Calboonya Legacy Information Technology and Computer Science Scholarship

(Established in 2019 this scholarship is maintained by a gift from a UQ Bachelor of Computer Science (1979) alumni husband and wife, who in recognition of the encouragement they received to pursue their education would like to leave a legacy for students who may not otherwise have the opportunity to study in the areas of computer science and information technology at UQ.)

1 Purpose

The purpose of the Scholarship is to encourage and support Commencing Students or past Scholarship recipients facing financial hardship, by allowing them the opportunity to pursue undergraduate studies in the areas of computer science and information technology at The University of Queensland.

2 Definitions

In these rules-

Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person means a person who can provide compelling evidence of their Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status. Confirmation of Australian 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.

Approved Program means the following programs:
- Bachelor of Computer Science;
- Bachelor of Computer Science (Honours);
- Bachelor of Information Technology;
- Bachelor of Information Technology (Honours);
- Bachelor of Science (Computer Science Major);
- Bachelor of Science (Honours) (Computer Science Major);
- or any dual program including the above programs.

Associate Dean means the Associate Dean (Academic), Faculty of Engineering, Architecture and Electrical Engineering.

Commencing Student means a student who 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 and who will complete, or has completed, year 12 studies in the two year period prior to the year of the award.

PVC(IE) means Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous Engagement).

Satisfactory Academic Progress means meeting the requirements to remain enrolled under the University’s Academic Progression Procedure.

Scholarship means the Calboonya Legacy Information Technology and Computer Science Scholarship.

3 Award and value of scholarship

(1) One Scholarship will be awarded each year in accordance with these rules for a period of one year.

(2) The value of the Scholarship will be the amount of the annual income from the fund, and is expected to be $4,500 (or more).

4 Eligibility for award

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

(a) can demonstrate financial need;
(b) submits an application to the Associate Dean, by the closing date for applications;
(c) is enrolled or will be enrolled full-time in an Approved Program;
(d) is either –
   (i) a Commencing Student; or
   (ii) a prior recipient of the Scholarship; and;
(e) does not hold a scholarship that the Associate Dean considers to be similar.

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

(2) In addition to the committee members set out in rule 5(1), the PVC(IE) (or nominee) must be invited to form part of the selection committee.
(3) The Scholarship will be awarded on the basis of the following criteria-
(a) evidence of financial need;
(b) personal qualities including leadership potential, community service and engagement;
(c) demonstrated academic ability; and
(d) any other matter that the selection committee considers to be relevant to the applicant's future success in
the information technology and/or computer science profession.

(4) Where all other considerations are equal, preference will be given to (in order of priority) –
(a) previous recipients of the scholarship who continue to face financial hardship;
(b) a female applicant; and
(c) an Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person.

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

6 Conditions for scholarship

(1) The recipient may hold the Scholarship subject to the recipient –
(a) continuing to be enrolled full-time in an Approved Program; and
(b) maintaining Satisfactory Academic Progress in each semester that the Scholarship is held.

(2) If a recipient fails to satisfy rule 6(1), the recipient must show cause to the Associate Dean why the Scholarship
should not be cancelled.

(3) The Scholarship may be deferred or interrupted in exceptional circumstances as considered relevant by the
Associate Dean.

7 Termination of scholarship

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