Codebots Scholarship

(The Scholarship was established in 2020 and is maintained by an annual gift from Codebots)

1. **Purpose**
   
The purpose of the Scholarship is to encourage and assist Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander and/or female students to undertake studies in computer science, information technology and software engineering at The University of Queensland.

2. **Definitions**
   
   In these rules –
   
   **Approved Program** means the Bachelor of Computer Science, the Bachelor of Computer Science (Honours), the Bachelor of Engineering (Honours), an engineering integrated program, the Bachelor of Information Technology, the Bachelor of Information Technology (Honours) or a dual program in any one of these programs.
   
   **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.
   
   **Head** means the Head of School, School of Information Technology and Electrical Engineering
   
   **PVC(IE)** means Pro Vice Chancellor (Indigenous Engagement)
   
   **Relevant Engineering Field** means software engineering
   
   **Scholarship** means the Codebots Scholarship.

3. **Award and value of the Scholarship**
   
   (1) One Scholarship may be awarded each year on recommendation of the Head.
   
   (2) The value of the Scholarship is $5,000 for one year.

4. **Eligibility for award**
   
   (1) An applicant is eligible for the award of a Scholarship, if the applicant –
   
   (a) submits an application to the Head, by the closing date for applications;
   
   (b) is either –
   
   (i) an Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Person; or
   
   (ii) a female student;
   
   (b) is enrolled or intends to enrol full-time in an Approved Program in the year of the award, and where the Approved Program is the Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) or an engineering integrated program, in the Relevant Engineering Field;
   
   (c) has not undertaken any prior tertiary study at a Bachelor level or above prior to enrolling in the Approved Program, other than studies in special university programs designed for secondary school students or a program qualifying for enrolment in the Bachelor of Computer Science (Honours) or the Bachelor of Information Technology (Honours); and
   
   (e) 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) the PVC(IE), or nominee; and
   
   (c) one representative from Codebots; and
   
   (d) at least one member of the University's academic staff currently teaching in the Approved Program;
   
   (2) The Scholarship will be awarded on the basis of the following criteria –
   
   (a) academic achievement; and
   
   (b) personal qualities, including leadership potential; and
   
   (c) any other matter which may be deemed relevant to the applicant's future academic success.
   
   (3) Preference will be given to an Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Person.
   
   (4) The selection committee may interview shortlisted candidates.

6. **Conditions for Scholarship**
   
   (1) The recipient may hold the Scholarship for one year, subject to the recipient –
(a) continuing to be enrolled full-time in an Approved Program, and where the Approved Program is the Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) or an engineering integrated program, in the Relevant Engineering Field;
(b) passing all courses in which they are enrolled;
(c) achieving a GPA of at least 5.0 for each semester of study; and
(d) not holding another scholarship that the Head considers similar.

(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) The Scholarship may only be deferred or interrupted in exceptional circumstances as approved by the Head for a maximum period of 1 year.

7. Termination of scholarship
The University may terminate a Scholarship -
(a) if the recipient does not show cause to the reasonable satisfaction of the Head as provided in rule 6(2);
(b) if the recipient defers or interrupts their study without approval; or
(c) if the student commits serious misconduct.