UQ Economics Undergraduate Indigenous Scholarship

1. **Definitions**
   In these rules –
   - **scholarship** means the UQ Economics Undergraduate Indigenous Scholarship
   - **BEcon** means the Bachelor of Economics at the University of Queensland
   - **UQ** means The University of Queensland

2. **Purpose**
   The purpose of the scholarship is to provide assistance to students of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander background who have a keen interest in economics and a demonstrated need for financial support.

3. **Value and duration of the Scholarship**
   (1) The value of the scholarship will be up to 100% tuition fee waiver.
   (2) The scholarship will cover tuition fees for courses at UQ.
   (3) The scholarship will cover the courses required for the BEcon (up to a maximum of 48 units).
   (4) For successful scholarship candidates seeking to undertake the BEcon as part of a dual program, the scholarship will cover the courses required for the BEcon component.

4. **Eligibility for Scholarship**
   An applicant is eligible for the award of a scholarship if the applicant:
   a) is a person of Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent, who identifies as an Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander, and who is accepted as such by the community in which the student lives or has lived. Applicants are required to provide evidence of their Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status. This would usually take the form of confirmation of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status under the common seal of a community organisation. Where exceptional circumstances apply, statutory declarations and other forms of documentation may be considered. Original or certified copies of supporting documentation must be provided;
   b) will be a domestic student in accordance with the University’s Fee Policy,
   c) has or intends to enrol as a commencing student at The University of Queensland in the BEcon program, or dual program, in the year of the award;
   d) has not completed any prior tertiary study at bachelor level or above; and
   e) has submitted their complete application by the closing date.

5. **Award of scholarships**
   The scholarship shall be awarded taking into account the following criteria:
   - Demonstrated financial need
   - Demonstrated interest in economics
   - Academic ability
   - personal qualities, including leadership potential; and any other matter that the selection committee considers relevant to the applicant’s future success in their field of study.
   - Applicants may be required to attend an interview
   Previous study of economics at school or college is not required for enrolment in the BEcon, nor for the scholarship.

6. **Scholarship conditions**
   (1) The recipient may hold the scholarship subject to the recipient:
   (a) continuing to be enrolled as a full-time student in the BEcon program; and
   (b) does not hold another scholarship that the Head of School deems similar; and
   (c) achieving a GPA of at least 4.0 in each semester that the Scholarship is held.
   (2) If the recipient fails to satisfy Rule 6 (1), the recipient must show cause why the scholarship should not be cancelled.

7. **Interruption of Scholarship**
   In exceptional circumstances only, scholarship recipients may apply in writing to Head of School 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.
8. **Termination of Scholarships**
The University will terminate a UQ Scholarship:
- a) if the recipient does not comply with the scholarship conditions in the section [Scholarship conditions](#); or
- b) if the recipient does not resume study at the conclusion of an approved period of suspension; or
- c) once maximum duration of the scholarship has lapsed; or
- d) if the student commits serious misconduct.

9. **Application procedure**
Before submitting your application online by the closing date, please make sure you include and complete the following:
- (1) The UQ School of Economics online scholarship application form
- (2) Evidence of academic ability such as years’ 11 and 12 academic records
- (3) Confirmation of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status
- (4) Supporting financial documentation such as current Health Care Card, bank statement or recent income tax assessment

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