



## UQ Link Scholarship

### 1. Purpose

The purpose of the Scholarship is to provide assistance to students who have experienced educational disadvantage as a result of financial hardship, who are undertaking tertiary studies for the first time.

### 2. Definitions

In these rules –

**GPA** means the result of applying the formula –

$$\frac{\sum(GP)}{\sum(P)}$$

where G = the result in a course; and

P = the unit value of that course.

If a student is enrolled in a course but gets no result, G=0.

**Scholarship** means the UQ Link Scholarship

**Approved Program** means any bachelor program at The University of Queensland.

**QTAC** means Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre.

### 3. Value and duration of the Scholarship

- (1) The value of the Scholarship will be \$3,000 each year for which it is held.
- (2) The maximum duration of the Scholarship is three years.

### 4. Eligibility for Scholarship

- (1) An applicant is eligible for the award of a Scholarship in a year, if the applicant—
  - (a) will be a domestic student in accordance with the University's Fee Policy;
  - (b) intends to enrol as a commencing student at The University of Queensland in an Approved Program in the year of the award or after an approved deferral of up to two years;
  - (c) has not completed any prior tertiary study at bachelor level or above;
  - (d) has not previously been awarded a UQ Link Scholarship and had the Scholarship terminated; and
  - (e) has demonstrated significant financial disadvantage through achieving maximum points for the 'Financial Hardship' category of QTAC's Educational Access Scheme prior to commencing studies at The University of Queensland.

### 5. Award of scholarships

The Scholarships shall be awarded to commencing students assessed by QTAC as being eligible for UQ Link Program, in accordance with the UQ Link eligibility criteria.

### 6. Payment of Scholarships

- (1) In the first year of the Scholarship \$500 of the total annual value of the Scholarship will be paid in the first week of study to help offset start-up costs, with the balance to be paid in two equal instalments after census dates.
- (2) In years 2 and 3, the Scholarship will be paid in two equal instalments after census date (semester 1 and semester 2).

### 7. Scholarship conditions

- (1) The recipient may hold the Scholarship for up to three years, subject to the recipient:
  - (a) continuing to be enrolled as a full-time student in an Approved Program; and
  - (b) achieving an annual GPA of 4 or better.
- (2) If the recipient fails to satisfy Rule 7.1, the recipient must show cause why the Scholarship should not be cancelled.
- (3) Scholarship recipients undertaking exchange studies or study abroad will be eligible for receipt of Scholarship payments subject to:
  - (i) their studies being approved for credit towards their Approved Program at The University of Queensland;
  - (ii) maintaining the equivalent of full time enrolment; and
  - (iii) maintaining an annual GPA of 4.

### 8. Deferral of scholarship

Scholarship recipients may apply to have their Scholarship deferred for up to two years only if approval to defer their tertiary place has been granted. Scholarship recipients who do not take up their tertiary place following an approved deferment shall have their Scholarship offer withdrawn.

### 9. Interruption of Scholarship

In exceptional circumstances only, Scholarship recipients may apply to interrupt their Scholarship for a maximum of one year where there are exceptional circumstances which prevent the student from enrolling or enrolling full-time.

### 10. Termination of Scholarships

The University will terminate a UQ Link Scholarship:

- (a) if the recipient does not comply with the Scholarship conditions in section 7; or
- (b) if the recipient does not resume study at the conclusion of an approved period of suspension; or
- (c) if the student commits serious misconduct.