



THE UNIVERSITY
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ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS INFORMATION 2016

1. Academic Scholarships

The University of Queensland's Academic Scholarship program aims to reward the achievements of outstanding school leavers and gap year students.

The Academic Scholarships available for award are:

- 1.1. **UQ Vice-Chancellor's Scholarships** are awarded to outstanding applicants achieving at the very top of the OP1 band or equivalent who aspire to undertake a program of study for a coursework degree at The University of Queensland.

The Vice-Chancellor's Scholarships is valued at \$12,000 a year payable for up to 5 years, conditional on students meeting ongoing eligibility as specified in the scholarship rules.

- 1.2. **UQ Excellence Scholarships** are awarded to OP 1 applicants who demonstrate outstanding academic, leadership and/or community service achievements during their senior secondary studies who aspire to study at The University of Queensland

The UQ Excellence Scholarships is valued at \$6,000 a year payable for up to 4 years, conditional on students meeting ongoing eligibility as specified in the scholarship rules.

- 1.3. **UQ Merit Scholarships** are awarded to high academic achievers across a range of study areas who demonstrate significant leadership and/or community services who are commencing the first year of a bachelor's degree at The University of Queensland

The UQ Merit Scholarships is valued at \$6,000 for the first year of study only, conditional on students meeting ongoing eligibility as specified in the scholarship rules

2. Eligibility requirements

To be eligible, you must:

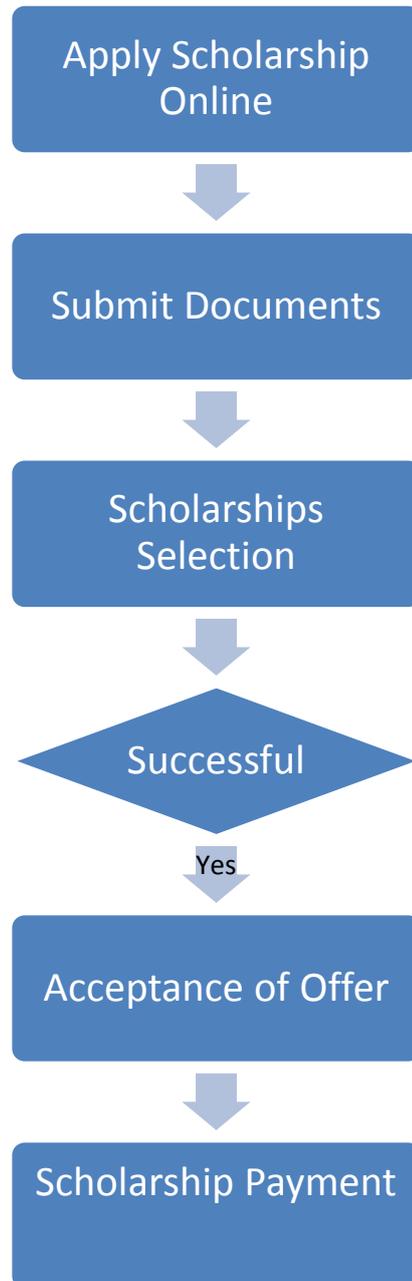
- 2.1. be an Australian citizen or Australian Permanent Humanitarian Visa Holder; or
- 2.2. be an Australian Permanent Resident, New Zealand Citizen, or international student who is completing or has completed Years 11 and 12 in Australia; and
 - 2.2.1. will complete year 12 in the year of application; or
 - 2.2.2. has completed year 12 in the year preceding the year of application; and
- 2.3. have not undertaken any previous tertiary study, other than studies in special university programs designed for secondary school students; and

- 2.4. have applied for a tertiary place through the Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC) and have UQ listed as their 1st or 2nd QTAC preference, and
- 2.5. intend to enrol full-time in an approved degree program in the following year, or after an approved deferment of one year.

In addition, **UQ Vice-Chancellor** scholarship applicants must achieve an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank of 99.95 for their year 12 studies, and

UQ Excellence scholarships applicants must achieve an OP1 or equivalent in their year 12 studies

3. Scholarship Application and Offer Process



3.1. Application Process

The online application form is available on the UQ Scholarships website from August 2015.

Once the Online Application form has been submitted, applicants will receive an email to confirm that their application has been received by the University. It is the responsibility of applicants to contact the Undergraduate Scholarships and Prizes Office if they have not received their Confirmation Email within 2 days of submitting their Online Application Form.

