WARREN BRAXTON-BANNISTER UNDERGRADUATE BURSARIES

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

ELIGIBILITY

Is my Bachelor of Arts major considered a “field related to social science, political science or government”? 

The Warren Braxton-Bannister Undergraduate Bursaries are open to full-time students who are enrolled in one of the following programs and have completed at least 16 units towards:

a) a Bachelor of International studies; or
b) a Bachelor of Social Science; or

c) a Bachelor of Arts majoring in a field related to social science, political science or government; or;

d) a Bachelor of Politics, Philosophy and Economics (Honours); 

e) a dual program that includes one of the above programs.

Majors in the Bachelor of Arts that are considered for this scholarship include:

- Anthropology;
- Archaeology;
- Criminology;
- International Relations;
- Peace and Conflict Studies;
- Public Policy;
- Political Science;
- Sociology.

Whilst this is not an exhaustive list, please contact the Academic Administration team to discuss your eligibility if you are a Bachelor of Arts single or dual program student interested in applying and your major is not listed above.

Any field in the Bachelor of Social Science is considered a “field related to social science”.

Am I a full-time student?

A full-time student is enrolled in at least #6 units per semester in every semester of study other than the summer semester. Enrolment in the summer semester is not required to be considered a full-time student.

Are the bursaries open to postgraduate students?

No, the Warren Braxton-Bannister bursaries are only open to undergraduate students.
Are the bursaries open to Honours students?

Only to Honours students enrolled in the Bachelor of Politics, Philosophy and Economics (Honours) program.

DRAFTING APPLICATIONS

Is there an application form?

Yes, there is an application form which can be accessed here.

What format should my application be?

Your application should adhere to the format provided in the application form. Writing between half and one page per criterion is sufficient. You are encouraged to strengthen your application by providing supporting documentation.

What supporting documentation should I provide?

The kind of supporting documentation you provide greatly depends on the claims you make in your application.

Financial Need

Examples of supporting documentation or evidence of financial need include: A statement from the government agency responsible for the disbursement of social security payments in your home country. In the case of Australian domestic students, this would mean:

- a statement from Centrelink;
- bank statements;
- payslips;
- a spreadsheet detailing your income and expenses (this alone would not suffice as "evidence", but would be a useful visual representation of your financial situation).

As your financial situation is a private matter, you are not compelled to provide any of the above supporting documentation. These are just ideas of the kind of documentation that could support the claims you make in your application. Bear in mind, however, that it is difficult for the selection committee to assess the validity of the claims you make without any supporting evidence, so including some supporting documentation would be advisable.
Academic Achievement

For academic achievement, academic transcripts (for non-UQ tertiary studies) and certificates would be the most common form of supporting documentation.

The selection committee will access your studies report for the studies you have completed at the University of Queensland. If applicable, you only need to provide academic transcripts for tertiary studies you have completed outside the University of Queensland.

Personal Qualities

Letters of reference and proof of any claims of leadership roles at tertiary level (certificates, photos, etc.) are examples of evidence of personal qualities.

There is a wide variety of documentation that could suffice as evidence of the claims you make in your application; the above are merely suggestions. Make sure that all documentation you provide clearly corresponds to a claim in your written application.

SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS

How do I submit my application?

Written applications and supporting documentation are to be submitted by email to the Humanities and Social Sciences Faculty Academic Administration team at academicadmin@hass.uq.edu.au.

Applications must be received by Friday 1 May 2020

SELECTION PROCESS

Will I receive confirmation that my application has been received?

Yes, you will receive a confirmation email to your student email address once your application is received. We will confirm receipt of your application via email.

Will I be informed if my application has been unsuccessful?

Yes, all applicants will be informed of the outcome of their application via email.