



# Maria Vasas Scholarship in Equine Science

(Established in 2013 and maintained by philanthropic gifts from the Maria Vasas Foundation, to recognise the life and passions of Maria Vasas. The Scholarship was formalised by Senate in 2014.)

## 1 Purpose

The purpose of the scholarship is to support students enrolled in the Bachelor of Equine Science (Honours) program or the Bachelor of Applied Science (Honours) program in the field of equine science.

## 2 Definitions

In these rules-

**program** means the Bachelor of Equine Science (Honours) program or the Bachelor of Applied Science (Honours) program in the field of Equine Science

**field** means the equine science major

**Associate Dean (Academic)** means the Associate Dean (Academic), Faculty of Science

**scholarship** means the Maria Vasas Scholarship in Equine Science.

## 3 Award and value of scholarship

- (1) The Senate may award one or more scholarships in a year on the recommendation of the Associate Dean (Academic).
- (2) The value of the scholarship will be determined each year by the Associate Dean (Academic) in consultation with the selection committee established under subrule 5(1).

## 4 Eligibility for award

An applicant is eligible for the award of a scholarship in a year if, in that year, the applicant:

- (a) Is a domestic student in accordance with The University's Fee Policy;
- (b) Has completed a Bachelor degree in Equine Science, Applied Science (Equine Science) or equivalent with a major in Animal Science;
- (c) Has enrolled, or intends to enrol, full-time in the Bachelor of Equine Science (Honours) program or Bachelor of Applied Science (Honours) program in the field of Equine Science at UQ's Gatton campus;
- (d) Does not hold another scholarship that the Associate Dean (Academic) considers to be similar; and
- (e) Applies for the scholarship by the closing date for applications.

## 5 Selection of award

- (1) For the selection process, the Associate Dean (Academic) must establish a selection committee, comprising:
  - (a) The Head, School of Agriculture and Food Science, or nominee, as chair of the committee;
  - (b) The Director of the Equine Science group, or nominee; and
  - (c) Another member of the university's academic staff who is currently teaching in a relevant program;
- (2) The committee will rank the eligible applicants consecutively in order of merit, based on, for each applicant:
  - (a) financial circumstances as evidenced by supporting documentation
  - (b) academic achievement in their undergraduate program;
  - (c) an interest in equine science and experience working with horses;
  - (d) personal qualities, including leadership potential, community service and engagement; and
  - (e) any other matter that the selection committee considers to be relevant to the applicant's future professional success.

## 6 Conditions for scholarship

- (1) The scholarship is tenable for one year and is subject to the recipient:
  - (a) Continuing to be enrolled full-time in the program; and
  - (b) Maintaining satisfactory academic progress.
- (2) If a recipient fails to satisfy rule 6(1), the recipient must show cause to the Associate Dean (Academic) why the scholarship should not be cancelled.