Applicants **must** provide copies of all requested supporting documentation, including a copy of the Confirmation Email, in order to be considered for a scholarship. This documentation must reach The University of Queensland by the **31 October 2015**. Late applications will not be considered.

3.2. UQ Selection Policies

Please note that the level of demand for academic scholarships significantly exceeds the number of scholarships available and not all eligible applicants will be successful.

- 3.2.1. A person will not be selected for a UQ Academic Scholarship unless the University is satisfied that he/she meets the eligibility criteria for a scholarship as set out in the scholarship rules
- 3.2.2. Recipients will be determined by a panel of senior UQ staff and selection is completely at the University's discretion.
- 3.2.3. Academic scholarships will be awarded with consideration to a range of factors including but not necessarily limited to academic achievement, demonstrated leadership and/or community service, financial need, program preferences and secondary school attended.
- 3.2.4. The University of Queensland will aim to award scholarships to students across a broad range of high schools and study programs. When awarding scholarships, the Selection Panel will rely on the 1st preference program noted in the scholarship application. The panel will only consider an applicant's 2nd preference program where UQ is not listed as their 1st preference.
- 3.2.5. The University of Queensland will not award more than one Academic Scholarship to an individual student.
- 3.2.6. Academic merit will generally be assessed on the basis of the students' OP score (or International Baccalaureate score or equivalent rank) or, in the case of the UQ Vice-Chancellor's Scholarships, the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR).
- 3.2.7. Bonus ranks applied as a result of undertaking a language other than English, Maths C or enhanced studies, or applied as a consequence of a special entry program will NOT apply for the purposes of determining academic rank for one of these scholarships.
- 3.2.8. Assessment of leadership achievements and/or community service will be based on information contained in the scholarship application AND the documentation provided by the applicant with their application. The University will make its own judgement about what constitutes the most meritorious cases.
- 3.2.9. The University of Queensland reserves the right not to offer all the scholarships available and to set a maximum limit on scholarships available for any one program or in any one faculty.

3.3. Offer Process

- 3.3.1. The number of scholarships available in each category will be determined each year by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic).

- 3.3.2. The University will conduct one Academic Scholarship round in January each year, to select and award scholarships to students intending to commence their undergraduate studies at UQ in 2016, (or in 2017, where approval has been given to defer their tertiary place). A number of scholarships will be held in reserve for award in late January 2016 to International Baccalaureate, New Zealand and interstate students whose results were not available in time for the main offer round.
- 3.3.3. Successful applicants will be officially notified in writing of the outcome of their applications as soon as practicable. Unsuccessful applicants will not be contacted.
- 3.3.4. The award of an Academic Scholarship will be conditional on the recipient taking up the offer of a place at The University of Queensland in 2016, unless approval to defer both the tertiary place and the scholarship has been granted.
- 3.3.5. Students, at the time of accepting an offer of an Academic Scholarship, must accept the conditions of the scholarship and agree to provide any information relevant to assessing their ongoing eligibility for a scholarship.
- 3.3.6. The award of an Academic Scholarship does NOT guarantee a place at The University of Queensland. Scholarship recipients will compete for a place through the usual QTAC offer round process and QTAC will make offers to academically qualified and eligible students on behalf of the University in January 2016. Note: International students undertaking Year 11 and 12 in Australia must apply through QTAC but will receive an offer directly from the University, rather than QTAC.

3.4. Payment process

- 3.4.1. The scholarship will be paid in two equal instalments each year, after enrolment and ongoing eligibility has been confirmed as at 31 March (census date for semester 1) and 31 August (census date for semester 2). Scholarship payments cannot be made prior to the Census Dates. Scholarship payments are NOT made for summer semester enrolment.
- 3.4.2. The Undergraduate Scholarships & Prizes Office will email recipients at their UQ student email address at the beginning of Semester 1 to advise recipients on the process for entering their bank account details in the University's student information system (mySI-net). Students who do not enter their bank account details as instructed may experience a delay in receiving their payment.

3.5. Appeals process

- 3.5.1. The award of an Academic Scholarship to selected recipients is entirely at the discretion of The University of Queensland's Academic Scholarship Selection Panel and no appeals regarding the non-award of an Academic Scholarship will be entered into.

