Valmec Women in Engineering Scholarship

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

1 Purpose

The purpose of the Scholarship is to encourage and support meritorious third year female students studying mechanical engineering or civil engineering at The University of Queensland.

2 Definitions

In these rules -

Associate Dean means the Associate Dean (Academic), Faculty of Engineering, Architecture and Information Technology

Approved Program means the Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) program, or an engineering integrated program, or an engineering dual program.

Relevant Specialisations means mechanical engineering or civil engineering.

Scholarship means the Valmec Women in Engineering Scholarship.

3 Award and value of scholarship

(1) One Scholarship may be awarded each year on recommendation of the Associate Dean.

(2) The value of the Scholarship is $5,000.

4 Eligibility for award

An applicant is eligible for the Scholarship, if the applicant -

(a) submits an application to the Associate Dean, by the closing date for applications;

(b) is a domestic student in accordance with the University’s Student Fees Policy;

(c) is a female student;

(d) is enrolled full-time in the Approved Program in one of the Relevant Specialisations;

(e) has, at the time of application, completed at least 28 units, but not more than 43 units, towards the Approved Program at The University of Queensland;

(f) has achieved a GPA of at least 5.5 in all UQ courses credited towards an Approved Program; and

(g) does not hold a scholarship that the Associate Dean considers to be similar.

5 Additional benefits

Valmec Limited may offer the recipient work experience or vacation employment at any Valmec Limited site for any period during the period in which the recipient holds the Scholarship, as determined by Valmec Limited in consultation with the recipient.

6 Selection of award

(1) For the selection process, the Associate Dean must establish a selection committee, comprising –

(a) the Associate Dean, or nominee, as chair of the committee;

(b) at least one academic staff member who is currently teaching in an Approved Program; and

(c) one representative of Valmec Limited, with University staff comprising the majority.

(2) The Scholarship will be awarded on the basis of the following criteria –

(a) academic achievement in courses undertaken to date;

(b) personal qualities including leadership potential, community service and engagement; and

(c) any other matter that the selection committee considers to be relevant to the applicant's future success in the engineering profession.

(3) The selection committee may decide to interview shortlisted applicants.

7 Conditions for scholarship

(1) The recipient may hold the Scholarship for up to one year, subject to the recipient –

(a) continuing to be enrolled full-time in an Approved Program in one of the Relevant Specialisations;

(b) passing all courses in which they are enrolled;

(c) achieving a GPA of at least 5.5 in the first semester in which the Scholarship is held;

(d) conducting themselves in a professional manner in any interactions with, or on behalf of, Valmec Limited and its employees and representatives; and

(e) not holding another scholarship that the Associate Dean considers similar.

(2) If a recipient fails to satisfy rule 7(1), the recipient must show cause to the Associate Dean why the Scholarship should not be cancelled.

(3) The Scholarship may not be interrupted.

8 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 7(2);

(b) if the recipient interrupts their study; or

(c) if the recipient commits serious misconduct.