

Application closing date:
5pm Wednesday, 6 September 2023

Award value:
\$10,000

The Brett Graham Scholarship is a joint initiative between the Hunter TAFE Foundation and the Hunter Culinary Association; together our aim is to nurture young and aspiring apprentice chefs. The scholarship is inspired by Novocastrian, and former TAFE NSW student Brett Graham, who now owns, and is executive chef at The Ledbury in London, one of the world's top 100 restaurants.

This scholarship is valued at \$10,000 and will comprise of:

- return flights to London
- travel assistance
- the opportunity to work beside Brett for a month in his various businesses, including The Ledbury, The Harwood Arms, and his growing deer, pig, and cattle agribusiness. This opportunity could potentially lead to employment.
- enrolment into the Certificate IV in Kitchen Management (SIT4052) at TAFE NSW Hamilton.

Eligibility criteria

To be eligible for this award, applicants must:

be a second or third year cookery apprentice currently enrolled at TAFE NSW Hamilton, TAFE NSW Kurri Kurri or TAFE NSW Ourimbah, or an apprentice who has completed their training and final assessment within the past twelve months at the above campuses.

be a member of the Hunter Culinary Association (free to register – hunterculinary.com.au).

Important dates

Applications close 5pm Wednesday, 6 September 2023.

All applicants will be notified by Friday, 8 September 2023, if they are successful and eligible to compete in the Brett Graham Scholarship.

A masterclass will be held on Wednesday, 20 September 2023.

A preliminary cook-off competition will be held on Tuesday, 24 October 2023.

Finalist competition will be held on Tuesday, 31 October 2023.

Important information

If you require assistance with completing the form, please contact your employer or head teacher.

Application form to be completed by student (applicant).

Please keep a copy of your application and attachments.

All applicants must agree to abide by the decision of the judging panel and no appeals will be entered into.

Enrolment in the Certificate IV in Kitchen Management (SIT4052) with TAFE NSW Hamilton campus is tenable for two years, subject to any COVID-19 related health advice.

Submit your application by 5pm, Wednesday, 6 September 2023

Email: hunter.foundation@tafensw.edu.au



Part A - Applicant details

Family name: First/other names:
Date of birth (dd/mm/yy): Age: Sex: Male Female
Postal address:
Suburb: State: Postcode:
Phone: Mobile:
Email:
Course: Campus:

Part B - Declaration

- I declare that the information supplied by me on this form and attached documents, is complete, true, and correct in every particular. I authorise TAFE NSW to obtain details of my enrolment, academic record, and examination results, including details of enrolment variations, attendance, and addresses during the year, in connection with my application.
- I accept that the Hunter TAFE Foundation is under no obligation to consider me for any scholarship for which I have not lodged a written expression of interest.
- I authorise the release of this application and supporting documents to appropriate persons within TAFE NSW and/or the scholarship selection panel, in confidence, as a part of any selection process for administration and/or scholarship, which may follow.
- I accept that the selection panels decision cannot be appealed and no correspondence concerning the decision, will be entered into.
- I agree to abide by the Hunter TAFE Foundations conditions of award, course regulations, and rules, where applicable.
- I am aware that there are severe penalties for providing false or misleading information and that I may be required to repay monies received, to which I am not entitled.
- I understand that, should I be awarded the Brett Graham Scholarship, I must undertake the Certificate IV in Kitchen Management (SIT4052) at TAFE NSW Hamilton, within two years of receiving the scholarship.

Applicant name

Applicant signature

Date

Privacy

The information provided by you on this nomination form and attachments will be used by TAFE NSW and the Hunter TAFE Foundation, for the purpose of administration, judging, and general communication in regards to the scholarship. Provision of this information is essential to determine your eligibility for consideration of the scholarship. Information will be stored securely. If you do not provide all information, then your application may not be eligible for entry.

Part C - Applicant statement



Applicants must attach an 800 word entry, outlining how they meet the following selection criteria:

1. Describe how you have demonstrated high achievement within your industry role.
2. Describe your passion and desire for an overseas learning experience.
3. Describe how, as an ambassador for TAFE NSW and the Hunter Culinary Association, you would contribute to activities held by both organisations and act as a role model for apprentices.
4. Provide an outline of a plan for your culinary education experience, should you be awarded the scholarship.

If the applicant's entry successfully meets the above entry requirements, they may be selected to participate in the masterclass and preliminary cook-off competition.

