

UQ Commonwealth Regional Journalism Scholarship

Established in 2019 with a grant from the Commonwealth Department of Communication and the Arts

1. Purpose

The purpose of the Scholarship is to support students from Regional or Remote Areas to undertake a Journalism program at UQ.

2. Definitions

In these rules –

Approved Program means the Bachelor of Journalism or the Bachelor of Journalism (Honours) at The University of Queensland, and does not include any dual programs.

Approved Study Related Expenses means costs directly related to the recipient undertaking the Approved Program (for example, stationery and textbooks), which may include a reasonable amount for accommodation and relocation costs.

Financial hardship means being eligible for the Educational Access Scheme under any of the categories assessed by the Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC).

Head means the Head of School, School of Communication and Arts.

QTAC Selection Rank is the measurement of achievement used by Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC) derived from academic or professional qualifications, on a scale of 1 to 99.

Regional or Remote Area means an area classified as 'Inner Regional', 'Outer Regional', 'Remote', or 'Very Remote' under the Australian Bureau of Statistics' (ABS') publication titled, *the Australian Statistical Geography Standard*, or the equivalent classifications as are amended or replaced by the ABS. **Regional or Remote Student** means a student who –

- (a) permanently resides in a Regional or Remote Area at the time prior to applying for a Scholarship; or
- (b) has a sufficient connection to a Regional or Remote Area, because the student has:
 - (i) previously resided in a Regional or Remote Area for a total of at least three out of the last five years; or
 - (ii) completed their final two years of schooling in a high school or college in a Regional or Remote Area.

Scholarship means a UQ Commonwealth Regional Journalism Scholarship.

Tuition fees means the Higher Education Contribution Amount (HECS) payable for enrolment in an Approved Program.

3. Value and duration of the Scholarship

- (1) The University may award up to five scholarships in 2019/2020.
- (2) The maximum value of each scholarship will be \$35,962, consisting of:
 - (a) Up to \$3,327 contributed to Tuition Fees each semester to a maximum of \$19,962.
 - (b) Up to \$2,675 each semester towards Approved Study Related Expenses to a maximum of \$16,000.

4. Eligibility for Scholarship

- (1) An applicant is eligible for the award of a scholarship in a year, if the applicant—
 - (a) submits an application to the Head by the closing date for applications;
 - (b) supplies evidence that they have experienced educational disadvantage as a result of financial hardship (if applicable);
 - (c) is an Australian citizen, Permanent Resident, holder of a permanent humanitarian visa, or a New Zealand Citizen living in Australia;
 - (d) is a Regional or Remote Student;
 - (e) is enrolled as a commencing student in the first year of an Approved Program; and
 - (f) is not in receipt of scholarship funds for the Approved Program from the Commonwealth under another Grant program or from a State or Territory government or other body.

5. Award of scholarships

- (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) Two other members of the academic staff at the School of Communication and Arts who have expertise in Journalism.
- (2) The scholarship is awarded to the applicants who show the greatest academic merit as demonstrated by the applicant's QTAC Selection Rank at the point of admission to the Approved Program.
- (3) Where two or more applicants share the same QTAC Selection Rank, preference may be given to applicants who have experienced educational disadvantage as a result of financial hardship.

6. Scholarship conditions

- (1) The recipient may hold the Scholarship for three years, subject to the recipient –
 - (a) continuing to be enrolled full-time in an Approved Program;
 - (b) continuing to be a Regional or Remote Student;
 - (c) continuing to be an Australian citizen, Permanent Resident, holder of a permanent humanitarian visa, or a New Zealand Citizen living in Australia;
 - (d) not receiving scholarship funds for the Approved Program from the Commonwealth under another Grant program or from a State or Territory government or other body;
 - (e) achieving a GPA of at least 4 in each semester;
 - (f) not undertaking any exchange studies;
 - (g) spending the funds they are given for Approved Study Related Expenses on Approved Study Related Expenses;
 - (h) consenting to UQ providing the Commonwealth with their personal information as relevant to the Scholarship;
 - (i) consenting to their name and award of the Scholarship being publicly announced or otherwise published by UQ and the Commonwealth;
 - (j) cooperating with UQ's monitoring of their progress, including by permitting UQ to provide the Commonwealth with evidence of eligibility, tuition costs, and Approved Study Related Expenses incurred each semester and any other evidence as reasonably required by the Commonwealth from time to time; and
 - (k) cooperating with the Commonwealth in any evaluation of the Scholarship, including by participating in interviews with the Commonwealth.
- (2) If a recipient fails to satisfy rule 6(1), the recipient must show cause to the Head why the Scholarship should not be terminated.

7. Interruption of Scholarship

Scholarship recipients may apply to the Head to interrupt their Scholarship for a maximum cumulative period of one year where there are exceptional circumstances which prevent them from enrolling in the usual manner.

8. Termination of Scholarships

The University will terminate the Scholarship -

- (a) if the recipient does not show cause to the reasonable satisfaction of the University as provided for in rule 6(2);
- (b) once maximum duration of the Scholarship has lapsed;
- (c) if the recipient commits serious misconduct; or
- (d) if the grant agreement under which the Scholarship has been established is terminated.

Payment Schedule – for Student Fees and Scholarship reference.

| | Tuition fees: Direct payment towards UQ Student Contribution Amount. If the Student Contribution amount for a semester is lower, the lesser amount is paid | Study related expenses | Total per year (indicative) |
|---------------|--|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Year 1 | 6,654 | 5,350 | 12,004 |
| Year 2 | 6,654 | 5,350 | 12,004 |
| Year 3 | 6,654 | 5,300 | 11,954 |
| TOTAL | 19,962 | 16,000 | 35,962 |