



Bert and Vera Thies Scholarship in Civil Engineering

(The Bert and Vera Thies Scholarship in Civil Engineering was established in 2019 and is maintained by a gift from the Bert and Vera Thies Foundation.)

1. Purpose

The purpose of the Scholarship is to encourage and support deserving Engineering students who have experienced financial disadvantage and to honour the memory of the late Bert and Vera Thies.

2. Definitions

In these rules –

Approved Program means the Bachelor of Engineering (Honours), Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) / Master of Engineering or an engineering dual program.

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

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.

Continuing Student means a student who is currently enrolled in an Approved Program.

Foundation means the Bert and Vera Thies Foundation, the donations of which have established the Bert and Vera Thies Scholarship.

Head means the Head of School, School of Civil Engineering.

Relevant Field means a civil engineering field of study.

Scholarship means the Bert and Vera Thies Scholarship in Civil Engineering.

3. Award and value of Scholarship

(1) The Head will determine the number of Scholarships to be awarded each year.

(2) The value of each Scholarship is \$15,000.

4. Eligibility for award

An applicant is eligible for the Scholarship if the applicant –

(a) submits an application to the Head, by the closing date for applications;

(b) (i) is a Continuing Student enrolled full-time in an Approved Program in the year of the award, in a Relevant Field or

(ii) is a Commencing Student intending to enroll full-time in an Approved Program, in the Relevant Field;

(c) is a domestic student in accordance with the University's Student Fees Policy;

(d) 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;

(e) can demonstrate financial hardship; and

(f) does not hold a scholarship that the Head considers to be similar.

5. Selection of award

(1) For the selection process, the Head must establish a selection committee, comprising –

(a) the Head, or nominee, as chair of the committee;

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

(c) at least one representative of the Foundation, as may from time to time be nominated by the trustees of the Foundation by notice in writing to the Head; with University staff comprising the majority.

(2) The Scholarship will be awarded on the basis of the following criteria -

(a) demonstrated financial hardship;

(b) academic achievement;

(c) personal qualities and leadership potential;

(d) strength of interest that the applicant demonstrates in civil engineering, as evidenced by a cover letter, short answer responses within the application, and a resume;

(e) any other matter that the selection committee considers to be relevant to the applicant's future success in the engineering profession.

(3) Preference will be given to applicants who are previous recipients of the Scholarship.

(4) The selection committee may interview shortlisted applicants.



6. Conditions for Scholarship

- (1) The recipient may hold the Scholarship for one year, subject to the recipient –
 - (a) continuing to be enrolled full-time in an Approved Program in a Relevant Field (where applicable);
 - (b) passing all courses in which they are enrolled;
 - (c) achieving a GPA of at least 5.0 for each semester of study; and
 - (d) not holding another scholarship that the Head considers similar.
- (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 not be deferred or interrupted.

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 in rule 6(2);
- (b) if the recipient defers or interrupts their study;
- (c) once maximum duration of the Scholarship has lapsed; or
- (d) if the student commits misconduct.