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Paul Pholeros Living Environment Scholarship

What is the Scholarship?

The **Paul Pholeros Living Environment Architecture Scholarship** (the *Scholarship*) is offered by the Paul Pholeros Foundation (PPF) to support recent Architecture and Landscape Architecture graduates in exploration of an issue or topic related to improvements in health and living conditions of Australian society.

It has been developed in the spirit of Paul's lifelong commitment to improving people's living environments and investing in the professional growth of young and emerging professionals <https://www.ppfoundation.com.au/about/paul-pholeros/>

Two (2) Scholarships are awarded each year with each successful applicant receiving \$4,000. The area of study is defined by applicants and successful applicants must complete their study within 12 months of commencement. Scholarship funds can be used to cover travel costs within Australia if necessary for the purposes of the study.

Successful applicants will be required to submit a Final Report or an alternative outcome as approved by the PPF. An alternative outcome may include an exhibition, built model, teaching and presentation materials, podcast or other outcome deemed appropriate by PPF to the applicant's field of study.

Who Can Apply?

Applicants who apply for the Scholarship must:

1. be a recent graduate (within the past 5 years) from a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture (Honours), or Master's level Architecture or Landscape Architecture program at an Australian tertiary institution; and
2. not be completing tertiary studies or other research projects directly related to their proposed area of study.

When To Apply?

The due date for PPLES 2026 is 15 May. Successful Scholars will commence their 12-month studies on 1 July.

How to Apply

Eligible Applicants can apply for the Scholarship by completing and submitting an online application form available on the Paul Pholeros Foundation website <https://www.ppfoundation.com.au/paul-pholeros-architecture-scholarship/applicant-form/>.

Eligible Applicants are required to:

1. develop a study proposal that explores an issue or topic related to the social purpose of architecture or landscape architecture whereby the outcome of the study will contribute to improvements in health and living conditions of Australian society ("**Study Proposal**");
2. nominate a mentor to guide the Eligible Applicant in relation to the study ("**Mentor**"). The role of the Mentor is to provide guidance as needed by the

Eligible Applicant during the development and implementation of the study and is not an academic supervisory role. The Mentor will also be the Eligible Applicant's nominated referee, to be contacted by the Scholarship Selection Panel for a verbal reference for those Eligible Applicants who reach the final stages of selection. The Mentor does not need to be an architect or landscape architect however they must have expertise in the area of the Eligible Applicant's Study Proposal; and

3. submit the application using the online forms for [Applicant](#) and [Mentor](#) ("**Application**") within the dates advertised on the PPF website ("**Submission Period**"). <https://www.ppfoundation.com.au/paul-pholeros-architecture-scholarship/applicant-form/>

Eligible Applicants are required to provide the following information as part of their Application:

- their personal details, including full name, date of birth, residential address, contact email and contact phone;
- proof of their qualifications, including year of graduation and institution;
- their CV (2 pages max);
- the Study Proposal (2 pages max), including:
 - title;
 - relevance to the social purpose of architecture/landscape architecture in Australia;
 - who will benefit;
 - reasons for the applicant's interest in the topic;
 - methodology for the Project;
 - what will be the final product e.g. report / lecture presentation / podcast / built model / other; and
 - how the Scholarship funds will be used and timeline if appropriate (please note: the Scholarship does not support travel for study outside Australia and this proposed use of funds will cause an Application to be ineligible for the Scholarship);
 - their Mentor's full name, position and details of their expertise in the Eligible Applicant's Study Proposal.

Shortlist Criteria

Applications will be judged by a panel selected by PPF ("**Scholarship Selection Panel**") using the following criteria:

- the applicant is an Eligible Applicant;
- the Study Proposal is relevant to the social purpose of architecture/landscape architecture and improving living conditions in Australian society;
- the Eligible Applicant demonstrates an appropriate level of skill and experience to perform the study; and
- the Study Proposal includes a methodology, final product, budget and timeline (if appropriate) that is clear and permissible, and overall the Study Proposal appears to be achievable ("**Shortlist Criteria**").

Applications submitted after the Submission due date will be ineligible.

Interview and Final Determination of Scholars

Applicants who meet the Scholarship Shortlist Criteria will be invited to attend an interview with the Scholarship Selection Panel either face to face or virtually ("**Interview**").

