



**KATHLEEN LUMLEY FOUNDATION INC.**  
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## **Schedule 4**

### **OVERVIEW OF THE KATHLEEN LUMLEY FOUNDATION 2026 LUMLEY TOP-UP SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAM**

#### **About**

The Kathleen Lumley Top-up Scholarships Program ('the Scholarship Program') supports students commencing their Doctor of Philosophy in any field, subject to the alignment of their proposed research with the Foundation's nominated area of focus. The Scholarship is administered in partnership with Flinders University and Adelaide University, who will administer scholarship funds and act as an intermediary between students and the Foundation throughout the application process.

Up to five top-up scholarships will be available in 2026, to be shared across applicants from both partner universities on a merit basis. Applications will open from 8 December 2025 and close on 31 January 2026.

#### **Area of Focus**

The Foundation is seeking to support individuals from any discipline undertaking their PhD on a topic that aligns with three or four of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and has the potential to contribute to systemic change for health access and welfare outcomes.

#### **Top-up Scholarships Benefits**

Successful applicants will receive \$18,000 per year for up to 3.5 years or the completion of their candidature, whichever date is soonest. Payments will be made periodically, in accordance with the recipient's primary scholarship. Where a scholarship is granted after the recipient's first date of enrolment, scholarship payments will be back-dated to that date. The total maximum value of the scholarship will be \$63,000 per student.

Scholarship funds are intended to support all reasonable costs associated with the recipient's capacity to undertake their research and successfully complete their PhD. This may include but is not limited to:

- essential living expenses,
- costs of research and materials,
- research-related travel,
- costs associated with conferences, or
- essential self-care.

### **Eligibility to Apply**

To be eligible to apply, candidates must meet the following criteria:

- they are already in possession of a primary scholarship awarded on the basis of an open and competitive selection process
- they will commence their PhD at a South Australian public university, full-time and within 12 months of submitting this application
- their PhD topic aligns with the Foundation's specified Area of Focus
- South Australia will be their primary place of residence for the duration of their PhD studies, and
- they agree to abide by the Conditions of Award specified below.

Once eligibility is confirmed:

- Applications will primarily be assessed based on the relevance of the applicant's topic to the Foundation's nominated area of focus and its potential for impact.
- In the event of the Foundation receiving more strong applications than there are scholarships available, applicants' individual circumstances with consideration to those who might otherwise experience barriers to the timely completion of their PhD without the Foundation's support, may contribute to the Foundation's final decision making.

Final decisions regarding scholarships will be made by the Council of the Kathleen Lumley Foundation. Decisions will be at the discretion of the Foundation and will not be open to appeal.

### **Conditions of Award**

As part of the Foundation's commitment to building strong and meritorious alumni networks, scholarship recipients will be required to:

- remain enrolled in their PhD full-time for the duration of the scholarship
- progress their PhD milestones according to their enrolling institution and the terms of their enrolment
- adhere to the relevant policy and procedures relating to higher degrees by research at their enrolling institution
- acknowledge the Foundation's support in any resulting theses, publications, presentations, press releases, or anything else that relates to the Scholarship Program, to the extent possible
- participate in the Foundation's annual event for Lumley Scholars, or have prior approval from the Foundation not to participate; and
- make themselves reasonably available for promoting the work of the Foundation such as via ad-hoc contribution to promotional materials and events, including social media.

If a scholarship recipient's research topic is changed during the course of the scholarship, this will require submission to the Foundation for review to ensure continued alignment with the Foundation's nominated area of focus in order for funds to continue.