

UQ ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS INFORMATION - 2021

1. Academic Scholarships

The University of Queensland's Academic Scholarship program aims to reward the achievements of outstanding school leavers and gap year students.

The Academic Scholarships available for award are:

- 1.1. **UQ Vice-Chancellor's Scholarships:** awarded to outstanding applicants achieving a minimum ATAR of 99.90 (or equivalent) who aspire to undertake a program of study for a coursework degree at The University of Queensland.

The Vice-Chancellor's Scholarships is valued at \$12,000 a year payable for up to 5 years, conditional on students meeting ongoing eligibility as specified in the scholarship rules.

- 1.2. **UQ Excellence Scholarships:** awarded to applicants who demonstrate outstanding academic, leadership and/or community service achievements during their senior secondary studies who aspire to study at The University of Queensland.

Applicants who achieve a minimum ATAR of 99.00 (or equivalent) will be considered for a UQ Excellence Scholarship.

The UQ Excellence Scholarship is valued at \$6,000 a year payable for up to 4 years, conditional on students meeting ongoing eligibility as specified in the scholarship rules.

- 1.3. **UQ Merit Scholarships:** are awarded to high academic achievers across a range of study areas who demonstrate significant leadership and/or community services who are commencing the first year of a bachelor's degree at The University of Queensland.

Applicants who achieve a minimum ATAR of 95.00 (or equivalent) will be considered for a UQ Merit Scholarship.

The UQ Merit Scholarships is valued at \$6,000 for the first year of study, conditional on students meeting ongoing eligibility as specified in the scholarship rules

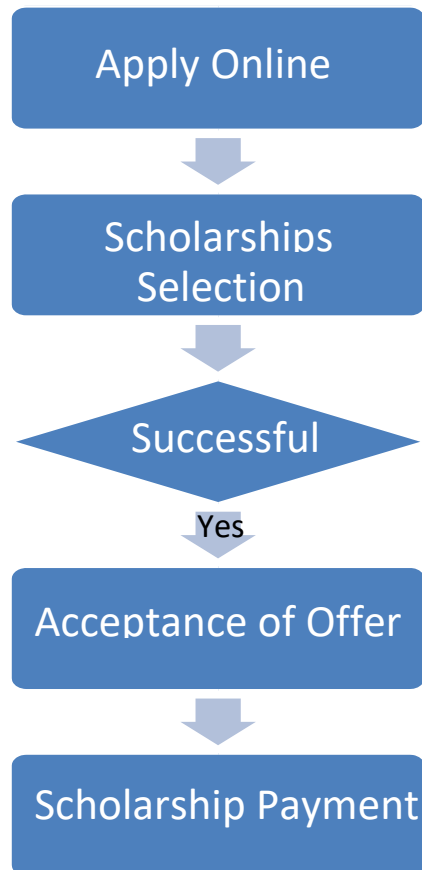
2. Eligibility requirements

To be eligible, you must:

- 2.1. be an Australian citizen or Australian Permanent Humanitarian Visa Holder; or
- 2.2. be an Australian Permanent Resident, New Zealand Citizen, or international student who is completing or has completed Years 11 and 12 in Australia; and
 - 2.2.1. will complete year 12 in the year of application; or
 - 2.2.2. has completed year 12 in the year preceding the year of application; and

- 2.3. have not undertaken any previous tertiary study, other than studies in special university programs designed for secondary school students; and
- 2.4. have applied for a tertiary place through the Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC) and have UQ listed as your 1st or 2nd QTAC preference, and
- 2.5. intend to enrol full-time in an approved program in the following year, or after an approved deferment of one year.

3. Scholarship Application and Offer Process



3.1. Application Process

Applications Open date: **3 August 2020**

Applications Closing date: **20 November 2020**

The online application form is accessible from the UQ Scholarships website from early August.

<https://scholarships.uq.edu.au/scholarship/uq-academic-scholarships-program>

Applicants need only submit one application form to be considered for the three UQ Academic Scholarships.

Once the Online Application has been submitted, applicants will receive an email to confirm that their application has been received by the University. It is the responsibility of applicants to contact Student Fees and Scholarships (ugscholarships@uq.edu.au) if they have not received their confirmation email within 2 days of submitting their application.

