



# 33<sup>rd</sup> UQ Senate Create Change Residential Scholarship

(The 33<sup>rd</sup> UQ Senate Create Change Residential Scholarship was established by the 33<sup>rd</sup> UQ Senate, and is maintained through an endowment fund and is open to further contributions from Senate members. The Scholarship honours the commitment and dedication of Senate members to support promising students in attaining a tertiary education.)

## 1. Purpose

The purpose of the 33<sup>rd</sup> UQ Senate Create Change Residential Scholarship is to encourage and support high achieving financially disadvantaged students to undertake undergraduate studies and live as a resident on campus at The University of Queensland.

## 2. Definitions

In these rules –

**Accommodation Provider** means an approved accommodation provider located on a UQ campus.

**Approved Program** means any Bachelor program at The University of Queensland.

**Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person** means a person who can provide compelling evidence of their Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status. Confirmation of 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.

**DVC(A)** means Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic).

**GPA** means grade point average.

**Regional or Remote Student** means you must have lived in a geographic region classified as –

Remoteness Area 2 (RA2)

Remoteness Area 3 (RA3)

Remoteness Area 4 (RA4)

Remoteness Area 5 (RA5)

for at least five consecutive years, or for at least 10 years cumulatively.

Remoteness Areas are defined by the Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC) system.

**Scholarship** means the 33<sup>rd</sup> UQ Senate Create Change Residential Scholarship.

**Show Cause Committee** means a Committee established by the Academic Registrar, and comprising –

(a) the Academic Registrar (or nominee); and

(b) the Faculty Associate Deans (Academic).

## 3. Award and Value of Scholarships

- (1) The number of Scholarships awarded each year will be determined by the DVC(A), pending the amount available for distribution from the endowment fund.
- (2) The Scholarship will be awarded once in a calendar year.
- (3) The value of the Scholarship will be \$10,000 for one year paid as a reduction in the residential fees payable by the recipient and will be paid directly to the Accommodation Provider.
- (4) Where a student's residential fees in a year are less than \$10,000, they may apply for payment of the balance of the Scholarship value for that year to assist with the associated study costs.

## 4. Eligibility for Scholarships

- (1) An applicant is eligible for a Scholarship, if the applicant—
  - (a) applies for the Scholarship by the closing date for applications;
  - (b) will be a domestic student in the year of award in accordance with the University's Student Fees Policy;
  - (c) intends to enrol as a commencing student in an Approved Program in the first semester of the year of the award;
  - (d) has not completed any prior tertiary study at bachelor level or higher;
  - (e) achieves a minimum Australian Tertiary Admission Rank of 89.00 (or equivalent);
  - (f) has a residential place confirmed with an Accommodation Provider; and
  - (g) has demonstrated significant financial disadvantage through achieving the maximum points for the 'Financial Hardship' category of QTAC's Educational Access Scheme.

## 5. Selection of Award

- (1) For the selection process, the DVC(A) must establish a selection committee, comprising –
  - (a) the DVC(A) or nominee, as chair of the committee;
  - (b) an Associate Dean (Academic) nominated by the DVC(A);
  - (c) the Academic Registrar or nominee;
  - (d) a representative from an Accommodation Provider nominated by the DVC(A); and
  - (e) any other representatives as may be determined from time to time by the Chair, with University staff comprising the majority.
- (2) Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of the following criteria -
  - (a) demonstrated financial need;
  - (b) academic achievement;
  - (c) strength of the applicant's personal statement explaining what benefit they would gain from receiving the Scholarship; and
  - (d) any other matter that the selection committee considers relevant to the applicant's future academic success.

- (3) Preference will be given to applicants who are from disadvantaged cohorts in the following order of preference:
- (a) are a Regional or Remote Student;
  - (b) are an Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person;
  - (c) are first in family to attend university; or
  - (d) face other significant barriers to commencing tertiary study.

#### **6. Conditions for Scholarships**

- (1) Offers for a Scholarship will be conditional on enrolling in an Approved Program at The University of Queensland in the year of the award.
- (2) The recipient may hold other scholarships concurrently with a Scholarship, subject to the total combined value of all University of Queensland scholarships not exceeding \$25,000 per year.
- (3) Despite rule 6(2), a recipient may not hold another accommodation scholarship the DVC(A) considers similar.
- (4) The recipient may hold a Scholarship for a maximum period of one year, subject to the recipient –
  - (a) continuing to be enrolled full-time in an Approved Program;
  - (b) achieving a GPA of at least 4 in the first semester in which the Scholarship is held;
  - (c) maintaining ongoing residence with the Accommodation Provider for the duration that the Scholarship is held.
- (5) If a recipient fails to satisfy rule 6(2), 6(3) or 6(4), the recipient must show cause to the Show Cause Committee as to why the Scholarship should not be cancelled.

#### **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(5);
- (b) if the recipient defers or interrupts their study; or
- (c) if the student commits serious misconduct.