



# UQ Merit Scholarship

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

## 1 Purpose

The purpose of the Scholarship is to attract and retain outstanding secondary students commencing the first year of a bachelor's degree at The University of Queensland.

## 2 Definitions

In these rules –

**Approved Program** means any Bachelor program at UQ or a related dual/integrated program.

**DVC(A)** means the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic).

**Scholarship** means the UQ Merit Scholarship.

## 3 Award and value of scholarship

- (1) A number of Scholarships will be awarded 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.

## 4 Eligibility for award

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

- (a) submits an application by the closing date for applications;
- (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;
- (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;
- (d) achieves a minimum Australian Tertiary Admission Rank of 95.00 (or equivalent);
- (e) intends to enrol full-time in an Approved Program in the following year, or after an approved deferment of one year;
- (f) has not undertaken any previous tertiary study at the Bachelor level or higher, other than studies in special university programs designed for secondary school students; and
- (g) has UQ listed as their 1st QTAC preference as at 19 December at 1:00pm.

## 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;
  - (b) the Associate Dean (Academic) from each faculty, or their respective nominees;
  - (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 application, or after an approved deferment of one year, commencing study in an Approved Program;
  - (b) enrolling full-time in an Approved Program; and
  - (c) passing all courses in which they are enrolled in semester 1.
- (2) If a recipient fails to satisfy rule 6(1), the recipient must show cause why the Scholarship should not be cancelled.
- (3) Recipients may apply to the DVC(A) to interrupt or defer their Scholarship for up to 1 year in exceptional circumstances only.

## 7 Termination of scholarship

The University may terminate a Scholarship:

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