The preliminary cook-off to be held on Tuesday, 24 October 2023, will take the following format:

1. Mystery box
2. Three course menu

Entrée

Be creative with asparagus and an egg.

Main

Prawn and pasta, using the prawn carcass to make a sauce and the prawn meat to fill the pasta.

Dessert

Using strawberries, chocolate and green tea.

Number of servings: 4

Any queries can be put to the judges on the day. All competitors will be awarded marks for various cookery components including hygiene, preparation, cookery skills, taste, innovation, menu planning principles, application, and interview. The judges' decision is final.

by emailing completed form to hunter.foundation@tafensw.edu.au

1.0 Establishment and purpose

- 1.1 The Brett Graham Scholarship was established by the Hunter Culinary Association and TAFE NSW in the Hunter and Central Coast region, to award student excellence in commercial cookery at TAFE NSW, via a culinary competition.
- 1.2 The Brett Graham Scholarship is funded and managed by TAFE NSW and the Hunter Culinary Association and administered by the Hunter TAFE Foundation.
- 1.3 The competition panel has been established to assess the Brett Graham Scholarship on behalf of TAFE NSW, Hunter Culinary Association and Hunter TAFE Foundation.
- 1.4 One (1) Brett Graham Scholarship will be awarded annually at the sole discretion of the competition panel.

2.0 Definitions

- 2.1 **“Applicant”** means a student who applies for the Brett Graham Scholarship by completing and submitting a Brett Graham Scholarship application form in accordance with the application process.
- 2.2 **“Application process”** means the process set out in clause 3.0 of these terms and conditions as amended or varied by the Hunter TAFE Foundation from time to time in its sole discretion.
- 2.3 **“Application form”** means the Brett Graham Scholarship application form which must be completed by an applicant and which is available from tafensw.edu.au/scholarships.
- 2.4 **“Brett Graham Scholarship preliminary cook-off”** means a stage of the competition whereby all contestants compete to obtain a position as a finalist in the Brett Graham Scholarship Final.
- 2.5 **“Brett Graham Scholarship Final”** mean the final stage of the competition whereby the three finalists compete to be declared the winner of the Brett Graham Scholarship
- 2.6 **“Competition”** means the two stages that are required for an eligible contestant to successfully complete to be named as the winner.
- 2.7 **“Competition panel”** means a panel assembled by TAFE NSW Hamilton and partner Hunter Culinary Association to assess applicants on their application form and competition performance; inclusive of representatives of TAFE NSW and industry.
- 2.8 **“Eligible contestant”** means an applicant who meets the criteria for eligibility for the award of the Brett Graham Scholarship as set out in clause 4.0 of the terms and conditions.
- 2.9 **“Finalists”** means the three eligible contestants which are selected by the competition panel to compete in the Brett Graham Scholarship final.
- 2.10 **“Scholarship”** means the Brett Graham Scholarship, valued at up to \$10,000, awarded by the Hunter TAFE Foundation in accordance with these terms and conditions.
- 2.11 **“Scholarship offer and acceptance form”** means the form which must be completed by the winner and is to be issued by the Hunter TAFE Foundation.
- 2.12 **“Successful applicant”** means an eligible contestant who is offered the Brett Graham Scholarship by the Hunter TAFE Foundation in accordance with the process set out in clause 5.0 of these terms and conditions.
- 2.13 **“Winner”** means successful applicant is deemed the most outstanding in the competition and who accepts the Brett Graham Scholarship by completing and returning the scholarship offer and acceptance form in accordance with the process set out in clause 6.0 of these terms and conditions.

3.0 Application process

- 3.1 An applicant must complete an application form and submit it prior to the closing date as outlined on the application form.
- 3.2 The applicant must acknowledge and accept the Brett Graham Scholarship terms and conditions by signing and dating their application form.
- 3.3 Provided all aspects of the application form are sufficiently addressed by the applicant (as determined by the competition panel in their sole discretion) and the applicant is eligible, the applicant will be invited to compete in the Brett Graham Scholarship preliminary cook-off in accordance with the competition as outlined in the application form.
- 3.4 Three (3) eligible contestants will be announced as finalists as determined by the competition panel in their sole discretion and will compete in the Brett Graham Scholarship competition final.
- 3.5 The competition panel may, at their sole discretion, confer with the Hunter Culinary Association to confirm the suitability of an applicant.

