

# UQ Refugee and Humanitarian Scholarship

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## About the Scholarship

### Why does UQ have a Refugee and Humanitarian Scholarship?

Refugees and asylum seekers are required to pay international student tuition fees, which prohibits most from being able to study and advance their education and career prospects. As a premier educational institution, UQ sees it a humanitarian obligation to assist people in the most difficult of situations to be able to pursue their educational goals.

### What are the benefits of the Scholarship?

The [UQ Refugee and Humanitarian Scholarship](#) award covers tuition fees each semester. The award will run for the duration of the program listed on the scholarship letter. In addition to the tuition scholarship, UQ will also pay an annual living stipend of \$8000.

## Funding

### How is the stipend paid?

The stipend will be paid directly into the designated bank account provided by the student. A stipend payment of \$4000 will be paid into the student's bank account after Census Date each semester.

### Why is the annual stipend \$8000?

The UQ Refugee and Humanitarian Scholarship living stipend will be one of the highest in the country. We determined the amount after reviewing the stipend offered at all the other universities across Australia that offer a similar scholarship.

## Visas

### My Safe Haven Enterprise Visa (SHEV) requires me to work or study in a specified regional area, does UQ have a regional campus?

Yes, UQ's Gatton campus is classified as regional area and may meet your visa requirements. Please check your visa conditions before accepting your offer to study and apply for the Scholarship.

### If I change visas during my degree program, am I still eligible to receive the Scholarship?

Recipients that obtain permanent residency status where they become eligible to defer their tuition fees under a Commonwealth Supported Place are no longer eligible to receive the Scholarship (stipend and tuition).

### I was transferred from Nauru detention centre under Medevac legislation and have just finished Year 12. My visa does not currently allow me to study, can I still apply for a scholarship and get a provisional/conditional offer to UQ with a humanitarian scholarship until my visa status is finalised?

As long as you have a conditional offer to study at UQ, you can apply for the scholarship. If your scholarship application is successful, you will be offered a conditional scholarship application. If you are unable to obtain a visa with study rights in 2021, you will need to re-apply for the scholarship again in 2022.

## English language and academic requirements

### What are UQ's English language proficiency requirements?

To be eligible for entry to most UQ programs, you need to meet our minimum English language requirements (overall IELTS of 6.5 and 6.0 in all sub-bands or equivalent). For some programs, you must meet higher than usual English requirements. You can find more information about language requirements at [future-students.uq.edu.au/admissions/english-language-requirements](https://future-students.uq.edu.au/admissions/english-language-requirements)

### I don't meet UQ's English language proficiency requirements, can I still apply for a scholarship?

If you have received a conditional offer requiring you to provide evidence you meet our entry language requirements, you can apply and receive a conditional scholarship offer if your application is successful. If you are unable to meet all entry requirements, you will be ineligible for the Scholarship.

### Can the scholarship provide me with some English language tuition?

The current scholarships on offer do not provide funding for English language tuition.

### If I do not meet academic entry requirements, is there a bridging program or pathway to university program that I can undertake?

This may depend on the degree program you apply for admission into. You can seek advice from the [UQ Future Students Office](#) after your application has been assessed. The UQ Refugee and Humanitarian Scholarship does not cover the tuition fees for foundation studies.

## Applying

### I am not able to provide official documents from my previous study, what do I do?

Please submit the documents you supplied for your admissions application to be assessed.

### I was halfway through my bachelor's degree when I fled my home country, am I able to apply to UQ to continue my studies in my field of study?

The UQ Future Students Office will review your application and supporting documents to assess your eligibility to enter the degree program you have applied to enter. You are required to meet all eligibility requirements for your chosen degree program, including any prerequisites for the degree program. You can locate entry requirements, including any prerequisites at [future-students.uq.edu.au](https://future-students.uq.edu.au)

### Where can I ask questions regarding my scholarship application?

The Sponsored Students unit within Global Engagement and Entrepreneurship will manage the Scholarship on behalf of the University. The Sponsored Students unit is experienced in managing both Australian Government and international scholarship programs and students. You can email [sponsored.students@uq.edu.au](mailto:sponsored.students@uq.edu.au) with your questions.