



Silica Resources Australia and Jabin Indigenous Engineering Scholarship

[Silica Resources Australia](#) (SRA) is proud to partner with [Jabin](#), an Indigenous owned and founded engineering consultancy based in Cairns and Brisbane, to offer one Indigenous engineering scholarship every two years. Silica Resources Australia's Mourilyan Silica Sands project is based at Kurrimine Beach. Jabin founding director and owner Dennis Jose went to school at Innisfail State College, before completing university at CQU in Rockhampton and a professional career working for large engineering consultancies.

This scholarship aims to support the next generation of Indigenous engineers from the Cassowary Coast to make positive and impactful contributions to the lives of their communities through the profession of engineering.

This scholarship forms part of SRA's Indigenous Engagement Plan and is in addition to commitments in the Native Title Agreement with Mamu Aboriginal Corporation.

Indigenous Engineering Scholarship Criteria

- Scholarship is for students either at a university or going into a university degree in engineering the following year.
- For students to study engineering related to the mining sector.
- Scholarship is funded by SRA, through a partnership and professional support with Jabin.

SRA will provide:

- SRA will provide a scholarship, every second year starting in 2026, for funding for living away from home allowance and tuition scholarship to the value of \$20,000 per student, per year (over 40 weeks of the university semesters).

- SRA will provide one \$20,000 per year scholarship amount, offered to a new student every two years, for the duration of their study (4 years). Contribution of \$80,000 per student over the duration of their four-year degree.
- Paid as \$450 per week x 40 weeks = \$18,000
- Remaining \$2,000 is a \$1,000 lump payment at the beginning of each semester to support one-off costs e.g. books, laptop, rental bonds, flights to university etc.
- If working on the SRA site for holiday placement, SRA will support the accommodation costs of the student for the duration of the placement on site, in addition to a salary for the paid placement.
- Opportunity to be considered for work with SRA or Jabin, once the engineering degree is completed.
- Contribution to 12 weeks per year paid university holiday placement shared between SRA and Jabin Offices.

Jabin will provide:

- Contribution to 12 weeks per year paid university holiday placement shared between SRA and Jabin Offices.
- If Brisbane based, Jabin could also provide 1-2 days paid work per week at the Jabin offices at Fortitude Valley, supervised and mentored by registered Indigenous engineers.
- A culturally safe environment for Indigenous students to learn and be mentored.
- Placement in North Queensland on the SRA site (if operations and project staging supports) or with Jabin (eg. into remote communities, depending on projects).

Eligibility Requirements

- **Identification:** Must identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander and be accepted by the community as such. Mamu Nation decedents are especially encouraged to apply.
- **Residency:** Connection to the Cassowary Coast Region. Eg. family might be from Cassowary Coast but currently living away due to family, work, health or study commitments.
- **Education level:** currently studying year 11, year 12 or entering a university course. This includes students finishing grade 12 and taking a gap year. These students may apply in grade 12, and if successful, the scholarship will be held for them for one year.
- **Field of Study:** Currently enrolled in or accepted to an accredited engineering undergraduate program.
- **Academic Standing:** A grade to get them into the engineering course.

Expectations of scholarship recipients:

- Students who have received a scholarship are expected to be available to meet with and support the next students coming through the scholarship program.

- Students must maintain a pass average over rolling 2-year period to maintain the scholarship.
- SRA, Jabin and the student will conduct an annual check-up with each scholarship student to discuss the year and future plans.
- Student must be full-time and complete their degree in 4 years, or if a dual degree 5 years.

Selection Panel:

- Representative from Jabin
- Representative from SRA
- Representative from Mamu Aboriginal Corporation

2026 Timing:

Applications open: Monday 25th August 2025

Applications close: 5pm Friday 5th September 2025

Selection Criteria:

- **Personal Statement:** Submission of a written essay (500 words max) outlining educational journey, cultural connection, and how the scholarship will support future ambitions.
- **References:** At least one letter of recommendation from an academic advisor, mentor, or community leader.

Additional Considerations (Optional)

- **Extra-Curricular Activities:** Participation in clubs, volunteer work, or engineering-related initiatives.

Send your application by email, before the closing date, to Anne Pleash:

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