

Scholarships

David Down Memorial Scholarship



Avondale University offers the David Down Memorial Scholarship to encourage and recognise a student enrolled in the first year of a ministry or theology degree course who has a passion and a gift for communicating the gospel but cannot access the Australian government loan scheme FEE-HELP.

Details

The scholarship is worth \$3000. The successful applicant receives \$1500 in their second semester of study and \$1500 in the third semester of study. Avondale will apply the money to the recipient's tuition account. The money for the scholarship comes from the David Down Memorial Scholarship Reserve, which royalties from Pr David Down's books *Unwrapping the Pharaohs*, *The Archaeology Book* and *Unveiling the Kings of Israel* and the Down family funds.

As a student at the Australasian Missionary College in the 1940s, David would cycle into the local community every Sabbath afternoon, knocking on doors, initiating Bible studies and helping out. That zeal stayed with him for more than 50 years in his work as a Seventh-day Adventist minister and evangelist, witnessing to those representing a range of faiths. A former missionary to India, David founded monthly archaeology newsletter *Diggings* and bi-monthly magazine *Archaeological Diggings* in his retirement. He edited both for 20 years. He also recorded weekly archaeology segments for radio and led a monthly archaeology club at Wesley Mission in Sydney. A gifted speaker, David presented many archaeology-based evangelistic programs, including one in the Sydney Opera House, and Adventist Media's *Digging up the Past* video and Bible-study series. He died on March 16, 2018, only three weeks short of his 100th birthday.

Eligibility

The scholarship is available to all Australian permanent residents, New Zealand citizens (excluding special category visa holders) or New Zealand permanent residents enrolled in the first year of a ministry or theology degree course.

Conditions

Avondale awards the scholarship at census date subject to the recipient:

- Meeting requirements for admission in four units per semester (or, at the discretion of the Avondale Seminary Head, in less than four units) into a ministry or theology degree course at Avondale;
- Agreeing to give permission for Student Finance Services to verify their eligibility;
- Completing the David Down Memorial Scholarship Application Form; and
- Completing a successful interview with the Avondale Seminary Head and a member of the seminary's Church Ministry Strand.

Criteria

Applicants for the scholarship must:

- Demonstrate commitment to communicating the gospel and skills as a communicator.

Recipients of the scholarship must:

- Participate in a donor–recipient acknowledgement process initiated by Avondale;
- Maintain an academic status of good standing (which, for a full-time student, means passing at least three units per semester), and;
- Maintain good standing in the community. (Scholarships may be revoked at the discretion of the Discipline Committee, where the recipient brings the name of Avondale into disrepute.)

Recipients of the scholarship cannot:

- Redeem the scholarship for cash (except if the recipient is named on the graduation list and their account is in credit after meeting all charges—which may have taxation implications), and;
- Transfer or defer the scholarship.

Application details

Applicants for the scholarship must:

- Submit the David Down Memorial Scholarship Application Form by August 4 to seminary@avondale.edu.au.

Enquiries

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Student Finance Services

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Application form

Full name: _____

Phone (Mobile): _____

Email: _____

How would you demonstrate your commitment to communicating the gospel?

How would you demonstrate skills as a communicator?

Provide details of a local church minister or a community or school leader who is willing to supply a reference on your behalf.

Title: _____

Full Name: _____

Phone (Mobile): _____

Indicate to which account you would prefer your scholarship be credited (mark only one box):

☐ General Fees Account (including accommodation and/or other expenses)

☐ Tuition Account

Signature: _____

Date: _____