

Jake Keller Scholarship Application Form

Student name:

CIT No:

Applications are being sought for the 8th round of the *Jake Keller Scholarship*.

Background:

Justin Alfred (Jake) Keller 16/03/1934 – 20/01/2014.

Jake Keller was a man of charming and engaging personality and a passionate educator over many years in New Zealand and Australia (Sydney and Canberra).

The school environment was well suited to his talents. In the school setting, Jake was able to apply his educational philosophies, his inclusiveness, his creativity and his achievements. His commitment and contribution to education were inspirational.

Jake became a Foundation Member of the National Arboretum Canberra when the Foundation Program was established in February 2013. The financial contributions of this program helps support the National Arboretum Canberra grow into one of the world's great arboreta; a place of outstanding natural beauty, community amenity and scientific benefit.

Jake would be thrilled to know this scholarship linking two of his passions, the National Arboretum Canberra and education has been created in his name. The Jake Keller Scholarship will provide an incredible opportunity for a CIT Horticulture student to carry out their studies and have this remarkable chance to work at the National Arboretum Canberra with the horticulture team.

Eligible students should be in their **final year of any certificate III course within the CIT Department of Horticulture** and should also be **considering further studies in horticulture at CIT**.

The *Jake Keller Scholarship* is worth **\$1,000**, which will be a contribution towards the **CIT tuition fees in the chosen qualification in horticulture**. This would need to be redeemed within 12 months of receipt. The recipient of the scholarship will be also eligible to do **work experience** at the National Arboretum Canberra.

The **work experience** will be arranged with horticultural staff at the National Arboretum and would be for the duration of one week. The scholarship recipient will gain valuable professional development in contemporary horticulture practices

Applicant to complete the following sections 1–6 – your submission may be electronic or paper based.

The application should be submitted by **COB Friday 15 November 2024** to the Head of Department for horticulture: Julie.Collins@cit.edu.au

For enquiries, contact Julie Collins on (02) 6207 3024.

NOTE: The answer to each section should not be more than one page in length. Refer to the selection criteria when formulating your responses.

1. State reasons why you consider further study in horticulture at Canberra Institute of Technology would be of benefit to you, both personally and professionally?
2. In what way would an internship at the National Arboretum enhance your career in horticulture?
3. What do you consider to be some of the biggest challenges facing tree management in the Canberra region at present?
4. In what ways do large-scale horticultural facilities such as the National Arboretum, the Australian National Botanic Gardens and Commonwealth Park benefit the community of Canberra and region?
5. Give a description of a horticultural project that you have undertaken, and of which you have been most proud.
6. Append relevant documentation or supporting evidence – these should include:
 - i) Your CV and academic history/CIT record of results
 - ii) Supporting statement from teacher(s)
 - iii) Supporting statement from workplace or relevant industry group representative
 - iv) Examples of large horticultural projects or community work that you have been involved in
 - v) Other documents of your choice

Signed: Date: CIT No:

Selection criteria

Applicants will be judged against the following criteria:

- Evidence of academic commitment and achievement in previous horticultural study at CIT
- Evidence that they could use their skills to further the horticultural industry in the Canberra region
- Evidence that they have participated in a range of horticultural practical work within the horticultural industry or allied community group
- Demonstrated commitment to horticultural study
- Specialised interest demonstrated in trees, arboriculture and large-scale horticulture
- Evidence of understanding of environmental issues facing the local ACT region and importance of living tree collections
- Aptitude for personal development related to horticulture

The winning applicant will be selected by a panel consisting of: the Head of Department, Horticulture (CIT), the curator of Living Collection at the National Arboretum, former head of Curriculum Corporation and close friend and colleague of Jake's David Francis and Trish Keller OAM.

The winning recipient of the scholarship will be notified by **Friday 29 November 2024**.
A presentation ceremony will be confirmed at a later date.