

Significant personal challenges or life difficulties that can be considered under difficult circumstances for Coursework Scholarships applications

- **Significant family responsibilities or disruption**, including
 - Illness of an immediate family member,
 - caring for an immediate family member with a disability or health condition,
 - supporting an immediate family member by translating and/or attending appointments,
 - imprisonment of immediate family,
 - divorce or separation in the family, and/or living in a single-parent household, or
 - Bereavement due to the death of a family member or close friend.
- **Experience of care or housing insecurity**, including current or past
 - homelessness,
 - kinship care,
 - out of home care, or
 - ward of the state.
- **Exposure to harm or unsafe environments**, such as
 - crime,
 - bullying,
 - racism,
 - sexism,
 - homophobia or transphobia,
 - domestic or family violence,
 - assault, or
 - other abusive home situations.
- **Identity related challenges**, including sharing or expressing LGBTIQ+ identity with family or friends.
- **Severe external impacts on home or livelihood**, such as a family or home business affected by natural disasters (e.g. drought, bushfire, flood).

Examples not considered relevant to this category include:

- **Circumstances already covered elsewhere**, such as medical, health, learning or neurodivergent conditions; rural isolation or school location; or financial disadvantage.
- **Normal educational or extracurricular experiences**, including school or university responsibilities (e.g. committee membership), participation in sport or theatre, or limitations in school equipment.
- **Routine institutional factors**, such as teacher absences.
- **Personal life choices** not arising from significant adversity or disadvantage.

Please note this list is in no way prescriptive or exhaustive and should only be used as a guide. If you are unsure about what circumstances might be considered within this category, please contact Coursework Scholarships at scholarships@rmit.edu.au to discuss further, making sure to do so **before the application closes**.

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