



## Bethwyn Todd Scholarship for Women in Science

(Established as part of the Create Change Scholarship Match Initiative in 2019 by Bethwyn Todd to advance greater gender diversity in STEM and specifically in science. Bethwyn wishes to encourage an increase female participation in and graduation from, STEM tertiary courses to encourage gender parity in the STEM professions, specifically in science.)

### 1. Purpose

The purpose of the Scholarship is to provide assistance to female students studying in the Faculty of Science at The University of Queensland, who are experiencing financial hardship.

### 2. Definitions

In these Rules-

**Approved Program** means any undergraduate program in STEM administered by the Faculty of Science at The University of Queensland.

**Associate Dean** means the Associate Dean Academic of the Faculty of Science.

**Minimum Completion Time** means the minimum period of time it would take to complete the Approved Program based on enrolment in 8 units per semester in semester 1 and semester 2 each year or 16 units per calendar year. Students awarded the Scholarship part way through an Approved Program will hold the Scholarship for the Minimum Completion Time, less the time already enrolled.

**Satisfactory Academic Progress** means meeting the requirements to remain enrolled under the University's Academic Progression Procedures.

**Scholarship** means the Bethwyn Todd Scholarship for Women in Science.

**STEM** means science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

### 3. Award and value of scholarship

(1) Up to two Scholarships held in tenure, may be awarded annually on the recommendation of the Associate Dean.

(2) The value of each Scholarship will be determined by the Associate Dean at the commencement of each year.

(3) The value will be no less than \$4500, and limited to the annual distribution from the fund.

### 4. Eligibility for Award

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

- (a) submits a completed application to the Faculty of Science by the closing date;
- (b) is a domestic student in accordance with the University's Student Fees Policy;
- (c) is enrolled full-time in an Approved Program;
- (d) can demonstrate financial need; and
- (e) is a female student.

### 5. Selection of award

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

- (a) the Associate Dean, or nominee, as chair of the committee;
- (b) at least one academic staff member who is currently teaching in an Approved Program;
- (c) the donor, Bethwyn Todd, or nominee; and
- (d) at least one additional staff member from the Faculty of Science.

(2) The Scholarship is awarded on the basis of the following criteria –

- (a) demonstrated financial need;
- (b) strength of personal statement included with application;
- (c) academic capability as demonstrated by overall academic performance; and
- (d) any other evidence that the selection committee deems relevant to the applicant's future success in their field of study.

### 6. Conditions for scholarship

(1) The recipient may hold the Scholarship for the Minimum Completion Time of the Approved Program subject to the recipient -

- (a) continuing to be enrolled full-time in an Approved Program; and
- (b) achieving Satisfactory Academic Progress in each semester that the Scholarship is held.

(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.

### 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;
- (c) once the maximum duration of the Scholarship has lapsed; or
- (d) if the recipient commits serious misconduct.