

2026 Aileen Sinclair Memorial Scholarship application

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General information and your privacy

All scholarship applications must be completed in full and submitted prior to the closing of the scholarship round. Partially completed forms will not be accessible after the closing date and time.

Please note: Please note: Your application is an opportunity to tell us who you are, share your passion for your research, and explain why you deserve this scholarship. If you have used an AI tool or technology such as ChatGPT to generate an output which you either paraphrase or direct quote in your response, you must cite and reference this output. If you have used an AI tool or technology in any other way in the process of completing your responses (for example, editing, or grammar), an acknowledgement of how you have used AI tools or technologies is required.

If you have any questions regarding the application process please contact:

FEIT Scholarships and Prizes Team engit-scholarships@unimelb.edu.au

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About the scholarship

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Introduction

This scholarship has been made possible by the family of the late Ms Aileen Sinclair who was a much-loved member of staff at the Faculty of Engineering and IT. Aileen was with the University for eight years, working in the Engineering Faculty Office and later in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering. Ms Sinclair died tragically in December 2000 and her family have established this scholarship to continue the support she gave to the students during her time at the University.

The Aileen Sinclair Memorial Scholarship was established to support Australian students enrolled in a masters degree by coursework in Engineering and are disadvantaged circumstances.

In 2026, one award valued at approximately \$5,100 is available.

Please remember to save your application regularly, as the form does not autosave.

Eligibility

To be eligible for this scholarship, you must be:

- be an Australian citizen or permanent resident
- be enrolled in a 200 or 300 -point engineering masters coursework degree in FEIT
- have at least 50 points remaining in their degree
- have an Academic Status of Good Standing
- not have previously received the Aileen Sinclair Memorial Scholarship more than twice

I meet all of the above eligibility criteria and am eligible to apply for this scholarship *

☐ Yes ☐ No

You must meet ALL of the eligibility criteria in order to be considered.

Don't meet the eligibility criteria?

Your application won't progress from here.

If you're not sure whether you're eligible or have questions, email FEIT's Scholarships and Prizes Team at engit-scholarships@unimelb.edu.au

Selection Criteria and Process

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Students must submit the [2026 FEIT Student Financial Assessment form](#) and provide a personal statement describing:

- Your study and career aspirations
- Your current financial and/or disadvantaged circumstances (with any relevant supporting documents) and the impact it has had on your studies
- How the funds will help achieve your career aspirations

This application form will require the following attachments to be uploaded at the end:

- You will need to upload any relevant supporting documents to support the category/ies of disadvantage you are applying under

Scholarship Conditions

This scholarship is subject to the [Engineering and IT Coursework Scholarship Terms and Conditions](#) and cannot be deferred. In addition, students must agree to the University sharing their name and course details with the donor of their scholarship and to provide a brief report on the benefits of the scholarship if requested

Contact Details

* indicates a required field

Privacy Notice

We pledge to respect and uphold your rights to privacy protection under the [Australian Privacy Principles](#) (APPs) as established under the *Privacy Act 1988* and amended by the *Privacy Amendment (Enhancing Privacy Protection) Act 2012*.

View our [privacy statement](#)

Applicant Details

Student ID *

Must be a number.
Your UniMelb ID

Name *

Title First Name Last Name

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Email *

This is the address we will use to correspond with you about this application. Your UniMelb email is preferred

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Applicant Citizenship *

☐ Australian citizen

☐ Permanent resident

Please select your course *

Other:

Course Commencement Date *

If uncertain of day of commencement, enter the 1st of the month

Personal Statement - Interest

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Tell us about your career aspirations and reasons for pursuing studies in engineering. What interests or excites you about your course and the particular discipline you have chosen? *

Word count:

Must be no more than 350 words.

Provide a statement outlining the impact the scholarship will have on achieving your career aspirations. *

Word count:

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Your Circumstances & Personal Statement

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Financial Assessment form

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In order to assess your degree of financial need, you must submit a [2026 FEIT Student Financial Assessment form](#). This is a separate online form within SmartyGrants.

You can submit the form at any time before the closing date for this scholarship. Your scholarship application will not be processed if you have not completed the Financial Assessment Form.

FAQs

Q. I've applied for another scholarship this year, and I've already submitted the [2026 FEIT Student Financial Assessment form](#) online. Do I need to submit another one?

A. That depends:

- If your **income or expenses have changed** - yes, you should submit a new form.
- If **nothing has changed** - no, you don't need to submit a new form.

Q. I submitted a Financial Assessment last year. Do I need to complete it again?

A. Yes please! The form must be completed anew each year to ensure your information is up to date.

I have submitted the FEIT Financial Assessment form: *

- ☐ Yes - I have submitted the online form in the process of applying for this scholarship
- ☐ Not yet - I will submit the online form before the scholarship closing date. I understand that my scholarship application will not be assessed unless I have submitted the financial assessment form before the scholarship closes.

<https://engit-unimelb.smartygrants.com.au/FEITfinassess2026>

If you have already submitted the FEIT Financial Assessment form, please include the submission number (if known)

Financial Circumstances

Have your financial circumstances changed since the start of this year? *

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

Overall, which of the following best describes your current financial position? *

- ☐ I am able to meet basic living expenses and enjoy some entertainment or recreational activities
- ☐ I have to budget carefully and reduce less essential expenses (such as eating out, entertainment, recreational activities)
- ☐ I struggle to meet basic living expenses (including rent, food, mobile phone, internet and other utilities, and transportation to campus)
- ☐ I am often unable to pay rent or utility bills without skipping meals or borrowing money
- ☐ Other:

Financial Circumstances

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Select one or more of the options below that best captures your financial circumstance from the start of this year. *

- ☐ I receive less financial assistance from my family or relatives who support my studies
- ☐ I have lost or am unable to find regular employment in Melbourne
- ☐ I cannot find time to work due to a heavier study load than expected
- ☐ My research stipend has completed
- ☐ Other:

Circumstances Impacting Your Study

* indicates a required field

Disadvantage Statement

The purpose of this scholarship is to support Australian students who are enrolled in a masters by coursework degree in engineering and are experiencing disadvantaged circumstances.

