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ABC Regional champions emerging voices in the disability community

The ABC is launching a new scholarship to develop regional writers and content makers in the disability community.

The ABC Regional Storyteller Scholarship, which is valued at more than \$20,000, is designed to give regional Australians with disability the opportunity to enhance their storytelling skills and experience.

The Director of ABC Regional, Fiona Reynolds, said the scholarship recipient will have access to broadcast facilities and will be supported by their local ABC team, so that their stories can be shared with local and national audiences.

"For many rural and regional Australians, the remoteness of their local communities can be a barrier when applying or accepting national scholarships, particularly for individuals with disability who may rely on the support of family or local services," Mrs Reynolds said.

"We're launching the ABC Regional Storyteller Scholarship because we want to encourage more regional Australians who are interested in creating content for broadcast and online to build their skills and share their stories," Mrs Reynolds said.

The recipient will work with ABC Regional for three months where they will develop their content idea or project. The scholarship is a bespoke ABC experience that will be tailored to the recipient's content project, professional goals, and skills.

To enter, applicants must email a cover letter that introduces themselves, explains the project they would like to work with the ABC on, and provide examples of their work. Applicants can also post or deliver their entry to their <u>local ABC office</u>.

To be eligible to apply, applicants must:

- Be an emerging factual content maker
- Live in a regional, rural or remote part of Australia
- Have a lived experience of disability
- Have an idea for a content project that they would like to work with the ABC on

For more information on the scholarship or to apply, visit the <u>ABC Careers website</u>. Applications close on 18 February 2018.

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