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1. Deferral an Academic Scholarship

- 1.1. An Academic Scholarship recipient may apply to have their scholarship deferred for up to one year only if approval to defer their tertiary place has been granted.
- 1.2. Scholarship recipients who do not take up their university place in the year following an approved deferment of study shall have their scholarship offer withdrawn.
- 1.3. Students who undertake study at another university after completing Year 12 but before commencing their studies at UQ are ineligible for a UQ Academic Scholarship and shall have their scholarship offer withdrawn.

2. Named scholarships

- 2.1. Most academic scholarships are transferrable between UQ programs. However, a small number are fully funded by UQ faculties, private donors or industry groups. Recipients who are awarded a named Academic Scholarship or one based on a nominated program of study within that faculty, will normally need to maintain continued enrolment in that program for the term of the scholarship, unless otherwise approved by that faculty's Executive Dean.
- 2.2. Named scholarships include the UQ Excellence (Colonel D E Evans Memorial) Scholarship and the UQ Excellence (A J Deakin Memorial) Scholarships, as well as the Boeing Merit Scholarships.

3. Enrolment changes

- 3.1. **Any** changes to enrolment (e.g. interruption of or withdrawal from studies, change of study load, program change etc.) must be notified to the Scholarships Co-ordinator, Undergraduate Scholarships and Prizes **immediately prior** to making any such changes.

4. Ongoing eligibility requirements

The scholarship is subject to the recipient remaining enrolled in a full-time study load in an approved degree program AND maintaining satisfactory academic progress as set out in the scholarship rules:

4.1. Full-time study requirements

- 4.1.1. To remain eligible for continuing payments, scholarship recipients must remain enrolled in a full-time study load of at least 6 units in semester 1 and 6 units in semester 2. A student enrolling in less than a full-time study load is not eligible for a UQ Academic Scholarship.
- 4.1.2. The University will consider exceptional circumstances such as disability or serious medical condition, significant carer responsibilities and the unique circumstances of Indigenous Australian students in determining inability to study full-time.
- 4.1.3. A student whose course load falls below 6 units in a semester, will have their eligibility status reviewed and will be required to show cause why their scholarship should not be terminated. Such students will be ineligible to retain their Academic Scholarship unless they provide evidence that there are exceptional circumstances that prevent them studying on a full-time basis.
- 4.1.4. Students who undertake a component of their studies while on overseas student exchange (UQ Abroad), or with another university through an approved cross-institutional arrangement, will continue to receive

the scholarship if this study will count towards the requirements of the program in which the student is enrolled.

4.2. Academic progress

4.2.1. The University requires students holding an Academic Scholarship to achieve satisfactory academic progress, as set out in the scholarship rules.

4.2.2. The University will confirm a student's ongoing eligibility for an Academic Scholarship on a twice-yearly basis prior to payment in semester 1 and semester 2.

5. Suspension of an Academic Scholarship

5.1. Once the scholarship has commenced, approval to suspend an Academic Scholarship will only be granted in exceptional circumstances and only for a maximum period of one year. Such circumstances must be explained in full to the satisfaction of The University of Queensland and must be supported by evidentiary documentation e.g. letter from health practitioner etc.

6. Termination of an Academic Scholarship

The University may terminate an Academic Scholarship for any of the following reasons:

- 6.1. where the recipient commits serious misconduct including, but not limited to, the provision of false or misleading information in their Academic Scholarship application; or
- 6.2. the recipient undertakes university studies at another institution after completing year 12 but before commencing at UQ; or
- 6.3. the recipient ceases to meet the ongoing eligibility requirements specified in scholarship rules, other than during a period in which the scholarship has been suspended; or
- 6.4. if a recipient of a named or faculty-funded scholarship transfers to another program not eligible for the scholarship; or
- 6.5. once the full value of the scholarship has been paid; or
- 6.6. the recipient does not resume study at the conclusion of an approved period of suspension or approved deferral period.

Academic scholarship recipients who fail to meet the full time enrolment and academic progress requirements set out in the rules will be required to **show cause** why their scholarship should not be terminated. Such students will be ineligible to retain their Academic Scholarship unless they provide evidence that exceptional circumstances have impacted on their studies.

Appeals regarding the termination of an Academic Scholarship will be heard by the University's Senate Student Appeals Committee.

7. Release of Personal Details

The acceptance of a UQ Academic Scholarship means that recipients agree to have their name, contact and scholarship details released to university faculties and divisions, UQ residential colleges, industry partners and their Year 12 high school for promotion and event purposes.