

**Statement of Intention;
M-ASS' Contribution to the Faculty of Arts 110 Scholarship.**

The Melbourne Arts Students Society (M-ASS) is run by students, for students, and striving to enhance the university experience of our members is at the forefront of everything we do.

As one of Australia's largest student run societies, with our member base exceeding 3000 in 2015, it is safe to assume that our members come from vastly diverse backgrounds. In order to cater for the abundance of students that are involved with M-ASS, we run many faculty and education based events. These include but are not limited to the Majors and Minors Expo and our Writing Competition, as well as events focusing on more social activities like our fortnightly BBQs and our Wonderland Carnival - all of which are entirely free for members.

Through the unwavering commitment of those who dedicate their time to helping expand M-ASS' reach, we are able to provide countless opportunities for personal and academic growth. We are also lucky to partner with programs such as P-ASS (Peer Assisted Study Sessions) and a range of UMSU's volunteering and mentoring programs, helping to extend our benefits to as many Melbourne University students possible.

It is an unfortunate reality that high quality Arts education is not accessible to all students who excel in and have a passion for applying their creative and critical minds. It is therefore an honour to aid any such student in receiving the education that they aspire to, despite financial disadvantage or circumstances beyond their control.

In addition to the academic opportunities provided by the Faculty of Arts 110 Scholarship, we hope that our contribution will assist its recipients in having the invaluable social experiences fostered by the clubs and societies at the University of Melbourne. We believe that the friendships and bonds formed at university have an unparalleled ability to enrich personal development, which can undeniably improve academic performance.

Through this initial contribution we hope to further strengthen our relationship with the Arts Faculty, and to establish a sustainable partnership with the scholarship program itself. We look forward to our association with the scholarship being the first step for its recipients in discovering our society, and we are also excited to see the positive results that are sure to ensue.