



# Richard Spenser Hopkins Memorial Scholarship

(The Richard Spenser Hopkins Prize in Civil Engineering was established in 2004 in memory of Richard Spenser Hopkins, a Civil Engineer and Past President of Alumni Friends of The University of Queensland. In 2019, Alumni Friends determined to replace the prize, and to establish an endowed undergraduate scholarship under the Create Change Scholarship Match Initiative to support undergraduate students studying engineering who are facing financial hardship.)

## 1 Purpose

The purpose of the Scholarship is to encourage and support a final year engineering student studying at The University of Queensland who is facing financial hardship in any field of the civil engineering discipline.

## 2 Definitions

In these rules-

**Approved Program** means the Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) program, or an engineering integrated program, or an engineering dual program, all at The University of Queensland.

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

**Head** means the Head of School of Civil Engineering

**Relevant Engineering Field** means Civil Engineering, Civil and Geotechnical Engineering, Civil and Environmental Engineering, or Civil and Fire Engineering within the Approved Program.

**Satisfactory Academic Progress** means meeting the requirements to remain enrolled in accordance with the University's Academic Progression Procedure.

**Scholarship** means the Richard Spenser Hopkins Memorial Scholarship

## 3 Award and value of scholarship

- (1) One scholarship will be awarded on recommendation of the Associate Dean.
- (2) The annual value of the Scholarship will be approximately equal to the annual income from the endowment.

## 4 Eligibility for award

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

- (a) can demonstrate financial need;
- (b) submits an application to the Head, by the closing date for applications;
- (c) is enrolled full-time in an Approved Program in a Relevant Field;
- (d) has, at the time of application, completed the number of units towards their program within the range specified in Addendum 1;
- (e) has completed at least 16 units at The University of Queensland; and
- (f) does not hold a scholarship that the Head considers to be similar.

## 5 Selection of award

- (1) For the selection process, the Head must establish a selection committee, comprising –
  - (a) the Head, or nominee, as chair of the committee; and
  - (b) at least one academic staff member who is currently teaching in an Approved Program.
- (2) The Scholarship will be awarded on the basis of the following criteria –
  - (a) evidence of financial need;
  - (b) personal qualities including leadership potential, community service and/or engagement;
  - (c) academic achievement in courses undertaken to date in the Approved Program; and
  - (d) any other matter that the selection committee considers to be relevant to the applicant's future success in the engineering profession.
- (3) The selection committee may decide to interview shortlisted applicants.

## 6 Conditions for scholarship

- (1) The recipient may hold the Scholarship for up to one year (excluding any periods for which that Scholarship is deferred or interrupted), subject to the recipient –
  - (a) continuing to be enrolled full-time in an Approved Program;
  - (b) maintaining Satisfactory Academic Progress in the first semester in which the Scholarship is held.
- (2) If a recipient fails to satisfy rule 6(1), the recipient must show cause to the Head why the Scholarship should not be cancelled.
- (3) On approval from the Head, the Scholarship can be interrupted or deferred.

## 7 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);
- (b) if the recipient defers or interrupts their study without approval;
- (c) once the maximum duration of the Scholarship has lapsed; or
- (d) if the student commits serious misconduct.

### Addendum 1 – Unit Completion Requirements for Eligibility

Approved Engineering Program	Minimum number of units completed	Maximum number of units completed
<b>Bachelor of Engineering or Bachelor of Engineering (Honours)</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>56</b>
<b>Bachelor of Engineering / Master of Engineering or Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) / Master of Engineering</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>72</b>
<b>Bachelor of Engineering or Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) duals (80 units)</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>72</b>
<b>Bachelor of Engineering or Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) duals (88 units)</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>80</b>