



THE CHARLIE PERKINS
Scholarship Trust

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to the University of Oxford and the University of Cambridge

The Charlie Perkins Scholarship Trust is offering two annual postgraduate scholarships to provide talented Indigenous Australians with the opportunity to study at either the University of Oxford or the University of Cambridge for up to three years.

The scholarships are directed at Indigenous Australians who have the potential to become leaders in their field of study and in their communities. The first two Charlie Perkins scholars have been funded by the Australian Government, the British Government (through the Chevening program) and Rio Tinto. Qantas is the official airline partner for the scholarships.

The Charlie Perkins Scholarships will only be awarded to candidates who have been accepted into a postgraduate degree program offered at either the University of Oxford or the University of Cambridge. In most circumstances, candidates will need to hold a First Class or upper Second Class Honours degree in order to be accepted to either university.

Applications for the 2012/13 Charlie Perkins Scholarships will open on Monday 15 August 2011 and will close on Friday 14 October 2011.

Applicants are required to submit their application to the University of Cambridge by 1 December 2011 and to the University of Oxford by 20 January 2012.

For further details on how to apply, please go to the Charlie Perkins Trust website at:

www.perkinstrust.com.au



Charlie Perkins c.1963

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About Dr Charles Perkins AO

The Charlie Perkins Scholarships are inspired by and in memory of Dr Charles Perkins AO – Australia's first Indigenous man 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.

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