

2026 RTSA Annual Rail Scholarship



SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS

The Scholarship recipient shall:

- be responsible for making an application to attend the preferred course, managing the admission process and all aspects of completing the course.
- commence the course within 12 months of receiving the Scholarship or the offer will be withdrawn.
- receive no further payments within 4 years of receiving the Scholarship

Course costs will be reimbursed by the RTSA up to the limits set out in the above upon the submission by the Scholarship recipient to the RTSA of receipts for payment to the university for fees, for the costs of textbooks and/or approved study materials. Academic transcripts demonstrating successful achievement of the units studied during the period of the claim also shall be presented to the RTSA at the time of making a claim.

Should the scholarship recipient fail any subject(s) in a year, the RTSA will not reimburse any costs for that year. The cost of re-sitting the subject(s) shall be at the scholarship recipient's own cost. When/if the failed subject(s) are retaken successfully, the claim may be re-submitted for the year in which the subject(s) have been completed. If the scholarship recipient withdraws or does not complete the course then the scholarship will cease, with future claims not being entertained.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applicants for the Scholarship shall:

- be an Australian or New Zealand citizen, or a permanent resident of Australia or New Zealand.
- be eligible to attend a suitable rail industry related graduate or post graduate course of study in Australia or New Zealand by meeting the admission and entry requirements of the relevant university

(the applicant is responsible for ensuring that he or she satisfies this criteria).

- are currently working in the Australasian rail industry or are planning to pursue rail related post graduate studies.



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- if currently participating in the first year of study for any graduate or post graduate rail industry related university course, the applicant may still apply for the scholarship for subsequent years remaining in that post graduate course. Please attach details.

In exceptional circumstances, approval may be given for an applicant to undertake a specialist rail course by distance learning, from an overseas university, if such courses are not available in Australia or New Zealand.

REVIEW CRITERIA

The criteria that will be used to assist the RTSA to select the successful application for the Scholarship are as follows:

- professional or academic achievements.
- expected contributions to the rail industry as a result of course completion.
- potential to complete the chosen course successfully (including nomination of the preferred course if the application is successful).
- expected benefits to the nominee's career arising from completing the course.

The criteria will be judged through a 2-stage process, with written applications being short-listed and an interview of these short-listed applicants by a panel selected from the membership of the RTSA Awards Subcommittee.

APPLICATIONS

Applications for the 2026 RTSA Rail Scholarship will close on **Tuesday, 23 June 2026**

The application shall be accompanied by:

- a copy of the nominee's current CV;
- a citation of not more than 1,000 words, in which the applicant shall describe his or her potential to meet the requirements of the eligibility criteria and the review criteria set out in the above and to address the following:
 - what are your long-term career goals?
 - what unique aspects about your background and experience do you bring to the rail industry?
 - describe how you have contributed or expect to contribute to the rail industry in your career so far.
- two professional/academic references



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- a letter from the applicant's employer or University Supervisor confirming support of his or her attendance at the proposed course of study
 - Submit the application online at: <https://engaust.awardsplatform.com/>



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