

# WHEATBELT DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION ABORIGINAL LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP 2022

## Investing in strong leadership for the Wheatbelt region

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The Wheatbelt Development Commission and the Leadership WA Foundation are proud to offer emerging Aboriginal leaders in the Wheatbelt region the opportunity to further build their leadership capability through the Wheatbelt Development Commission Aboriginal Leadership Scholarship.

The purpose of the Commission is to facilitate the long term development of the Wheatbelt by being a responsive and forward thinking regional development agency.

By investing in our emerging leaders, we hope to strengthen the ability of the region to plan, adapt and respond to the challenges and opportunities that face it in the years to come. The Commission strongly believes that supporting the development of our emerging Aboriginal leaders is critical to the success of this region.

You are eligible if you are:

- Keen to build your leadership skills and are of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent
- Living and working in the Wheatbelt region
- Early - Mid level in your career
- Passionate about creating a positive impact and difference where you live

We encourage you to apply for the Wheatbelt Development Commission Aboriginal Leadership Scholarship, which supports places onto Leadership WA's June 2022 Rising Leadership Program – a 6 month experiential program bringing together leaders from corporate, not-for-profit and public sector to share experiences, exploring who they are as leaders, building on their strengths, and discovering how to take on greater leadership roles.

### **Leadership WA Rising Leadership Program**

Ideal for mid-level professionals, Rising takes participants on a 6-month journey that fosters new thinking and perspectives on leadership. This occurs over 12 experience days in Perth.

Participants will explore a variety of themes through dynamic experiences, with Western Australia's most qualified and insightful leaders across private, community and government sectors.

Each Rising cohort is carefully curated by Leadership WA to ensure diversity of thought and experience across multiple sectors.



Participants will:

- Identify and build on their existing strengths
- Improve their ability to influence, persuade and make an impact
- Gain confidence and capacity to negotiate complex leadership challenges
- Create networks to achieve results
- Develop a clear understanding of how to motivate and inspire people and teams to achieve performance goals
- Increase their ability to drive sustainable change
- Understand who they are as a leader and what motivates them
- Discover how to take on leadership roles
- Identify tools and strategies to coach and provide feedback to others

Following completion of the Program participants join a strong and influential network of Leadership WA Alumni. This network comes together regularly to continue to grow and learn, and to give back by contributing expertise and time to social impact activities across WA, making a real and meaningful difference in their community.

## What does the scholarship cover?

The Wheatbelt Development Commission Aboriginal Leadership Scholarship fund the full fees for a program place, valued at \$7990. With participation fees covered, the scholarship's emphasis is on applicants clearly outlining their plans to contribute back to their community / sector on completion of the course. Three scholarships are available.

The Wheatbelt Development Commission may provide support to cover costs associated with travel and accommodation. These will be assessed on a case by case basis.

## How to apply?

You can apply through the Rising Leadership Program page on [www.leadershipwa.org.au](http://www.leadershipwa.org.au). You will be asked to consider both the criteria for the Rising Leadership Program and also show your eligibility for a scholarship. You will be asked to show why you are passionate about your region and how you will take your leadership learnings back to your own community and create a marked difference.

Leadership WA's Programs are very well regarded, with cohorts specially curated through a selection process, which is an online application, followed by an interview (which can be via Zoom).

**Applications for the scholarships close Friday 15 April 2022.**

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## About the Wheatbelt Development Commission

The Wheatbelt Development Commission is one of 9 Western Australian Statutory Authorities responsible to the Minister for Regional Development. Our role incorporates project management and program delivery, coordination of community dialogue, strategic planning, promotion of investment opportunities and partnerships with local government.

For more information, visit [www.wheatbelt.wa.gov.au](http://www.wheatbelt.wa.gov.au).