



# Providing prestigious scholarships for high-achieving South Australians







## Summing up success

**\$5.7 m** financial support provided to SA tertiary students since 2010

**\$680,000+** Playford Trust and partner support confirmed for 2023/24

**600+** students supported over the past decade

**94** tertiary students supported in 2023

**36** industry, education and community partners

## Priority areas

**Advanced manufacturing and new technologies**

**Water, energy and climate change**

**Agriculture, aquaculture and food production**

**Space and defence technologies**

**Resources, energy and sustainability**

**Health sciences and enabling technologies**

## Investing in South Australia's future



### The Playford Trust supports high-achieving tertiary students contributing to South Australia's skills, knowledge and research base.

Together with partners across industry, government, the education sector and the community, it assists students undertaking undergraduate, Honours or PhD programs at the three main universities, or studying through TAFESA.

The Trust focuses particularly on areas of strategic and economic importance to the State.

A key aim is to actively encourage outstanding students into science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) careers, complementing Federal and State Government programs.

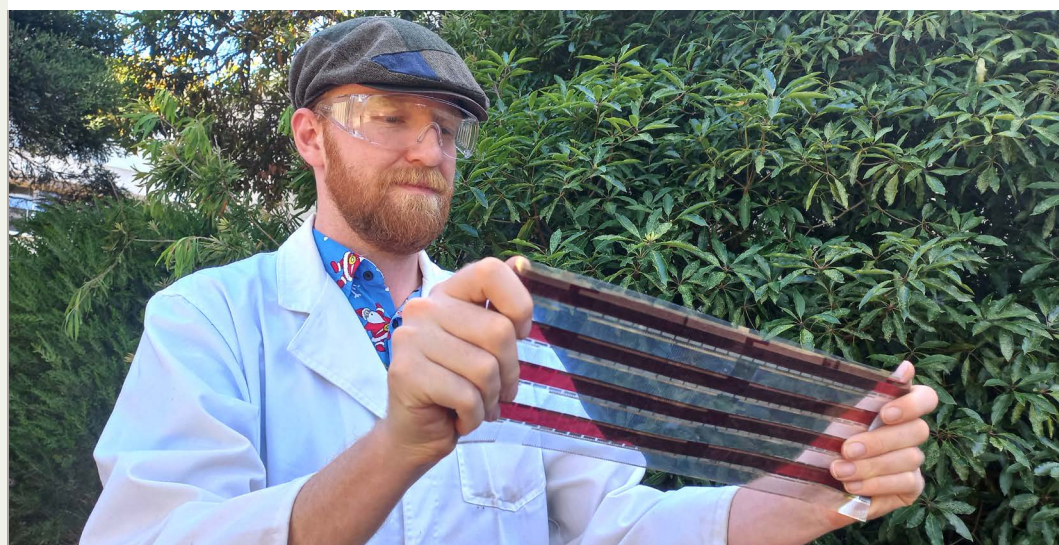
Established in 1983 in honour of Sir Thomas Playford, SA's longest-serving Premier, the Trust enjoys bipartisan political support as a not-for-profit, charitable trust operating under its own deed. It is governed by a voluntary board and administered with assistance

from the Department of the Premier and Cabinet.

The first university scholarship was awarded to a PhD student of horticulture in 1987. Awards for TAFESA students were first offered in 1999.

In recent years, the Trust's reach and impact have increased dramatically, as have the number and value of its annual disbursements. Partners often also offer work experience, internships and valuable industry networking.

The Trust's funding comes from a range of sources, including income from its own investments; contributions or sponsorships from industry, the education sector and the community; an annual State Government grant; donations from individuals and foundations; additional specific grants from government; and bequests. Donations are tax deductible.



## Scholarships and awards

For details about all of the following scholarships, please visit [playfordtrust.com.au/scholarships-and-awards](https://playfordtrust.com.au/scholarships-and-awards)

### Undergraduate and Honours

**The Andy Thomas Foundation/Playford Trust Scholarships** | 8 @ \$5000 x 1 year | **First-year** students on an undergraduate aerospace or space science and astrophysics study pathway at the University of Adelaide or University of South Australia

**Aurecon/Playford Trust Scholarship** | 1 @ \$10,000 x 1 year | **Final-year student** studying electrical engineering or civil and business/commerce (or similar second degree); or **fourth-year student** in electrical or civil engineering | Work placement included

**AusIMM/Playford Trust Minerals Industry Scholarships** | 3 @ \$9000 x 1 year | **Honours or fourth-year** student studying geoscience, mining engineering, chemical engineering or environmental engineering

**Built/Playford Trust Civil, Structural, and Construction Engineering Honours Scholarship** | 1 @ \$10,000 x 1 year | **Honours** student studying civil, structural or construction engineering | Work placement included

**Clean Seas/Playford Trust Scholarship** | 1 @ \$20,000 over 2 years | **Third-year** student prepared to undertake a fourth year of study in aquaculture | Work placement included

**Codan/Playford Trust Scholarship in Engineering** | 1 @ \$10,000 x 1 year | **Third-year, fourth-year or Honours student** studying electronic engineering, signal processing or physics, and having an interest in sensing systems | Paid work placement

