The CISA Scholarships recognize the contributions of international students in advocacy work. To support the adequate representation of the student leaders in all sectors, including postgraduate, undergraduate and VET/TAFE at the 2016 CISA National Conference, 13 students in total will be sponsored to attend the conference.

The scholarships are divided into two categories which are the Equity Scholarship and the VET Advocates Scholarship.

CISA Scholarships empower the student leaders and provide a benchmark of excellence and best practice. Join us in celebrating the achievements of the 2016 CISA Scholarships.

“The Equity Scholarship & VET Advocates Scholarship showcase the value of being an international student.”
CISA Scholarships

CISA is always pleased to witness international student individuals’ significant achievements in advocacy and contributions to the communities every year. To appreciate and recognize the passion and hardwork of these outstanding individuals in different sectors, the scholarship are presented into the following categories:

**Equity Scholarship**
- 10 students will be sponsored by StudyNSW
- Open to all international students studying in any sector
- The scholarship covers the flight, accommodation and conference ticket cost

**VET Advocates Scholarship**
- 5 students will be sponsored by Department of Education and Training
- Open to all international students studying in VET/TAFE sector
- The scholarship covers the flight, accommodation and conference ticket cost

**Eligibility Criteria for the Nomination**

**Equity Scholarship**
- Must be an international student representative (non-resident of Australia) and holds a valid visa for study in Australia
- Currently studying or completed a course within the last 6 month (including Postgraduate, Undergraduate and VET/TAFE)
- Nominations are to be made by education institution. Self-nominations will not be accepted
- Two referees who agree to be contacted to provide further information on the nominations must be included

**VET Advocates Scholarship**
- Must be an international student representative (non-resident of Australia) and holds a valid visa for study in Australia
- Currently studying or completed a VET/TAFE course within the last 6 month
- Nominations are to be made by education institution. Self-nominations will not be accepted
- Two referees who agree to be contacted to provide further information on the nominations must be included.
**Nominations**

Nominating the scholarships provides a golden opportunity to reward and encourage the individual international student that is dedicated to promoting equity in Australia. CISA is proud to present these scholarships to recognize their dedication and contributions.

Apart from having the honour of being nominated, the process of preparing nomination often provides valuable character references that the nominee can use in the future.

As well as the prestige of receiving a scholarship, the media attention that the scholars and their institutions often receive within their local communities, school and home countries helps to build their professional reputation.

**Announcement of Results**

The winners will be announced on CISA Website and Facebook. They will be notified by email and contacted by phone calls.

**Key Dates**

- **Wednesday 18 May**: Call for nominations
- **Sunday 5 June**: Nominations close
- **Wednesday 16 June**: Announcement of the Scholarship Recipients
Scholarship Selection Criteria

Equity Scholarship & VET Advocates Scholarship

Selection Criteria

- Demonstrate strong advocacy work for international student community within their institution or constituency
- Enhance international students’ experiences in Australia and support international students’ welfare
- Opportunities or activities that advocate international students’ welfare, including legal and immigration services as well as others
- Facilitate connections and new pathways for community participation among international students

Additional Information

Terms & Condition

1. Application must be completed prior to submission. Any incomplete submission received at the close of nominations will not be considered;
2. Strictly adhere to the number of words reflected within the portion; any excess words will be not be considered as part of the application.
3. Upon submission, CISA Executives reserves the right to use any photos and/or videos provided to be uploaded to CISA Facebook page for voting purposes.
4. No application received after the application deadline will be considered
5. CISA reserves the right and final decision on the award winners

Contact Information

Should you have any enquirers, please do not hesitate to contact

Saba Nabi
National Equity Officer and acting Education Officer

Email: equity@cisa.edu.au
Mobile: +61 435 472 995
2016 CISA National Conference Equity/ VET Advocates Scholarship Application Form

Please ensure that all sections marked with Asterisks (*) are completed.

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A Brief Introduction of yourself and why do you expect to learn from the 2016 CISA National Conference (150 words)
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What is the biggest barrier that international students are facing and what is the most effective way to improve their experience? (200 words)

Past Achievements (Year, Award Title, Organisation)
Nomination

DETAILS OF REFEREES WHO ARE ABLE TO MAKE DIRECT COMMENT ON THE CONTRIBUTION/ SERVICE OF THE PERSON YOU ARE NOMINATING

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Media Consent Form
I hereby grant the Council of International Students Australia (CISA) the absolute and irrevocable right and unrestricted permission in respect of photographic portraits or pictures, video or audio recordings, that have been taken of me or in which I may be included with others.

CISA may use, publish, and republish the same photographs or recordings in whole or in part, individually, in any and all media now or hereafter, and for any purpose whatsoever, for illustration, promotion, art, editorial, advertising and trade, or any purpose whatsoever without restriction as to alteration; and to use my name if CISA chooses.

I hereby release and discharge CISA from any and all claims and demands arising out of or in connection with the use of photographs, including limitations any and all claims for libel or invasion of privacy.

I am of full age and have the right to contract in my own name. I have read the foregoing and fully understand the contents thereof. This release shall be binding upon my heirs, legal representatives, and assigns.

Declaration
☐ I have read and accept the terms and conditions stated in the application form and the information provided is relevant and correct

☐ I have included the application form, nomination form and evidence of International Student Status (copy of Confirmation of Enrollment (COE)) for submission

Signature ___________________________ Date ___________________________

Please return the required information to our National Equity Officer, and acting Education Officer, Saba Nabi at equity@cisa.edu.au before Sunday 5 June 2016.

Thank you for supporting the CISA 6th Conference, we greatly appreciate your support as working towards a Unified International Student Voice.