Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Scholarship

(The Scholarship was established in 2020 to assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to achieve educational success through completing studies at UQ, and to support greater representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in higher education as stated in the UQ Reconciliation Action Plan. The Scholarship is supported by UQ fundraising initiatives and gifts from donors, and is open to further contributions)

1. Purpose
The purpose of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Scholarship is to encourage and support Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students experiencing financial hardship to undertake studies at The University of Queensland.

2. Definitions
In these rules –
Approved Program means any coursework program at The University of Queensland.
Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person means a person who can provide compelling evidence of their Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status. Confirmation of Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status under the common seal of a community organisation may be provided. Where exceptional circumstances apply, statutory declarations and other forms of documentation may be considered. Original or certified copies of supporting documentation must be provided.
Named Scholarship means a type of scholarship offered under the auspices of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Scholarship, which is named in recognition of a donor or partnership. These Scholarships are identified in Addendum 1. They are administered in accordance with these rules as well as any additional requirements outlined in Addendum 1.
PVC(IE) means Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous Engagement).
Satisfactory Academic Progress means meeting the requirements to remain enrolled under the University’s Academic Progression Procedures.
Scholarship means the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Scholarship, including Named Scholarships.

3. Award and value of the Scholarship
(1) The number of Scholarships awarded in a calendar year, and the value of each Scholarship, will be determined by the PVC(IE) at the commencement of each year of award, except as may be otherwise specified in Addendum 1 for Named Scholarships.
(2) Where an applicant is awarded a Scholarship and is studying part-time, the PVC(IE) may require the Scholarship be awarded at a reduced rate.
(3) Each Scholarship will be tenable for a maximum period of one year, except as may be otherwise specified in Addendum 1 for Named Scholarships.

4. Eligibility for award
(1) An applicant is eligible for the award of a Scholarship, if the applicant –
(a) can demonstrate financial need;
(b) submits an application to the PVC(IE) by the closing date for applications;
(c) is an Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person; and
(d) is enrolled in an Approved Program in the semester or trimester of the award.
(2) To be eligible for a Named Scholarship, the student must also meet any additional eligibility requirements for that scholarship set out in Addendum 1.

5. Selection of award
(1) For the selection process, the PVC(IE) must establish a selection committee, comprising –
(a) the PVC(IE), or nominee, as chair of the committee; and
(b) at least two further members drawn from either professional or academic UQ staff, as nominated by the chair.
(2) The Scholarship will be awarded on the basis of the following criteria –
(a) demonstrated financial need;
(b) with respect to Named Scholarships, any additional requirements outlined in Addendum 1;
(c) personal qualities, including leadership potential;
(d) academic ability; and
(e) any other matter which may be deemed relevant to the applicant’s future academic success.
(3) The selection committee may interview shortlisted candidates.
(4) Where there are multiple Scholarships to award, and some or all are of a different value, the selection committee will award the highest value Scholarships to the most meritorious applicants (as determined under Rule 5(2) above), the next highest value Scholarships to the next most meritorious applicants, and so on until all available Scholarships have been awarded.

6. **Conditions for Scholarship**

(1) The recipient may hold the Scholarship for up to one year, except as may be otherwise specified in Addendum 1 for Named Scholarships. The Scholarship will be paid in equal semester or trimester instalments (as applicable), subject to the recipient –
   (a) maintaining at least the same level of enrolment (i.e. full time or part time) in an Approved Program that the recipient had at the time of their application; and
   (b) maintaining Satisfactory Academic Progress in each semester or trimester that the Scholarship is held.

(2) Each recipient of a Named Scholarship must also comply with any additional conditions specified in Addendum 1 for that scholarship.

(3) If the recipient fails to satisfy rule 6(1) or 6(2) the recipient must show cause to the PVC(IE) why the Scholarship should not be cancelled. Where a recipient fails to satisfy rule 6(1)(a), the PVC(IE) may require the Scholarship value to be reduced.

(4) The recipient may apply to the PVC(IE) to interrupt or defer the Scholarship for a maximum duration of 12 months.

7. **Termination of Scholarship**

The University may terminate the Scholarship –
   (a) if the recipient does not show cause to the reasonable satisfaction of the University as provided for in rule 6(3);
   (b) if the recipient defers or interrupts their study without approval; or
   (c) if the recipient commits serious misconduct.
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<td>Established in 2020 by a donation from Professor Fred D'Agostino to honour the life of UQ colleague, Fiona Kennedy. The donation was made under the Create Change Scholarship Match Initiative. The Scholarship is maintained by income generated from the underlying endowment fund.</td>
<td>Scholarship means the Fiona Kennedy Memorial Scholarship</td>
<td>(a) One Scholarship may be awarded each year on recommendation of the PVC(IE). (b) The annual value of the Scholarship will be at least $4,500 unless this amount exceeds the annual income from the underlying endowment fund.</td>
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<td>Geoffrey Huey Sattler Indigenous Scholarship</td>
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<td>Scholarship means the Geoffrey Huey Sattler Indigenous Scholarship</td>
<td>(a) The annual value of each Scholarship will be a maximum of $7,000, with the annual combined value of the Scholarships limited to the annual distribution from the underlying endowment fund.</td>
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