



Government of Western Australia
Department of Training
and Workforce Development



Curtin University

AUTISM ACADEMY FOR SOFTWARE QUALITY ASSURANCE VOCATIONAL EDUCATION and TRAINING (VET) SCHOLARSHIPS 2019

The Autism Academy for Software Quality Assurance (AASQA) at Curtin University is an Australian social innovation initiative with the vision of harnessing the special talents of people on the Autism Spectrum. The mission of the Academy is to enable individuals on the Autism Spectrum to leverage their awesome talents and skillsets. Their natural ability for extreme attention to detail, appreciation of predictability and capacity to focus, will augment their training in addressing business needs of the ICT industry. In particular, ICT is facing challenges in attracting and retaining talents in areas like software development and testing, and cybersecurity.

Through outreaching, training, educating and graduate programmes, pathways from schools to valued long-term employment can be created. This is in line with the Academy's vision for the collective benefit of these individuals on the Autism Spectrum, as well as industry and the wider community

At the conclusion of the two year pilot which commenced in 2017, AASQA, the Autism Association of Western Australia and the Department of Training and Workforce Development have been granted a further five scholarships for 2019, to a value of up to \$5000 each. This scholarship is for students on the Autism Spectrum to undertake an appropriate VET course aimed at gaining employment in Information Technology (IT) and Cybersecurity. The scholarship will meet the cost of course fees up to \$5000. These will be paid on invoice directly to the training provider.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

To be eligible for the AASQA Scholarship, the applicant must:

- be able to enrol as a student at a TAFE or registered training organisation (RTO) in 2019 in a full time nationally accredited Certificate IV in Information Technology or Programming or Cybersecurity or Diploma course in Information Technology or Software Development;
- have an Autism Spectrum or related conditions diagnosis;
- have a good academic record; and
- be able to attend a scholarship information session.

WHAT IS REQUIRED TO NOMINATE FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP?

The nomination requirements include:

- a completed application form (see next page), including all requested documentation, to be submitted by the due date;
- resume or CV (please attach your most recent senior high school subject transcript if you have one or other academic qualifications);
- referee name and full contact details, or referee written reference with their contact details;
- formal proof of Autism Spectrum diagnosis or related conditions; and
- proof of application to study full-time in 2019 in a relevant Information Technology Certificate IV or Diploma.

If successful, you must agree to be contacted every six (6) months to report on your progress and agree that your academic results for the course can be made available to the scholarship administrator (These will remain confidential and you will not be identified by name in reports)

Please send completed application to Dr Tele Tan at t.tan@curtin.edu.au. For information regarding information technology certificates, contact your local Jobs and Skills Centre on 13 64 64.

Applicants will be notified about the outcome of their application by email.

Applications close on 31 May 2019.

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APPLICATION FORM

APPLICANT INFORMATION		
Family name:		First name:
Other name:		Preferred name:
Mailing street address:		
Suburb:	State:	Postcode:
Email address:		
Telephone:		Date of birth (DD/MM/YYYY)
CURRENT STUDY STATUS		
Name of RTO/TAFE:		Proposed VET course to study in 2019 :
List previous academic achievements, awards or scholarships		
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS AND REFERENCES		
Attach following information		
Resume or CV (please attach your most recent senior high school subject transcript if you have one or other academic qualifications)		Attached YES/NO
Referee(s) (name and full contact details or written reference with contact details)		Attached YES/NO
We request applicants to include at least one of these documents as proof of formal autism spectrum diagnosis. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The original diagnosis report; or • Letter of confirmation from the doctor; or • Letter of confirmation from Local Area Coordinator 		Diagnosis report; letter from doctor; or letter from local area coordinator. Attached YES/NO
Proof of application to study a relevant Information Technology Certificate IV, Diploma, or Advanced Diploma full time in 2018		Attached YES/NO
DISCLAIMER AND SIGNATURE		

I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature :

Date :