4.0 Student eligibility for Brett Graham Scholarship

- 4.1 The Brett Graham Scholarship may be awarded to an eligible contestant who has completed and lodged an application form and who, as determined by the competition panel as eligible (in its sole discretion), satisfies all of the following criteria:
 - 4.1.1 Is currently enrolled in the Certificate III in Commercial Cookery at TAFE NSW Hamilton, TAFE NSW Ourimbah or TAFE NSW Kurri Kurri campus as a second (2nd) or third (3rd) year apprentice, or has completed the cookery apprenticeship within the previous 12 months with TAFE NSW Hamilton, TAFE NSW Ourimbah or TAFE NSW Kurri Kurri at the time of applying for and receiving the Brett Graham Scholarship.

- 4.1.2 Is a member of the Hunter Culinary Association.
- 4.1.3 Has supplied all required information as requested in the application form.

- 4.2 Incomplete application forms will not be considered by the competition panel.
- 4.3 The competition panel is under no obligation to attempt to contact any applicant who incorrectly completes and/or submits an application form and will, at his or her discretion, contact an applicant on not more than two (2) occasions in an effort to obtain information which is missing, or has not been completed correctly. Should all required information not be provided, the application form will be withdrawn by the competition panel and notice sent to the applicant.

5.0 Offer of Brett Graham Scholarship

- 5.1 The competition panel, in its sole discretion, will announce one (1) finalist as the winner at the Brett Graham Scholarship final.
- 5.2 The winner will be sent a scholarship offer and acceptance form.
- 5.3 Unsuccessful finalists will be notified verbally at the Brett Graham Scholarship final.

6.0 Acceptance of Brett Graham Scholarship

- 6.1 The winner must complete and return the scholarship offer and acceptance form as soon as possible and as a pre-condition to payment of the scholarship.
- 6.2 For the avoidance of doubt, the winner acknowledges and agrees that the award of a scholarship is conditional upon the winner signing and returning to the Hunter TAFE Foundation the scholarship offer and acceptance form.

7.0 Award and payment of Brett Graham Scholarship

- 7.1 Following the winner's completion and return of the Brett Graham Scholarship offer and acceptance form, the scholarship funds will be paid as follows:
 - 7.1.1 A quotation for flights and travel insurance must be sourced by the winner and provided to the Hunter TAFE Foundation for payment.
 - 7.1.2 Remaining monies, less the cost of the flights and travel insurance, up to the value of \$8,500 will be made available to the winner in a cheque to the winner within 14 days of departure.
 - 7.1.3 \$1,500 will be held by the Hunter TAFE Foundation for the enrolment of the winner in the Certificate IV in Kitchen Management (SIT4052) at TAFE NSW Hamilton. The winner is required to undertake the Certificate IV in Kitchen Management within two years.

- 7.2 The Hunter TAFE Foundation is under no obligation to pay or make available any part of the Brett Graham Scholarship until it has received a signed and completed scholarship offer and acceptance form.

8.0 Conditions of scholarship

- 8.1 The winner acknowledges and agrees that the following conditions apply to the award of the Brett Graham Scholarship:
 - 8.1.1 On request by the Hunter TAFE Foundation, TAFE NSW or Hunter Culinary Association, the winner must provide an update on how the Brett Graham Scholarship has assisted them in their career journey.
 - 8.1.2 The winner will be required to provide an update of their journey prior to the next Brett Graham Scholarship this may be in person at the Brett Graham Scholarship final or via video.
 - 8.1.3 The winner must agree to be available for promotional and marketing photography in line with the TAFE NSW authority to publish.
 - 8.1.4 Any decision of the competition panel regarding the Brett Graham Scholarship is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
 - 8.1.5 The winner is expected to be an ambassador for TAFE NSW, the Hunter TAFE Foundation and the Hunter Culinary Association and uphold the values of each organisation, behaving in accordance with the TAFE NSW student code of conduct, at all times.
 - 8.1.6 The Hunter TAFE Foundation reserves the right to withdraw any unpaid monies or request repayment of monies awarded for the Brett Graham Scholarship, should a winner fail to meet any of the requirements as outlined in these Terms and Conditions (as determined by the Hunter TAFE Foundation).
 - 8.1.7 COVID-19 Clause: The scholarship is subject to change, due to changes in COVID-19 health advice.

9.0 Variation

- 9.1 The Hunter TAFE Foundation in consultation with TAFE NSW and the Hunter Culinary Association may vary these terms and conditions or any form or process referred to herein at any time and without notice.