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Scholarship Opportunities Continue for Mature Age Indigenous Australians

Indigenous Business Australia Chair Dr Dawn Casey is pleased to announce the opening of another round of its Scholarship Fund.

The Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) Scholarship Fund provides mature age Indigenous Australians with the opportunity to develop their knowledge and skills in business and finance through tertiary education.

Dr Dawn Casey said that it is important for mature age Indigenous Australians to embrace opportunities for further study.

“The IBA Scholarship Fund provides great opportunities for mature age Indigenous Australians to study in the fields of business, commerce or finance.

“Our IBA scholars will be able to take their skills and qualifications back to their home communities.

“This is an important step to help build economic development within our Indigenous communities,” Dr Casey said.

The fund provides comprehensive, tailored financial assistance to successful Scholarship applicants, giving them the opportunity to study away from home if need be.

Qualifications that the fund supports can be achieved at TAFE, University and other relevant education providers.

Courses can relate to business, accounting, financial management, commerce, tourism management, or governance.

Ross Andrews, a business student from Cairns currently assisted by IBA, has found his study experience to be challenging, yet rewarding.

“It’s been 15 years since I last studied and it’s highly challenging being in an academic environment after a considerable time working.

“But it’s personally stimulating, and my professional and life experience has enabled me to embrace those challenges quite quickly”, Ross said.

Applications for this round of Scholarships are open now for mature age Indigenous Australians looking to study in 2011. Applications close 30 September 2010.

Application forms, eligibility criteria and further information are available at www.iba.gov.au/scholarships or for other enquiries, email scholarships@iba.gov.au or call 1800 107 107.

Profiles of some of the first round scholars can be viewed in IBA’s Inspire Magazine - <http://www.iba.gov.au/welcome-to-issue-four-of-inspire/learning-to-achieve-share-and-enhance/>

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