

RAJ KANNAN LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

INTRODUCTION

Mr Raj Kannan is one of Victoria University's distinguished 90 Legends. He graduated from Footscray Institute of Technology in 1988 with a Bachelor of Engineering. He was President of the Overseas Student Association and Co-President of the SRC and involved in other student leadership activities. Mr Kannan believes that the leadership experience he gained at FIT was invaluable to his later career.

As a consequence Mr Kannan would like to give back to VU by establishing a scholarship that will support and encourage students to undertake leadership activities at VU. Mr Kannan has proposed a scholarship to the value of \$5000 per annum which he would support for an initial period of 10 years.

MANAGEMENT OF DONATIONS

Through the generosity of our friends, supporters and partners we are able to provide better services for our students and enhance our teaching, learning and research capability. Scholarships are an important mechanism for providing opportunities to students to continue their studies at a tertiary level.

While VU places a strong emphasis on access and equity, it also seeks to attract high achieving students who may not otherwise have the opportunity to pursue post-compulsory education. We also seek to provide opportunities for all our students to assist them in their personal development and to assist them develop the skills and capabilities that will be important in their subsequent careers.

We welcome the opportunity provided by generous donors to expand the pool of scholarships we can offer to our students.

Funds donated to support scholarships and awards are managed by the Victoria University Foundation which is a controlled entity of the University but maintains a separate bank account and separate financial statements.

A Fund would be established within the Foundation in the agreed name of the scholarship and interest would accrue on the funds held.

The donor would be provided with an annual report on the balance of funds and any disbursements, in addition, to a brief report on the progress of the scholarship recipient.

SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

The Raj Kannan Leadership Scholarship will provide students with the following:

- A financial package* of support of \$5000. The package will be provided as a combination of cash or kind to support any of the following:
 - Purchase of books or computer or other key expenses
 - Assistance with a summer internship
 - Attendance at external leadership courses, e.g. Leadership Victoria Workshop /short course
 - Travel and attendance to a relevant conference e.g. Australian International Education Conference (AIEC)

*The mix of opportunities would be discussed with the recipient to determine what best meets their needs.

- Mentoring from a senior VU alumni

Eligibility criteria:

1. Must be a student enrolled full time at Victoria University
2. Must not be in their first or final year of study
3. Must have participated in accredited Student Leadership activities

SELECTION CRITERIA

Applicants must answer the following in 200 words or less per criterion:

1. Describe how the nominee has contributed to the betterment of his or her fellow students and the University community.
2. Describe how the nominee demonstrates passion and determination to pursue a variety of leadership activities throughout their studies*.
3. Describe how the scholarship will assist the nominee in continuing their activities and contributions.
4. Provide justification as to why you believe the nominee deserves to receive such a scholarship.

*Please specify whether activities are paid or unpaid (volunteer)

Selection Process

- Nominations will be submitted to the Student Leadership team as part of the annual Student Leadership Awards process
- Nominations will be considered by a panel comprising;
 - Mr Kannan or a representative
 - Representative of the Victoria University Foundation
 - The Student Leadership Coordinator
 - A final year student involved in Student Leadership

PAYMENT & PRESENTATION OF SCHOLARSHIP

The Raj Kannan Leadership Scholarship will be announced each year at the Student Leadership Awards, presented by Raj Kannan or a nominee.

The Student Leadership Coordinator and a representative of the Victoria University Foundation will meet with the recipient to determine how the scholarship package will be distributed depending on their individual needs.

RECIPIENT OBLIGATIONS

The recipient of the Raj Kannan Leadership Scholarship will be asked to:

- Attend the Student Leadership Conference
- Attend the Student Leadership Council
- Provide a report to the donor on their activities in the 12 months following the receipt of the Award