



## Bicentennial Foundation

### Westpac Future Leaders Scholarship

#### Reference Templates

##### Overview

In celebration of Westpac Group's upcoming 200th anniversary on 8 April 2017, the Westpac Bicentennial Foundation has been established. The Westpac Bicentennial Foundation believes investing in Australia's future leaders through education and support is the primary way our country will thrive in the next century.

The Foundation will support 100 scholars a year, forever, across the five scholarship programs: Asian Exchange, Young Technologists, Social Change, Future Leaders and the Research Fellowship.

The Westpac Future Leaders Scholarship will support Australia's future leaders by providing an enriching postgraduate experience for talented individuals to study at one of Australia's leading universities, participate in a bespoke, nine-month, Leadership Development Program and the chance to add a global context to their education, with tailored international experiences of up to six months.

Scholarship recipients will be exceptional people, chosen for their ability to make a difference to Australia's future in one of our three focus areas:

- Technology and innovation;
- Strengthening Australia-Asia ties; and
- Enabling positive social change.

Valued at up to \$120,000 over, typically, 2-3 years, scholarships will be awarded annually for research or coursework studies at graduate level.

Scholars will become part of the connected cohort of Westpac Scholars across all five scholarships areas. The Alumni program offers more than just membership of a network that will help your career. It's an incredible platform for surrounding yourself with a diverse group of other inspiring leaders.

##### Purpose of this document

Applicants are required to submit **two references** (from different referees) as part of their application:

- **Academic Reference**, which aims to gather information from the applicant's nominated referee on the applicant's academic ability, how they have demonstrated academic excellence and why this is specifically relevant to their proposed program of study. It must also cover why the applicant's proposed program of study will contribute, or is important, to the prosperity and growth of Australia.
- **Personal Reference**, which aims to gather information from the applicant's nominated referee on the applicant's attributes; including how they are passionate



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about advancing Australia, how they approach challenges and lead change, and how they engage and collaborate with a wide range of people.



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### Applicant's Academic Reference

The Academic Reference is to be completed by a senior academic, who is familiar with the applicant's academic record, understands the importance of their focus topic and is prepared to support the applicant in their scholarship submission.

**Applicant** (to be completed by applicant)

Referee Details		
Title	Given Names	Surname
Phone		Email
Position	Institution Name	Department/Faculty

**Please describe your relationship to the applicant, including how long you have known them** (no more than 30 words)

**Please comment on the following points:** (no more than 300 words)

- The applicant's academic ability;
- Why is this ability specifically relevant to their proposed program of study or research?
- Why will the applicant's proposed program of study or research contribute, or be important, to the prosperity and growth of Australia?



**Contact**

May we contact you if we require further information?

Yes       No

**Privacy Statement**

A copy of the privacy statement can be found on the [Westpac Bicentennial Foundation website](#).

Thank you for taking the time to complete this reference for the applicant.



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### Applicant's Personal Reference

The Personal Reference is to be completed by a person who has a good understanding, and can provide examples, of the applicant's character. The referee should not be related to the applicant and have known them for at least 2 years.

**Applicant** (to be completed by applicant)

Referee Details		
Title	Given Names	Surname
Phone		Email
Position	Institution Name	Department/Faculty

**Please describe your relationship to the applicant, including how long you have known them** (no more than 30 words)

**Please provide your assessment of the applicant in regards to the following points:**  
(no more than 300 words)

- commitment to improving the lives of others;
- potential for leadership;
- how they engage and successfully collaborate with people from different disciplines and backgrounds.



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