Following each Interview the Scholarship Selection Panel will score each Study Proposal using the following criteria:

- the relevance of the Study Proposal to the social purpose of architecture/landscape architecture and improving living conditions in Australian society (20 points);
- the quality of the Study Proposal (50 points);
- appropriateness of the Final Report to the study (10 points); and
- the effectiveness of the Eligible Applicant to present the Study Proposal Project (10 points) ("**Final Score**").

The two (2) Study Proposals with the highest Final Scores will be selected as the winners of the Scholarship ("**PPF Scholars**", and each a "**PPF Scholar**"), and each of their Mentors will be contacted by the Scholarship Selection Panel for a verbal reference. In the event of an unfavourable reference, the Panel will consider the next highest scoring Eligible Applicant. In the event of tied Final Scores, the Eligible Applicant who scored the highest number of points in respect of the quality of the Study Proposal (worth 50 points) will be selected as the PPF Scholar.

Agreement between the PPF and PPF Scholars

An agreement containing the terms and conditions to guide the completion of the Study Proposal (among other things) will be entered into between the PPF and each of the PPF Scholars prior to the commencement of the Scholarship respectively ("**Scholarship Agreement**").

Scholarship Conditions

By submitting an Application, Applicants agree to the following Scholarship conditions, which will be supplemented by the terms in the Scholarship Agreement. To the extent of any inconsistency between this document and the Scholarship Agreement, the Scholarship Agreement prevails.

Commencement

The Study Proposal must commence within 3 months and be completed within 12 months of executing the Scholarship Agreement, unless otherwise agreed by the PPF.

PPF Scholars will organise all necessary study activities and insurances (if applicable) to deliver the Study Proposal.

Approved Study

Any material changes to the PPF Scholar's Study Proposal methodology, timeframe or the Final Report prior to or during the term of the Scholarship Agreement must be notified to and agreed by the PPF before the relevant change occurs.

PPF Scholars will be required to submit a brief interim report in the timeframe agreed by the PPF, and a Final Report which may consist of a report or an alternative outcome, the form of which must be agreed by the PPF before the commencement date of the Scholarship. As noted above, an alternative outcome may include an exhibition, built model, teaching and presentation materials, podcast or other outcome deemed appropriate by PPF to the PPF Scholar's field of study.

The PPF Scholar will be invited and agrees to present his or her Final Report and study outcomes in informal discussions with the Scholarship Selection Panel members and any agreed invitees (such as the PPF Scholar's Mentor and others who share an interest in the field of the Study Proposal).

Funds Payment and Acquittal

The Scholarship funds will be paid to each of the PPF Scholars in two instalments:

- 80% of the awarded funds at the commencement of the Study Proposal; and
- 20% of the awarded funds upon delivery and acceptance of the Final Report by the PPF, in accordance with the terms of the Scholarship Agreement.

PPF Scholars will provide details of their own nominated Australian bank account.

PPF Scholars may be liable to declare the Scholarship funds for taxation purposes and be liable for any tax payable. The recipient should seek independent tax advice in relation to any tax payable and the potential impact on their personal tax situation.

The Scholarship may be cancelled if the PPF Scholar fails to comply with the Scholarship Conditions, the terms of the Scholarship Agreement or otherwise does not substantially fulfil the purpose of the Scholarship.

Insurance

PPF Scholars whose Study Proposal involves travel within Australia must abide by travel restrictions and requirements in place at the time, including any conditions in relation to travel insurance.

Intellectual Property

PPF Scholars retain intellectual property rights in all project materials created or used by the PPF Scholar for the purpose of carrying out the Study Proposal during the Scholarship.

Licence

The recipient agrees to grant to the PPF a perpetual, non-exclusive, transferable, irrevocable, royalty-free, licence to use, reproduce, publish, distribute, disseminate, market and sub-license all intellectual property rights in the study that are capable of being licensed to the PPF, including but not limited to the Interim Report and the Final Report. This includes unlimited use of materials for marketing, advertising or promoting the Scholarship.

PPF Scholars must ensure that the Final Report complies with all applicable laws and regulations including, without limitation, those governing copyright, content, defamation, privacy, publicity and the access or use of others' equipment, computer or communication systems.

Publicity and ongoing support

PPF Scholars agree to promote the PPF and the Scholarship in any associated correspondence, public announcements, publications or other material that are associated with the Scholarship.