THE UQ MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

(The scholarship was established in 2008 and is maintained by funds from The University of Queensland and external donors.)

1 Purpose
The purpose of the scholarship is to encourage and support outstanding secondary students commencing the first year of a bachelor's degree at The University of Queensland.

2 Definitions
In these rules -
* bachelor degree program * includes a program that includes 2 bachelor degree programs and is known as a dual degree program.
* DVC(A) * means the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic).
* scholarship * means the UQ Merit Scholarship.

3 Award and value of scholarship
(1) The Senate will award a number of scholarships in a year, on the recommendation of the DVC(A).
(2) Additional donor funded scholarships may be awarded subject to the approval of the DVC(A).
(3) The value of the scholarship is $6,000 for one year.

4 Eligibility for award
An applicant is eligible for the scholarship, if the applicant -
(a) submits an application by the closing date for applications; and
(b) is either an -
   (i) Australian citizen or Australian Permanent Humanitarian Visa Holder; or
   (ii) Australian Permanent Resident, New Zealand Citizen, or international student who is completing or has completed Years 11 and 12 in Australia; and
(c) (i) will complete year 12 in the year of application; or
   (ii) has completed year 12 in the year preceding the year of application; and
   (d) intends to enrol full-time in a bachelor degree program in the following year, or after an approved deferment of one year; and
   (e) has not undertaken any previous tertiary study, other than studies in special university programs designed for secondary school students.

5 Selection of award
(1) For the selection process, the DVC(A) must establish a selection committee, comprising -
   (a) the DVC(A), or nominee, as chair of the committee; and
   (b) the Associate Dean (Academic) from each faculty, or their respective nominees; and
   (c) the Academic Registrar; or nominee; and
   (d) any other representatives as may be determined from time to time by the chair.
(2) The scholarship is awarded to applicants showing greatest merit as demonstrated by -
   (a) significant academic achievement in their senior secondary school studies; and
   (b) significant leadership and/or community service achievements.

6 Conditions for scholarship
(1) The recipient may hold the scholarship for 1 year, subject to the recipient -
   (a) in the year following the year of the award, or after an approved deferment of one year, commencing study in a bachelor degree program; and
   (b) passing all courses in which they are enrolled in semester 1; and
   (c) continuing to be enrolled full-time in a bachelor degree program in semester 2.
(2) If a recipient fails to satisfy rule 6(1), the recipient must show cause why the scholarship should not be cancelled.

7 Deferral and suspension of scholarship
A recipient may be eligible to defer or suspend their scholarship in accordance with the scholarship terms and conditions.