The Geotechnical Engineering Scholarships

(The scholarships were established in 2012 and are maintained by an annual gift from the Geotechnical Engineering Centre (GEC), funded by the Centre’s Industry Partners.)

1 Purpose
The purpose of the Scholarship is to encourage and support meritorious students to study the Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) program in the dual major of civil and geotechnical engineering or mining and geotechnical engineering.

2 Definitions
In these rules-
**Associate Dean** means the Associate Dean (Academic), Faculty of Engineering, Architecture and Information Technology.
**Approved Program** means the Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) program or the Bachelor of Engineering (Honours)/Bachelor of Science dual program or the Bachelor of Engineering (Honours)/Bachelor of Mathematics dual program.
**GEC** means the Geotechnical Engineering Centre and its industry partners.
**Relevant Dual Major** means civil and geotechnical engineering or mining and geotechnical engineering.
**Scholarship** means the Geotechnical Engineering Scholarships.

3 Award and value of scholarship
(1) Up to four Scholarships may be awarded each year on the recommendation of the Associate Dean.
(2) The Scholarship value is $10,000 for one year.

4 Additional benefits of scholarship
(1) The GEC may offer the recipient any of the following opportunities-
   (a) thesis mentoring;
   (b) an ambassadorial role;
   (c) vacation employment with industry partners, of any duration, at any site, during the period in which the recipient holds the Scholarship, as determined by the GEC, in consultation with the recipient and industry partners;
   (d) a vacation research scholarship attached to the GEC at UQ.
(2) If the recipient is required to relocate away from their normal place of residence to undertake vacation employment, the industry partner (employer) will pay travel expenses and a contribution towards living expenses, reasonably incurred by the recipient.

5 Eligibility for award
An applicant is eligible for the Scholarship, if the applicant-
(1) submits an application to the Associate Dean, by the closing date for applications; and
(2) is a domestic or international student in accordance with The University’s Fee Policy; and
(3) is enrolled full-time in an Approved Program in a Relevant Dual Major; and
(4) has completed at least 12 units, but not more than 43 units towards an Approved Program; and
(5) does not hold another scholarship that the Associate Dean considers to be similar.

6 Selection of award
(1) For the selection process, the Associate Dean must establish a selection committee, comprising-
   (a) the Associate Dean, or nominee, as chair of the committee; and
   (b) the Director of the GEC, or nominee; and
   (c) an industry partner of the GEC; and
   (d) an academic staff member who is currently teaching in the Relevant Dual Major with University staff comprising the majority.
(2) The Scholarship is awarded to the applicant showing greatest merit as demonstrated by-
   (a) academic achievement in courses undertaken to date; and
   (b) personal qualities, including leadership potential; and
   (c) any other qualities that the selection committee considers to be relevant to the applicant’s future success in the Geotechnical Engineering profession.
(3) The selection committee will award the Scholarships in proportion to the students enrolled in each of the Relevant Dual Majors, except in circumstances where the applicants in one of the Relevant Dual Majors are deemed not sufficiently meritorious.

(4) The selection committee will interview short-listed applicants.

7 Conditions for scholarship

(1) The recipient may hold the Scholarship for 1 year, subject to the recipient-
   (a) continuing to be enrolled full-time in an Approved Program in a Relevant Dual Major; and
   (b) passing all courses in the first semester of the Scholarship; and
   (c) not gaining or holding another scholarship that the Associate Dean considers to be similar; and
   (d) conducting themselves in a professional manner in any interactions with or on behalf of GEC and its employees and representatives.

(2) If a recipient fails to satisfy rule 7(1), the recipient must show cause to the Associate Dean why the Scholarship should not be cancelled.

(3) The Scholarship may not be deferred or interrupted.

(4) The award of a Scholarship does not restrict the recipient from applying for another Scholarship in a subsequent year of study.

8 Termination of scholarship

The University may terminate a Scholarship:
   (a) if the recipient does not show cause to the reasonable satisfaction of the Associate Dean as provided for in rule 7(2); or
   (b) once the maximum duration of the Scholarship has lapsed; or
   (c) if the recipient defers or interrupts their study; or
   (d) if the student commits serious misconduct.