



## **St Patrick's Jesuit College Scholarship @ACU**

This is the sixth update to all Patricians on the establishment of a permanently endowed scholarship scheme as an ongoing legacy of our old college.

### **Applications Now Open**

The ACU opened applications for our scholarship last October 2019. The key elements of the advertised specifications are:

- I. the scholarship is valued at \$5000, to be paid in installments of \$2500 per semester;
- II. applicants must be undertaking an ACU undergraduate teaching degree at the Melbourne Campus and be in second year or above in 2020;
- III. applicants will be assessed primarily on academic merit and their contribution to community and/or social justice activities and some additional weighting will be given to students who demonstrate financial need and/ or who are the first in their family to attend University.

If you want to view the full specification, it is on the ACU website – use the site's search engine to find the link to the scholarship browser.

### **When will the Scholarship be awarded?**

Applications for the Scholarship close on 9 March 2020 and we expect a decision early in April. The recipient will be selected by the ACU Scholarships Office but SPOCA will be provided with the assessments of the top 3 candidates and given an opportunity to give our view on who should be selected.

### **Donations**

We have raised over \$113,000 to establish the Scholarship which is an outstanding achievement. We were however advised by the ACU late last year that this will be insufficient to establish an annual scholarship of \$5000 in perpetuity. We are therefore continuing to accept donations and encourage you to make provision in your will for a donation to the fund. This can be done by adding a codicil to your will. If you do make such a bequest, would you kindly advise SPOCA as it will assist future planning and allow us to thank donors in their lifetime.

The Scholarship will remain endowed, but unless we can raise additional funds, we face the real prospect of having to reduce the value of the scholarship or awarding it less frequently.

Donations can be made via:

- **Online by credit card** <https://webapps.acu.edu.au/givenow>  
Enter SPOCA in the space labeled 'Other'
- **By bank transfer to:** Australian Catholic University  
BSB :082451 Account No 506966793  
Ref SPOCA and your name  
Email a copy of the bank transfer to  
[ACUAdvancement@acu.edu.au](mailto:ACUAdvancement@acu.edu.au) with your full name  
and postal address so a receipt can be sent to you.
- **By cheque payable to Australian Catholic University:**  
With details: ref SPOCA, your name, address and phone.  
Send to ACU Foundation, Attn. Senior Foundation  
Administrator, PO BOX 968 North Sydney NSW 2059

If you have decided to support the scholarship but not to make the actual donation until closer to the end of the financial year, would you please send an email me to advise how much you intend to donate and when. This will assist significantly with our planning.

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Queries, comments and suggestions can also be directed to me.

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**SPOCA President**

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