The Charlie Perkins Scholarships to the University of Oxford and University of Cambridge for the 2015/16 academic year are now open for applications

The Charlie Perkins Scholarship Trust offers three annual scholarships to talented Indigenous Australians for postgraduate study at either the University of Oxford or University of Cambridge in the United Kingdom. The scholarships cover full tuition, travel and living expenses.

The scholarships are directed at Indigenous Australians who have the potential to become leaders in their chosen fields and in their communities.

The scholarships will only be awarded to candidates who have been accepted into a postgraduate degree program offered at either university.


About Dr Charles Perkins AO

The Charlie Perkins Scholarships are inspired by and in memory of Dr Charles Perkins AO – one of the first Indigenous Australians to graduate from university, who dedicated his life to achieving justice for Indigenous Australians.

Dr Perkins became a national figure when, in 1965, he led a group of 30 students through NSW country towns on the “Freedom Ride” to campaign against racial discrimination and poor living conditions. In 1972, he joined other young Aboriginal men and women at the Tent Embassy on the grounds of Parliament House in Canberra to defiantly call for compensation and recognition of Aboriginal land and human rights.