraordinary work ethic reminded us so much of our dear Jen, and we are elated to know that our scholarship has enabled Taylor to focus more clearly on her studies and to work on those projects near to her heart.

“Jen was a constant source of inspiration to her colleagues, friends and family and is dearly missed. Our involvement in awarding the Macquarie Law School scholarship is so richly rewarding at a personal level. Not only does it honour our exceptional daughter, but it is also a continuing source of great joy for us to be able to witness and support the development of exceptional women who exemplify Jen’s courage and generosity of spirit.”

*“Living on campus is a large financial burden which I could not avoid, excluding the high costs of resources required in such a demanding course. In my first year I was studying full-time whilst working up to 30 hours a week to support myself at university, which left very little time to do anything else except work and study. This was worsened by the fact I suffer from chronic fatigue syndrome, meaning any overexertion or high levels of physical and mental stress can leave me very unwell for periods of time, impacting my studies.*

*My desire to have a more well-rounded and holistic university experience and diversify my skills through engaging in the many initiatives and societies at university was the primary motivator for my scholarship application.*

*Ultimately, the Jennifer Barton Scholarship has given me a greater sense of empowerment and autonomy within my studies and professional life and allowed me to gain satisfaction from the work that I am doing, rather than just trying to make ends meet.”*

TAYLOR MCCOY  
Law and Commerce student

## Our donors are passionate about learning, teaching and giving.

### CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

Macquarie has had a seminal influence on former undergraduate student, lecturer in the Macquarie Business School, recent PhD student Prashan Karunaratne. Prashan began teaching while completing his honours degree, and received positive feedback from his students and peers. Realising the transformative potential of



being an educator, he decided to pursue it as a career. “To me teaching is not about imparting knowledge from oneself to a student,” he says. “It’s about equipping the student with the tools for alternative ways of thinking. I want to reach and influence the world by changing students’ mindsets and empowering them to think for themselves.”

As a student who became a lecturer, Prashan is deeply committed to the University and actively seeks ways to give back to its community. To honour his students he decided to donate to the Vice-Chancellor’s Fund, which supports the University’s priorities, including establishing new scholarships, strengthening vital research and creating new learning programs.

“To give a student the opportunity to sit in these lectures and access education they may otherwise not get is very important to me,” Prashan says. “Whatever connection you have, or have had, with Macquarie University — student, alumni, academic staff or professional staff — it leaves you with the feeling that you’re part of an institution that is actively seeking to impact and influence the world for the better.”

### Why give?

- YOU will be giving a student a chance at a brighter future.
- YOU will have the opportunity to follow the success of the student you support, potentially meet them and receive updates on their progress.
- YOU will be a part of paying it forward.
- YOUR support will be ensuring that the next generation of leaders, thinkers and researchers won’t be lost to society.
- YOUR donations over \$2 are tax-deductible.

### THANK YOU FOR BELIEVING IN THE POWER OF EDUCATION

It wasn’t a straightforward path to graduation for Dirk Chinchin, an experienced finance practitioner and relationship expert. After a great deal of soul-searching and remarkable determination, he achieved his goal – eight years after commencing his undergraduate studies at Macquarie University.

Dirk initially studied accounting part time. It took him three years to understand that accountancy was not for him. Realising a change of focus was needed, he took time to gather his thoughts, travel and seek advice from trusted friends and family before deciding to pursue his passion in behavioural sciences. The difficult decision to switch degrees and change direction paid off. His academic performance substantially improved, confirming it was the right thing to do. Dirk became a proud Macquarie alumni graduating in 1989 with a Bachelor of Arts majoring in Behavioural Science.



“Don’t be concerned if you’re not 100 per cent certain what you want to do when you start. Just get started (or take a gap year, of course) and work it out,” he advises.

Fast-forward three decades and Dirk admits to being “over the moon” that two of his children are now Macquarie graduates and already successful in their chosen fields. His son works for Atlassian in San Francisco and his daughter for the NSW Government. It was with a sense of nostalgia and immense pride for Dirk when his daughter recently graduated in the fitting surrounds of the new Graduation Hall at Macquarie.

When asked why he chooses to support Macquarie scholarships, Dirk simply and humbly says:

*“In the past 12 months, I’ve been thinking about the amazing opportunity that Macquarie has afforded my family and have started giving to assist other students who perhaps could do with some financial assistance along the way.”*

As Macquarie graduates continue to influence the global workforce, the need to support our current students continues to grow. Dirk, a heartfelt thank you for making a difference and for believing in the power of education.

Supporting tomorrow's leaders,  
that's **YOU** to the power of us

