



WOMEN IN DEFENCE INDUSTRY SCHOLARSHIP

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South Metropolitan TAFE is partnering with industry to deliver the Women in Defence Industry scholarship in 2025.

Want an exciting and rewarding long-term career in the defence industry? This industry is continually growing and evolving with new technologies.

Fully-funded scholarship places are available for women who are returning to work, are seeking a career change, or have recently completed high school.

The scholarship program allows students to study two qualifications at the same time over six months in one of two streams:

Technical Engineering & Electronics training

UEE21920 CERTIFICATE II IN ELECTRONICS

Introduction to the world of electronics to gain knowledge and practical workshop skills.

and

MEM30522 CERTIFICATE III IN ENGINEERING - TECHNICAL

Learn general engineering concepts and how drawings are transformed into buildings and manufactured items.

SCHEDULE

Duration: 6 months

Classes: 3 days/wk, from 6 October 2025 to 2 April 2026

Work placement: 5 days/wk, from 28 April to 29 May 2026

KEY DATES

Applications open: 16 June 2025

Applications close: 24 August 2025

Study begins: 6 October 2025

Work placement (5 days a week): 28 April 2026

Cyber Security & Electronics training

UEE21920 CERTIFICATE II IN ELECTRONICS

Introduction to the world of electronics to gain knowledge and practical workshop skills.

and

ICT30210 CERTIFICATE III IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (CYBER SECURITY)

Learn how to protect online personal information, identify and assess online security threats, maintain the security of digital devices, and more.

SCHEDULE

Duration: 6 months

Classes: 4 days/wk from 2 February to 3 July 2026

Work placement: 5 days/wk from 20 July to 14 August 2026

KEY DATES

Applications open: 1 October 2025

Applications close: 11 January 2026

Study begins: 2 February 2026

Work placement (5 days a week): 20 July 2026



SCHOLARSHIP AIMS

- Foster an understanding of the technical career opportunities in the defence industry
- Teach foundation mechanical engineering design, operations and maintenance
- Develop technical skills and an understand of technology and automation in the defence industry
- Assist students with a pathway to employment or higher-level qualifications
- Provide a pathway to a career in engineering drafting, or as an engineering associate.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must be female (or identify as female), Australian residents and competent in communication and mathematics. These skills are equivalent to completion of Year 10, but may also be achieved through previous work or informal learning experiences. The scholarship has been designed to meet the needs of women who are returning to work, are seeking a career change, have recently completed high school, or need an alternative pathway to university. The learning environment is structured to provide a high level of support for students returning to formal education.

APPLICATIONS

To apply, complete and submit the form on the website: www.southmetrotafe.wa.edu.au/WIDI-scholarship

Once complete, you will also need to email your resumé/CV to: WID@smtafe.wa.edu.au

Note: By applying, you give permission to SM TAFE to share your resumé/CV with SM TAFE staff for potential study opportunities.

LOCATION

South Metropolitan TAFE, Rockingham Campus, Simpson Avenue, Rockingham WA 6168

INTERVIEW PROCESS

Once applications close, a panel will shortlist applicants and extend invitations for interviews. The panel will consist of SM TAFE representatives. During the interview process, applicants may be requested to demonstrate mathematics and literacy capability.

MORE INFORMATION

Please email WID@smtafe.wa.edu.au should you have any questions regarding the program.

CAREER PATHWAYS

ICT30120 CERTIFICATE III IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (CYBER SECURITY)

Job options: IT technician, ICT operations support, IT System Administrator

UEE21920 CERTIFICATE II IN ELECTRONICS (DEFENCE SPECIALISATION)

Job options: Electrical Assistant, Electronics Technician, Technical Officer.

MEM30522 CERTIFICATE III IN ENGINEERING - TECHNICAL

Job options: Engineering Associate, Mechanical Engineering Technician, Systems Engineer.



DEFENCE INDUSTRY CAREER ADVICE

A dedicated defence industry team is available at the Rockingham Jobs and Skills Centre to provide advice about jobs, careers, and training pathways into the defence industry.

All services are free, and available to anyone in WA!

To contact the team, call or email, or drop in for a chat.

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