**Coopers Brewery/Playford Trust Honours Scholarship** | 1 @ \$7000 x 1 year | **Honours** student studying at the Waite Research Institute in the field of barley breeding science or yeast fermentation | Work placement opportunity

**GSA/Playford Trust Scholarship in Earth Sciences** | 2 @ \$4000 x 1 year | **Honours** student studying earth sciences

**Nyrstar/Playford Trust Scholarships** | 4 @ \$20,000 over 2 years | Undergraduates beginning their **third year** of studies in

chemical, mechanical or electrical engineering | Paid work placements

**OZ Minerals/Playford Trust Minerals Industry Honours Scholarship** | 1 @ \$9000 x 1 year | **Honours** student studying geoscience, mining engineering or chemical engineering | Work placement opportunity

**Peak Iron Mines/Playford Trust Scholarship** | 2 @ \$10,000 (**Honours or fourth year**) or 1 @ \$10,000 (**Honours or fourth year**) and 2 @ \$5000 (**First, second or third year**) | Students in mining engineering, geology, geoscience, or environmental sciences | Work placement opportunities

**Playford Trust Resources Sector Engineering Scholarships** | Up to 20 @ \$20,000 over 2 years | **Undergraduates beginning studies** in mining engineering or petroleum engineering at the University of Adelaide | Supported by Iluka Resources, OZ Minerals, Rex Minerals, Santos, the Government of South Australia and SACOME | Work placement opportunity

**Playford Trust Honours Scholarships** | 12 @ \$7000 x 1 year | **Honours** students studying in one of the Trust's priority areas | 4 scholarships for each of the three universities

**Playford Trust Resources Sector Honours in Geoscience Scholarship** | 1 @ \$10,000 x 1 year | **Honours** student studying geoscience | Supported by Cooper Energy, the Government of South Australia and SACOME | Work placement opportunity

**SA Power Networks/Playford Trust Scholarship** | 1 @ \$7000 x 1 year | **Final-year** electrical engineering student interested in the fields of power engineering or asset management | Work placement opportunity

**Ultra Electronics/Playford Trust Scholarship** | 1 @ \$10,000 x 1 year | **Third- or fourth-year** undergraduate in electronic engineering, computer science, systems engineering or applied physics | Work placement opportunity

**WSP/ Playford Trust Engineering Scholarship** | 1 @ \$10,000 x 1 year | **Honours or fourth-year** student studying civil, structural, mechanical or electrical engineering or environmental studies | Work placement included

### PhD

**Playford Trust PhD Scholarships** | 3 @ \$26,250 over 3.5 years | Students undertaking a PhD in one of the Trust's priority areas

**Defence Science and Technology Group/ Playford Trust Scholarships** | 3 @ \$35,000 over 3.5 years | PhD students working in areas of strategic importance to the defence industry | Work placement opportunities

### Rural and regional

**Playford Trust Rural & Regional STEM Scholarships** | 6 @ \$5000 x 1 year | **First-year undergraduates** studying science, engineering, mathematics or technology | Home base in rural or regional South Australia

**St Ann's College/Playford Trust Residential Scholarships** | 3 @ \$10,000 x 1 year | **Undergraduates** commencing and continuing their residency at St Ann's and studying in one of the Trust's priority areas

### Vocational Education and Training

**Playford Trust/TAFE SA Awards** | Up to 15 @ \$3000 x 1 year | Three industry sectors:

#### Modern industries and new technology

– Including 2 awards specific to this sector provided by TAFESA

#### Agriculture, agribusiness and food production

– Including 2 awards specific to this sector provided by Sandy's Memorial Trust

#### Environment, conservation and horticulture

– Including up to 3 awards specific to this sector provided by Open Gardens South Australia, and 1 provided by Friends of the Botanic Gardens of Adelaide.

**Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden / Playford Trust Award** | 1 @ \$5000 award to support the professional development of an **AALBG trainee** in the field of horticulture.

### Trust Board

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# Support South Australia's best and brightest

There are three ways in which any organisation, family or individual can help the Playford Trust make a difference.

## The first is to fund a specific scholarship or award.

These are named and presented jointly by the partner and the Trust. All funds go directly to the student.

There are four main categories:

- PhD scholarships
- Honours and third- or fourth-year scholarships
- Graduate-entry scholarships for rural and regional students
- TAFESA study awards

## The second option is to provide untied funds.

These will be used to support scholarships and awards as befits the needs for that year. Supporters can ask to support specific areas of study or academic level.

Ongoing supporters, like industry partners, are acknowledged in the Trust's newsletter and website, through the media and at annual awards nights attended by members of the business, community, government and university sectors.

## The third option is to make a one-off or recurring donation.

Gifts over \$2 to the Playford Trust are

tax deductible. To make a secure online credit card donation at any time, visit [shoutforgood.com.au](http://shoutforgood.com.au) and search for Playford Trust. There are also options for bank transfers or cheques.

For full information about donations, bequests and partnering, please visit [playfordtrust.com.au/funding](http://playfordtrust.com.au/funding).



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