CERTA CITO FOUNDATION

The Official Charity of the Royal Australian Corps of Signals



Scholarship Fund

Investing in Education, Empowering Futures

Prospectus 2025



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The transition from military to civilian life is a profound journey for many veterans and their families. As the structure and bonds of military service recede, individuals may find themselves facing new challenges, uncertainties, and, at times, hardship.

The Royal Australian Corps of Signals and the broader Australian Defence Force (ADF) communications community have long valued the principles of connection, support, and advancement.



It is in this spirit that the Certa Cito Foundation (CCF), the official charity of the Royal Australian Corps of Signals (RA Sigs), is proud to announce the establishment of the Certa Cito Foundation Scholarship Fund (CCSF): a new initiative dedicated to advancing education, supporting training, and preventing hardship within the Signals Community.

This prospectus invites you—individuals, corporations, and organisations—to partner with us as founding donors and sponsors, and to help shape a legacy of opportunity and resilience for those who have served and continue to serve in the vital field of military communications, cyber, and electronic warfare.

Our Mission



The CCSF is founded on a simple but powerful mission: to advance education, enable personal and professional growth, and prevent hardship for current and former members and their families within the RA Sigs, ADF communications community, and those who have served with Signals units.

By providing scholarships, grants, and targeted assistance, the CCSF seeks to empower individuals at every stage of their career and educational journey—from school students to transitioning veterans to upskilling professionals.

What the Fund provides

SCHOLARSHIPS

For schooling, tertiary, vocational, and technical education, opening doors for young people and adults alike

GRANTS

For short courses, certifications, and skills development, helping community members remain at the forefront of evolving technology and industry standards

CRISIS SUPPORT

Financial support for internships, work placements, and practical learning experiences, ensuring hands-on opportunities for skill advancement

INTERNSHIPS PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE

Financial support for internships, work placements, and practical learning experiences, ensuring hands-on opportunities for skill advancement

COMMUNITY
INITIATIVES AND
RESEARCH

Supporting projects and research that advance the RA Sigs and ADF comms fields and foster a culture of innovation and collaboration

Scholarships

Grants

Crisis Support

Internship and Practical Experience Assistance

Community
Initiatives and
Research



Strategic Impact: By investing in the education and training of those who serve in critical communications and cyber roles, your support directly strengthens Australia's national Defence capability and future prosperity.

Benefits of Investing

Community Resilience: Your contribution helps build a network of support that extends beyond service, ensuring that no member of the Signals community faces hardship alone.

- British Legacy: Named scholarships and sponsorship opportunities allow you or your organisation to be permanently associated with the betterment of Australia's military and veteran community.
- Transparency and Accountability: The CCSF is governed by robust frameworks, regular reviews, and full financial oversight, ensuring your donation is used effectively and ethically.

Your Contribution

Your contribution can make an immediate and lasting difference. Donors may choose to:

- Founding Donor Recognition: Be acknowledged as a founding donor or sponsor of the CCSF and help set the foundation for future impact
- Contribute to the CCSF / AVCAT partnership with sponsorship of a funded scholarship
- Make a one-off or recurring donation to the general CCSF pool
- Sponsor a named scholarship, creating a legacy of support in your name or in honour of a loved one or organisation



Eligibility and Selection Criteria

Eligibility for support from the CCSF extends to current and former members of the RA Sigs and the broader ADF communications community, as well as ADF members who have served with Signals units and their immediate family members. The fund also welcomes individuals pursuing education or training in communications, information technology, cyber, or related fields.

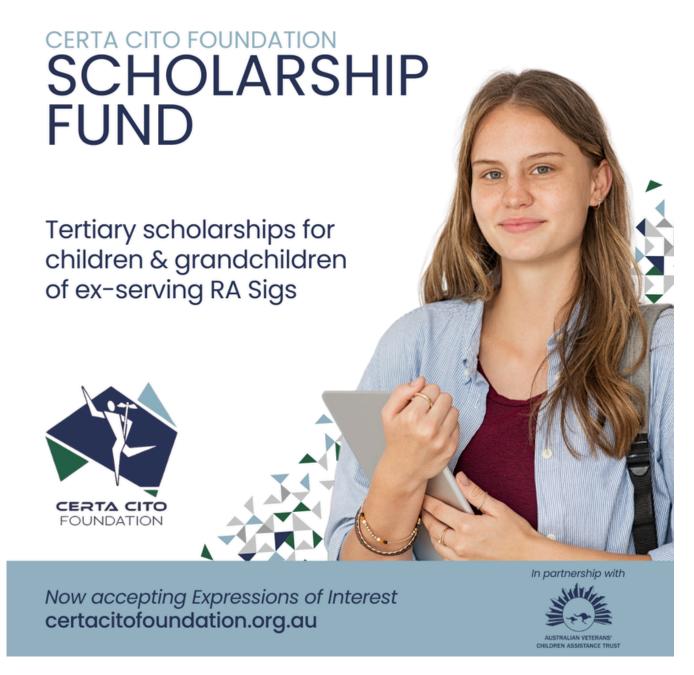
Selection criteria are tailored to each program or partnership, generally considering an applicant's commitment to personal and professional growth in communications or Defence, demonstrated financial or situational need, the likely positive impact on the RA Sigs or ADF communications community, academic or professional achievement, and endorsements from the community or professional networks.

Our Inaugural Partnership



For the first year, the CCSF is partnering with the Australian Veterans' Children Assistance Trust (AVCAT), a respected leader in scholarship delivery and support.

AVCAT will manage all aspects of application, selection, compliance, and reporting, in line with best practice for donor-sponsored scholarships.



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<u>linkedin.com/company/certa-cito-</u> foundation Now is your opportunity to become a founding partner in this important initiative. Your support will directly contribute to the launch of the CCSF and the award of the inaugural scholarship in November 2025, setting a powerful precedent for years to come.

Help us spread the word—share this initiative with your networks and encourage others to invest in the future of Australia's Defence communications community.