

ZONTA CLUB OF NOOSA

WOMEN IN SCIENCE BURSARY — 2025



University of the
Sunshine Coast
Australia

APPLICATION CLOSING DATE: Friday 28 March 2025

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BACKGROUND

Zonta International is a worldwide service organisation of female executives in business and the professions. Zonta works to improve the legal, political, economic, health, educational and professional status of women. Founded in 1919 in Buffalo, New York, USA; there are now more than 27,000 Zontians in over 1,200 clubs in 63 countries and geographical areas. The name Zonta is based upon a Sioux Indian word meaning "honest and trustworthy". The emblem is a composite of Sioux Indian symbols.

The Zonta Club of Noosa was chartered in 1993, and since then has raised and distributed more than \$650,000 to improve the status of women, locally, nationally and internationally, including projects in conjunction with UNICEF and UNIFEM.

One of Zonta International's initiatives specifically focuses upon working toward a sustainable environment. In keeping with this initiative, the Zonta Club of Noosa's 'Women in Science' Bursary is awarded annually to a female student undertaking a Bachelor of Science, a Bachelor of Environmental Science or a Bachelor of Animal Ecology with an environmental focus either as a single or part of a double degree at the University of the Sunshine Coast.

The 'Women in Science' Bursary is valued at \$1,000 and aims to assist women who may find it difficult to continue their studies, and thus fulfil their potential, without some additional financial assistance. This bursary is awarded to successful applicants at a Zonta Club of Noosa Dinner meeting each year.

Applications close Friday 28 March 2025 and should be emailed only from your UniSC email account, to scholarships@usc.edu.au

Short-listed applicants are required to attend an interview at UniSC in mid to late May 2025.

ELIGIBILITY

The following eligibility criteria apply:

- Female students enrolled full time at UniSC, in the Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Environmental Science or Bachelor of Animal Ecology with an environmental focus either as a single or part of a double degree.
- In second year or above.
- Receiving Centrelink income support (eg Abstudy, Austudy, Youth Allowance, other Centrelink pension) or may be prevented from continuing study due to financial hardship.
- Passing grade point average.
- Students may only apply for one Zonta Club of Noosa bursary per year.
- Previous recipients may not apply.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Applications for this Bursary will be assessed against the following selection criteria:

- Demonstrated commitment to the environment and community.
- Has provided or is likely to provide a significant contribution to the local community upon completion of study.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Applicants must include the following documentation with their application:

- An essay of no more than 500 words describing any extra curricular or community activities in which you are, or have been, involved and your future career and personal goals and how the bursary will assist you in achieving these.
- Evidence of financial need or disadvantage (eg Centrelink or other government benefits).
- Typed responses to the questions contained within this application form.

LODGEMENT and FURTHER INFORMATION

Please email your application by Friday 28 March 2025 to scholarships@usc.edu.au

Enquiries: Scholarships Officer, Student Services

University of the Sunshine Coast

Tel: 07 5430 2890 | Fax: 07 5430 2882

Email: scholarships@usc.edu.au

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1.0 PERSONAL INFORMATION

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2.0 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

2.1 Please tell us how you currently contribute to the environment and community.

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2.0 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION continued

2.2 What contributions do you think you are likely to provide to the environment annually, upon completion of your studies?

2.3 Please outline your future career/academic goals.

2.4 Please tell us how you support yourself financially at University, particularly any issues that affect your ability to undertake study.

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2.0 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION continued

2.5 Please feel free to provide any additional information that you would like the selection panel to consider.

3.0 STUDENT DECLARATION

In submitting this application, I declare that the information supplied on this form and in the accompanying documents and statements is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. If any information is found to be false or misleading, I accept that the Zonta Club of Noosa may cancel any bursary that might be awarded to me.

- I am aware that the selection panel comprises of delegates from Zonta Club Noosa, not the University of the Sunshine Coast.
- If short-listed, I will be available to attend an interview at the University of the Sunshine Coast in mid to late May 2025.
- If I am a successful applicant, I agree to attend a Zonta Club of Noosa Dinner Meeting to accept this Award.

Applicant's name or
scanned signature:

Date:

Note: When sending this application form from your UniSC email account, this authenticates the email sender, without the requirement for a scanned signature.

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