Cynthia Burnett Travel Scholarship

(Established in 2018 by Cynthia Burnett to foster learning of multiple European languages.)

1 Purpose

The purpose of the Scholarship is to encourage and assist meritorious students of European languages other than English at UQ to improve their language proficiency through an in-country experience.

2 Definitions

In these rules –

Scholarship means the Cynthia Burnett Travel Scholarship
Head means the Head, School of Languages and Cultures
Target Language means a European language other than English

3 Value and Award of Scholarship

(1) The Senate may award a number of Scholarships each year, on the recommendation of the Head of School, after consultation with the donor.
(2) The value of each Scholarship is $4,500.

4 Eligibility for Award

The Scholarship is open to students who -
(a) are domestic students in accordance with The University’s Fee Policy; and
(b) have completed at least #8 in two Target Languages; and
(c) do not hold another comparable scholarship; and
(d) have not previously held the Scholarship; and
(e) submit the application to the Head by the closing date for applications; and
(f) have been accepted into the UQ Abroad Program at a host university in a country where one of their Target Languages is predominantly spoken.

5 Selection of Award

(1) For the selection process, the Head of the School, must establish a selection committee comprising -
(a) the Head or nominee; and
(b) two other members of academic staff at the School of Languages and Cultures
with committee members focusing on different languages as their primary area of teaching and/or research.
(2) The Scholarship is awarded, at the discretion of the selection committee to the applicant showing greatest merit as demonstrated by –
(a) evidence of financial need; and
(b) academic achievement in their Target Languages; and
(c) a demonstrated commitment to achieving fluency in these languages; and
(d) a written explanation of how the scholarship will further their proficiency in a Target Language.
(3) Preference will be given to (in order of preference):
(a) applicants who intend to study one of their Target Languages as part of their UQ Abroad Program;
(b) applicants who have completed more than #10 units in two Target Languages.

6 Conditions for Scholarship

(1) The Scholarship is tenable for one year and will be paid upfront in one instalment, subject to the recipient –
(a) providing confirmation of acceptance at a host university; and
(b) providing a copy of the approved study plan letter from their Faculty; and
(c) providing evidence of an airline receipt; and
(d) not holding another scholarship that the Head deems similar.
(2) If the recipient fails to commence the approved study abroad program within twelve months of being paid, the recipient will be expected to return the funds received to the Scholarship.
(3) Within 1 month of returning to Australia the recipient must submit to the School of Languages and Cultures a 500 word statement describing –
(a) the impact of the study abroad program on his or her learning experience; and
(b) their plans for future study and application of their Target Languages.