Please select a category or categories that most closely align with your circumstances. You will then need to provide a statement outlining the impact it has had on your studies.

I am applying for the scholarship under the following disadvantage category/ies *

- ☐ Applicant from a rural or isolated area of Australia
- ☐ Recognition as an Indigenous Australian
- ☐ Previous status as a refugee or current holder of a Humanitarian Visa
- ☐ Disability or medical condition
- ☐ Personal difficulties
- ☐ None

Disability or Medical Condition

Is your ability to study or work currently impacted by a disability or medical condition? *

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

Select one or more of the below categories that best captures your disability or medical condition *

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| ☐ Acquired brain injury | ☐ Cancer | ☐ Heart, stroke and/or vascular disease | ☐ Osteoporosis |
| ☐ Arthritis | ☐ Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease | ☐ Intellectual disability | ☐ Physical disability |
| ☐ Asthma | ☐ Deaf or hard of hearing | ☐ Kidney disease | ☐ Vision impairment |
| ☐ Autism spectrum disorder | ☐ Diabetes mellitus | ☐ Mental health conditions | ☐ Other: <input type="text"/> |
| ☐ Back problems | | | |

In which year was your disability or medical condition first diagnosed? *

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Please provide at least one document from a person who is qualified to describe your disability or medical condition and comment on their impact on your studies. Examples of a qualified person include a medical practitioner, community or social worker, minister of the faith, psychologist or counsellor. The person making the statement must not be related to you or be in a relationship with you. *

Attach a file:

We cannot consider generic medical documents (such as test results, prescriptions or hospital admission forms) which do not describe the impact on your study or documents that are not related to the condition(s) you selected above.

Personal Difficulties

Is your ability to study or work currently impacted by any personal circumstances *

☐ Yes

☐ No

Select one or more options which best describes the nature of your personal difficulties *

☐ Relationship break up, divorce or separation

☐ Natural disaster

☐ Abusive living environment

☐ Loss of regular employment or other income

☐ Civil unrest

☐ Discrimination, bullying, harassment or negative treatment

☐ Refugee background

☐ Death of a family member or close friend

☐ Other:

☐ Homelessness

☐ Long term illness of a family member

In which year did you first experience the difficulty(ies) *

Upload document/s if needed

Attach a file:

Applicant from a rural or isolated area of Australia

'Rural or regional' is an area with a rating of RA2 or higher as defined by the Dept of Health and Aging tool at <https://www.health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/health-workforce-locator> using the 2016 ASGS Remoteness Areas filter. To be considered under this criteria, applicants would have to resided in this area for five consecutive or cumulative years.

Did you need to relocate from a regional or rural area of Australia to pursue tertiary studies? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

Enter the town and postcode of the rural/regional area *

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Length of time lived there *

Evidence of having lived in a regional, rural or remote area of Australia *

Attach a file:

Recognition as an Indigenous Australian

Students must affirm and maintain their eligibility for support for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people.

See accepted document examples: [Establishing your eligibility](#)

Upload document/s

Attach a file:

Previous status as a refugee or a current holder of a Humanitarian Visa

Evidence of status or current visa *

Attach a file:

Impact of disadvantage on your studies

Indicate the overall impact of your circumstances on your ability to study or work.

Overall, which of the following best describes how your circumstances effect your study? *

- ☐ I can enrol full-time and able to study five days per week
- ☐ I can enrol full-time, but often cannot study for one or two days per week
- ☐ I can enrol full-time, but often cannot study for three days per week
- ☐ I have to enrol part-time and often cannot study for one day per week
- ☐ I have to enrol in a parti-time study load and often cannot study for two days per week

Full time means a study load of at least 37.5 points per half year study period.

Overall, which of the following best describes how your circumstances impact your work? *

- ☐ I can work regularly
- ☐ I can work regularly but have to limit my hours of work
- ☐ I often have to cancel work
- ☐ I am unable to work

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Tell us about your current financial circumstances and/or disadvantage categories that you have nominated and the impact it has had on your studies. *

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Declaration and Feedback

*** indicates a required field**

Applicant Feedback

You are nearing the end of the application process. Before you review your application and click the **SUBMIT** button please take a moment to provide some feedback.

How did you hear about this scholarship? *

- ☐ FEIT Scholarships page
- ☐ University of Melbourne scholarships page
- ☐ Supervisor
- ☐ Lecturer/ Tutor
- ☐ School/Department
- ☐ FEIT social media channels
- ☐ Friends/ Other students
- ☐ Other:

Please indicate how you found the online application process: *

- ☐ Very easy ☐ Easy ☐ Neutral ☐ Difficult ☐ Very difficult

Please provide us with your suggestions about any improvements to the application process/form you think we need to consider.

The Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology aims to improve the student experience and we value your thoughts. Thinking about your FEIT student experience, is there anything you'd like to suggest - not just in relation to scholarships - that could make your FEIT experience better?

Student Declaration

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I declare that all information provided in this application is true and correct and I consent to this information being used for the purposes of administering this award.

I agree *

☐ Yes

☐ No

Please note that applications cannot be amended once submitted. Additionally, we are unable to accept any additional information or updates after the closing date.