

THE PROFESSOR ROSS FITZGERALD AM SCHOLARSHIP

BACKGROUND

The Professor Ross Fitzgerald AM Scholarship is awarded annually to an MHS Old Boy pursuing studies in History and/or Politics at Monash University or The University of Melbourne.



Studying the past is crucial to understanding the present and to negotiating the future. Hence this annual scholarship is offered so that Old Boys at Monash and Melbourne Universities will further their studies in History and Politics, more generally, and especially in Australian history and politics.

ABOUT ROSS FITZGERALD

Born in Melbourne on 25 December 1944, Ross attended Melbourne High School from 1958 to 1961.

After graduating from MHS, he went on to complete a BA Hons at Monash University; a MA at Case Western Reserve, Cleveland Ohio; and a PhD in Political Science at the University of New South Wales.

Currently Emeritus Professor of History & Politics at Griffith University, he is the author of 42 books including three histories of Queensland and three biographies.

Professor Fitzgerald's most recent books are his second memoir FIFTY YEARS SOBER: AN ALCOHOLIC'S JOURNEY, and two co-authored Grafton Everest Adventures, SO FAR, SO GOOD and THE DIZZING HEIGHTS, both published by Hybrid Publishers in Melbourne.

His 43rd book, the eighth Grafton Everest Adventure, THE LOWER DEPTHS, co-authored with Ian McFadyen will be published by Hybrid Publishers in November 2021.

A well-known columnist and radio and television broadcaster, Professor Ross Fitzgerald AM is a widower whose adored wife and friend of 45 years, Lyndal Moor Fitzgerald, died on 22 January 2020.

Professor Fitzgerald lives in Redfern, Sydney, New South Wales. His much-loved daughter Emerald, his granddaughter Ava and his son-in-law Adrian Gruin live in Los Angeles.

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- The Professor Ross Fitzgerald Scholarship consists of a payment of \$5,000 and is accompanied by a certificate with citation.
- One scholarship will be awarded each year.
- The scholarship will be awarded following receipt of written applications and interviews of shortlisted applicants.
- Previous recipients are not eligible to apply in subsequent years.

CRITERIA

Applicants should:

- a. be an Old Boy of Melbourne High School;
- b. be pursuing studies in the fields of History and/or Politics at either Monash University or The University of Melbourne;
- c. have excellent academic results in their tertiary and high school studies.

Consideration will be given to applicants who can demonstrate financial hardship.

APPLICATIONS

- Applications should be submitted via the **APPLY HERE** button on our website www.mhsoba.asn.au/scholarships
- A personal statement in support of the application (not exceeding 500 words) should also be submitted.
- Applicants are specifically requested to outline their current career aspirations in the fields of History and/or Politics, and especially in the fields of Australian History and/or Politics.



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