

Cr. Kerry Hayes
Mayor
Central Highlands Regional Council
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Via email: mayor@chrc.qld.gov.au

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Dear Mayor Hayes

QCoal Foundation Scholarship now open

The QCoal Foundation is focused on building resilient regional and remote Queensland communities. The Central Highlands already benefits from visits from the RFDS Dental Service and I wanted to write to you to highlight another opportunity for communities in your area.

The QCoal Foundation Scholarship is a \$30,000 scholarship awarded annually to a talented student from regional Queensland who plans to study at James Cook University (JCU). We have partnered with JCU on this program because it has one of the highest rates of graduates returning to work in regional and remote communities after graduation and therefore closely aligns with our focus area.

Applications are now open and the enclosed flyer contains more information on the scholarship criteria.

We would appreciate your assistance in spreading the word to ensure students from Central Highlands are aware of this opportunity. We will also be posting videos from previous recipients and highlighting the scholarship on our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/qcoalfoundation/>). You are welcome to share this information directly from our page if it is more convenient for you.

For more information about the QCoal Foundation and our support of health, education and liveability initiatives in regional and remote Queensland, please visit www.qcoalfoundation.org.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or would like more information.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sylvia Bhatia", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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QCoal Foundation Scholarship Now Open

QCoal Foundation is proud to partner with James Cook University (JCU) to provide the QCoal Foundation Scholarship. Established in 2015, the Scholarship aims to support students from regional and remote Queensland communities who intend to commence undergraduate study at JCU.

Students preparing to study, or currently studying geology or science, at JCU are encouraged to apply for a QCoal Foundation Scholarship.

Recipients will receive \$10,000 each year to help them through three years of study.

To be eligible, students:

- ❖ need to have completed Year 12 within two years prior to studying at James Cook University;
 - ❖ must be commencing:
 - their first or second year enrolled in a Geology or Earth Science undergraduate course; or
 - their first year of study in any other undergraduate course
- at a campus or study centre of James Cook University (excluding Brisbane and Singapore).
- ❖ must be currently living in, or have relocated from an outer regional, remote or very remote area of Queensland (See RA3 – RA5 [ASCG Remoteness Categories](#))
 - ❖ be an Australian citizen or holder of an Australian Permanent visa.

A new scholarship is awarded each year. Applications for the 2021 scholarship open on 1 October 2020 and close on 15 January 2021.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to demonstrate their interest in working in rural or regional Queensland.

For more information about the QCoal Foundation Scholarship, please visit www.qcoalfoundation.org



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