



UQ Ramsay Undergraduate Scholarship

(Established in 2019 with support from the Ramsay Centre for Western Civilisation)

1. Purpose

The purpose of the Scholarship is to support students undertaking a program with an extended major in Western Civilisation. A Ramsay scholar is an academic high-achiever who desires to make a difference in the world. They are creative and intellectually curious with the critical skills to challenge the status quo and cross boundaries. They value discussion, debate, and the opportunity to learn from others. Their endeavours are driven by compassion, a desire to better the lives of all members of the community, and a strong code of ethics.

2. Definitions

In these rules –

Approved Program of Study means the two Western Civilisation pathways, being the extended major in Western Civilisation in the Bachelor of Advanced Humanities (Honours) (BAdvHum(Hons)) or Bachelor of Humanities/Bachelor of Laws (Honours) (BHum/LLB(Hons)) program.

Associate Dean means the Associate Dean (Academic), Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences.

Director of the program in Western Civilisation means the convenor of the extended major in Western Civilisation in an Approved Program of Study.

Executive Dean means the Executive Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences.

Remote area means a Remote or Very Remote region of Australia as defined by the Australian Statistical Geography Standard 2016.

Scholarship means the UQ Ramsay Undergraduate Scholarship.

3. Award and value of Scholarship

- (1) The value of each Scholarship will be at least \$30,000 per year.
- (2) The University may award up to 30 new Scholarships per year and will seek to award an equal number of Scholarships to applicants for each of the Approved Program of Study pathways.

4. Additional benefits

- (1) In addition to the value of the Scholarship, recipients may also receive one return economy airfare for a global experience endorsed by the Director of the program in Western Civilisation and approved in accordance with standard University procedures.

5. Eligibility for award

- (1) An applicant is eligible for the Scholarship, if the applicant—
 - (a) submits an application to the University by the closing date for applications;
 - (b) is an Australian Citizen or Australian Permanent Resident at the time of application;
 - (c) (i) will complete year 12 in the year of application; or
(ii) completed year 12 in the year preceding the year of application;
 - (d) intends to enrol full-time in an Approved Program of Study in the year of award;
 - (e) expects to gain admission to an Approved Program of Study in the year of the award on the basis of predicted senior results and any applicable adjustment factors or on the basis of special entry pathways;
 - (f) has not undertaken any previous tertiary study while enrolled in a Bachelor-level program or higher. Studies in special university programs designed for secondary school students are acceptable; and
 - (g) will be available to participate in an interview with the selection committee on a date set by the University.
- (2) Applications must be submitted in the form of a curriculum vitae (which includes academic achievements), two references, a statement addressing the criteria outlined in Rule 6(2)(b), a statement addressing any disadvantage, and appropriate supporting evidence.

6. Selection of award

- (1) For the selection process, the Executive Dean must establish a selection committee comprising—
 - (a) the Executive Dean, or nominee, as Chair of the committee;
 - (b) the Director of the program in Western Civilisation, or nominee;
 - (c) the Dean of the T.C. Beirne School of Law, or nominee;
 - (d) the Academic Registrar, or nominee; and
 - (e) the Ramsay Centre CEO or Academic Executive Officer, with University staff comprising the majority.

- A quorum comprises the Chair, the Ramsay representative and two other University staff members.
- (2) The Scholarship will be awarded on the basis of the following criteria -
 - (a) academic ability as demonstrated by previous academic results and awards;
 - (b) each of the following as demonstrated by written application and performance at interview:
 - (i) interest in the questions and ideas that have shaped the world;
 - (ii) track-record of contribution to their communities;
 - (iii) creativity and critical thinking skills that challenge and cross boundaries;
 - (iv) ability to contribute effectively to discussion and debate;
 - (v) the desire and ability on the part of the candidate to empower and better the lives of others and to make a difference in the world;
 - (vi) the qualities of compassion, empathy, and ethical behaviour;
 - (vii) the value of the opportunity provided by the Scholarship to the applicant's future development; and
 - (c) overall performance at interview.
 - (3) Provided that the criteria listed in rule 6(2) are met, preference may be given to applicants who can demonstrate as part of their application that they have experienced disadvantage or are from an underrepresented background in accordance with the University's Strategic Plan.
 - (4) The selection committee will interview short-listed applicants.

7. Conditions for Scholarship

- (1) The recipient may hold the Scholarship for the duration as specified in Addendum 1, subject to the recipient -
 - (a) enrolling full-time in an Approved Program of Study;
 - (b) continuing to be enrolled full-time in an Approved Program of Study;
 - (c) achieving a GPA of at least 4.0 in each semester that the Scholarship is held; and
 - (d) not holding another scholarship 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 deferred.
- (4) On approval from the Associate Dean, the Scholarship can be interrupted for a maximum period of two semesters during the tenure of the Scholarship.
- (5) The recipient can transfer a scholarship between the pathways in the Approved Program of Study only with the prior approval of the Executive Dean.

8. Payment of Scholarship

- (1) In the first year of the Scholarship, recipients from a Remote area will be paid \$5,000 of the total annual value of the Scholarship in the first week of study to help offset start-up costs, with the balance to be paid in two equal instalments after census date in semester 1 and semester 2. All other Scholarship recipients will be paid \$2,500 of the total annual value of the Scholarship in the first week of study to help offset start-up costs, with the balance to be paid in two equal instalments after census date in semester 1 and semester 2.
- (2) In subsequent years, the Scholarship will be paid to all recipients in two equal instalments after census date in semester 1 and semester 2.

9. 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) once maximum duration of the Scholarship has lapsed; or
 - (c) if the student commits serious misconduct.

Addendum 1 –

Approved Program of Study	Scholarship duration
Bachelor of Advanced Humanities (Honours) with an extended major in Western Civilisation	Up to 4.5 years
Bachelor of Humanities/Bachelor of Laws (Honours) with an extended major in Western Civilisation	Up to 5.5 years