Applicants **must** upload scanned copies of supporting documentation in the Online Application in order to be considered for a scholarship.

Applicants are advised to utilise the Save and Edit functions of the Online Application form, to allow for additional information to be added up until closer to the application closing date. Once an application has been submitted, the applicant will be unable to edit their application themselves.

3.2. UQ Selection Policies

Please note that the level of demand for academic scholarships significantly exceeds the number of scholarships available and not all eligible applicants will be successful.

- 3.2.1. A person will not be selected for a UQ Academic Scholarship unless the University is satisfied that he/she meets the eligibility criteria for a scholarship as set out in the scholarship rules
- 3.2.2. Recipients will be determined by a panel of senior UQ staff and selection is completely at the University's discretion.
- 3.2.3. Academic scholarships will be awarded with consideration to a range of factors including but not necessarily limited to academic achievement, demonstrated leadership and/or community service, financial need, program preferences and secondary school attended.
- 3.2.4. The University of Queensland will aim to award scholarships to students across a broad range of high schools and study programs. When awarding scholarships, the Selection Panel will rely on the 1st preference. The panel will only consider an applicant's 2nd preference program where UQ is not listed as their 1st preference.
- 3.2.5. The University of Queensland will not award more than one Academic Scholarship to an individual student.
- 3.2.6. Academic merit will generally be assessed on the basis of the students' Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR)/OP score/International Baccalaureate score or equivalent rank.
- 3.2.7. Bonus ranks applied as a result of undertaking a language other than English, Maths C or enrichment studies, or applied as a consequence of a special admission scheme will NOT apply for the purposes of determining the rank for one of these scholarships.
- 3.2.8. Assessment of leadership achievements and/or community service will be based on information contained in the scholarship application. The University will make its own judgement about what constitutes the most meritorious cases.
- 3.2.9. The University of Queensland reserves the right not to offer all the scholarships available and to set a maximum limit on scholarships available for any one program or in any one faculty.

3.3. Offer Process

- 3.3.1. The number of scholarships available in each category will be determined each year by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic).
- 3.3.2. The University will conduct one Academic Scholarship round in January each year, to select and award scholarships to students intending to commence their undergraduate studies at UQ in 2021, (or in 2022, where approval has been given to defer their tertiary place). A number of scholarships will be held in reserve for award in late January to International Baccalaureate, New Zealand and interstate students whose results were not available in time for the main offer round.
- 3.3.3. Successful applicants will be officially notified in writing of the outcome of their applications as soon as practicable.
- 3.3.4. The award of an Academic Scholarship will be conditional on the recipient taking up the offer of a place at The University of Queensland in 2021, unless approval to defer both the tertiary place and the scholarship has been granted.
- 3.3.5. By providing bank details, students accept the offer of an Academic Scholarship, agree to abide by the rules and terms and conditions of the scholarship, and agree to provide any information relevant to assessing their ongoing eligibility for a scholarship.
- 3.3.6. The award of an Academic Scholarship does NOT guarantee a place at The University of Queensland. Scholarship recipients will compete for a place through the usual QTAC offer round process and QTAC will make offers to academically qualified and eligible students on behalf of the University. Note: International students undertaking Year 11 and 12 in Australia must apply through QTAC but will receive an offer of a place directly from the University, rather than QTAC.

3.4. Payment process

- 3.4.1. The scholarship will be paid in two equal instalments each year, after enrolment and ongoing eligibility has been confirmed as at 31 March (census date for semester 1) and 31 August (census date for semester 2). Scholarship payments cannot be made prior to the Census Dates. Scholarship payments are NOT made for summer semester enrolment.
- 3.4.2. The Student Fees and Scholarships Office will email recipients at their UQ student email address at the beginning of Semester 1 to advise recipients on the process for entering their bank account details in the University's student information system (mySI-net). Students who do not enter their bank account details as instructed may experience a delay in receiving their payment.

3.5. Appeals process

- 3.5.1. The award of an Academic Scholarship to selected recipients is entirely at the discretion of The University of Queensland's Academic Scholarship Selection Panel and no appeals regarding the non-award of an Academic Scholarship will be entered into.