



Rio Tinto Excellence Scholarships

(The scholarship was established in 2017 and is maintained by an annual gift from Rio Tinto Services Limited.)

1 Purpose

The purpose of the Scholarship is to encourage and support meritorious students who are undertaking study in engineering or science at The University of Queensland.

2 Definitions

In these rules –

Approved Computer Science Program means the Bachelor of Computer Science or associated dual program.

Approved Engineering Program includes the Bachelor of Engineering or Bachelor of Engineering (Honours), or an engineering integrated program, or an engineering dual program.

Approved Science Program means the Bachelor of Science or a dual program including the Bachelor of Science, or the Bachelor of Advanced Science (Honours).

Relevant Computer Science Field means the field of Data Science within the Approved Computer Science Program.

Relevant Engineering Field means the field or fields of engineering within the Approved Engineering Program as determined annually by the Associate Dean Engineering, after consultation with Rio Tinto in accordance with 3(2).

Relevant Science Field means Geological Sciences within the Approved Science Program.

Associate Dean Engineering means the Associate Dean (Academic), Faculty of Engineering, Architecture and Information Technology.

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

Rio Tinto means Rio Tinto Services Limited.

Scholarship means The Rio Tinto Excellence Scholarships

Named Scholarship means a Rio Tinto Excellence Scholarship named in Addendum 1 and administered in accordance with the Rio Tinto Excellence Scholarship rules and relevant additional requirements as outlined in Addendum 2.

3 Award and value of scholarship

- (1) The Associate Dean Engineering, after consulting Rio Tinto, will determine the number and type of Scholarships available each year in accordance with the Named Scholarships in Addendum 1.
- (2) The Associate Dean Engineering, after consulting Rio Tinto, will each year nominate the Relevant Engineering Field prior to the annual advertising of applications.
- (3) The value of each Scholarship will be at least \$10,000 but not more than \$20,000, with the value for each Scholarship recipient to be determined by the Associate Dean Engineering, after consulting Rio Tinto.

4 Additional benefits

Rio Tinto may offer the recipients one or more of the following opportunities:-

- (a) ambassadorial roles;
- (b) thesis mentoring;
- (c) vacation employment at any Rio Tinto site as determined by Rio Tinto, in consultation with the recipient.

5 Eligibility for award

An applicant is eligible for the Scholarship, if the applicant –

- (a) submits an application to the Associate Dean Engineering, by the closing date for applications; and
- (b) is enrolled full-time in an Approved Computer Science Program in a Relevant Computer Science Field or an Approved Engineering Program in a Relevant Engineering Field or an Approved Science Program in a Relevant Science Field; and
- (c) has, at the time of application, completed a number of units towards their program within the range specified in Addendum 2; and
- (d) has completed at least 14 units at The University of Queensland; and
- (e) does not hold another scholarship that the Associate Dean Engineering or Associate Dean Science considers to be similar.

6 Selection of award

- (1) For the selection process, the Associate Dean Engineering must establish a selection committee, comprising:
 - (a) the Associate Dean Engineering, or nominee, as Chair of the committee;
 - (b) the Associate Dean Science, or nominee;
 - (c) Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous Engagement) or nominee;
 - (d) one or more representatives from Rio Tinto; and
 - (e) at least one member of the University's academic staff who is currently teaching in engineering or science with UQ staff comprising the majority.
- (2) The Scholarship is awarded to the applicants showing greatest merit based on-
 - (a) academic achievement in courses undertaken to date towards an Approved Computer Science Program or an Approved Engineering Program or an Approved Science Program; and
 - (b) personal and leadership qualities and potential to succeed in the engineering or science profession; and
 - (c) any other matter that the selection committee considers to be relevant including criteria for Named Scholarships outlined in Addendum 1.
- (3) Preference may be given to applicants who are:
 - (a) past recipients of a Rio Tinto Excellence Scholarship;
 - (b) past participants in a Rio Tinto Internship.
- (4) The selection committee may decide to 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 either the Approved Computer Science Program in a Relevant Computer Science Field or the Approved Engineering Program in a Relevant Engineering Field or the Approved Science Program in a Relevant Science Field; and
 - (b) passing all courses in the first semester of holding the Scholarship; and
 - (c) conducting themselves in a professional manner in any interactions with or on behalf of Rio Tinto and its employees and representatives; and
 - (d) not gaining or holding another scholarship that the Associate Dean Engineering considers similar.
- (2) If a recipient fails to satisfy rule 7(1), the recipient must show cause to the Associate Dean Engineering and the Associate Dean Science why the Scholarship should not be cancelled.
- (3) The Scholarship may not be deferred or interrupted.

8 Termination of scholarship

The University will terminate a Scholarship:

- (a) if the recipient does not show cause to the reasonable satisfaction of the Associate Dean Engineering and the Associate Dean Science as provided for in rule 7(2); or
- (b) once the maximum duration of the Scholarship has lapsed; or
- (c) if the recipient defers, interrupts or suspends their study; or
- (d) if the student commits serious misconduct.

Addendum 1 – Additional Requirements for Named scholarships within the Rio Tinto Excellence Scholarship Scheme

Named scholarship	Number and Award	Eligibility	Selection	Conditions
Women in Engineering Scholarships		Is a female student		
Promoting Diversity Scholarships			Preference will be given to international students in accordance with The University's Fee Policy who are from geographic priority areas as determined by the Associate Dean Engineering and advertised on the scholarships website prior to the annual advertising for applications	

Indigenous Australian Scholarships		Is of Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent, identifies himself or herself as an Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander and who is so considered by the community in which the student lives or has lived	(1) Preference may be given to past recipients of the Rio Tinto Awards for Indigenous Engineering Students or past participants in the InspireU program (2) as far as possible awards shall be made in equal numbers to male and female applicants	
Future Skills Scholarships		Students who are studying in priority academic areas as determined by the Associate Dean Engineering and advertised on the scholarships website prior to the annual advertising for applications		

Addendum 2 – Unit Completion Requirements for Eligibility

Approved Computer Science Program	Minimum number of units completed	Maximum number of units completed
Bachelor of Computer Science	14	28
Bachelor of Computer Science duals (64 – 68)	28	44
Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) / Computer Science (88 units)	28	60
Approved Engineering Program	Minimum number of units completed	Maximum number of units completed
Bachelor of Engineering or Bachelor of Engineering (Honours)	28	44
Bachelor of Engineering / Master of Engineering or Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) / Master of Engineering	28	60
Bachelor of Engineering or Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) duals (80 units)	28	60
Bachelor of Engineering or Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) duals (88 units)	28	68
Approved Science Program	Minimum number of units completed	Maximum number of units completed
Bachelor of Science	14	28
Bachelor of Advanced Science (Honours)	28	44
Bachelor of Science duals (64 or 68 units)	28	44
Bachelor of Science duals (80 units)	28	60
Bachelor of Science / Bachelor of Laws (Honours)	28	68