THE UQ MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

(The scholarship was established in 2008 and is maintained by funds from The University of Queensland and donors.)

1 Purpose
The purpose of the Scholarship is to encourage and support outstanding secondary students commencing the first year of a bachelor's degree at The University of Queensland.

2 Definitions
In these rules -
Approved Program means any Bachelor program at UQ or a related dual/integrated program
DVC(A) means the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic).
Scholarship means the UQ Merit Scholarship.

3 Award and value of scholarship
(1) A number of Scholarships will be awarded in a year, on the recommendation of the DVC(A).
(2) Additional donor funded Scholarships may be awarded subject to the approval of the DVC(A).
(3) The value of the Scholarship is $6,000 for one year.

4 Eligibility for award
An applicant is eligible for the Scholarship, if the applicant -
(a) submits an application by the closing date for applications; and
(b) is either an -
(i) Australian citizen or Australian Permanent Humanitarian Visa Holder; or
(ii) Australian Permanent Resident, New Zealand Citizen, or international student who is completing or has completed Years 11 and 12 in Australia; and
(c) (i) will complete year 12 in the year of application; or
(ii) has completed year 12 in the year preceding the year of application; and
(d) intends to enrol full-time in an Approved Program in the following year, or after an approved deferment of one year; and
(e) has not undertaken any previous tertiary study at the Bachelor level or higher, other than studies in special university programs designed for secondary school students.

5 Selection of award
(1) For the selection process, the DVC(A) must establish a selection committee, comprising -
(a) the DVC(A), or nominee, as chair of the committee; and
(b) the Associate Dean (Academic) from each faculty, or their respective nominees; and
(c) the Academic Registrar, or nominee; and
(d) any other representatives as may be determined from time to time by the chair.
(2) The Scholarship is awarded to applicants showing greatest merit as demonstrated by -
(a) significant academic achievement in their senior secondary school studies; and
(b) significant leadership and/or community service achievements.

6 Conditions for scholarship
(1) The recipient may hold the Scholarship for 1 year, subject to the recipient -
(a) in the year following the year of application, or after an approved deferment of one year, commencing study in an Approved Program; and
(b) enrolling full-time in an Approved Program; and
(c) passing all courses in which they are enrolled in semester 1
(2) If a recipient fails to satisfy rule 6(1), the recipient must show cause why the Scholarship should not be cancelled.

7 Deferral and suspension of scholarship
A recipient may be eligible to defer or suspend their Scholarship in accordance with the scholarship terms and conditions.

8 Termination of scholarship
The University may terminate a Scholarship:
(a) if the recipient does not show cause to the reasonable satisfaction of the University as provided for in rule 6(2); or
(b) if the recipient defers or interrupts their study; or
(c) if the student commits serious misconduct.