Boeing Darren Edwards Memorial Scholarship

(The Boeing Darren Edwards Memorial Scholarship was established in 2020 under the Create Change Scholarship Match Initiative and maintained by income generated from the endowment fund. The Scholarship is in memory of the late Darren Edwards, former Boeing Defence Australia Vice President & Managing Director.)

1. Purpose
   The purpose of the Scholarship is to encourage and support women, or people who may be perceived as female, who are facing financial hardship, to study in STEM fields at The University of Queensland.

2. Definitions
   In these rules-
   Approved Program means any bachelor program including dual programs at The University of Queensland with a Significant Component of Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics (STEM).
   Associate Dean (Academic) (EAIT) means the Associate Dean (Academic), Faculty of Engineering, Architecture and Information Technology.
   Associate Dean (Academic) (Science) means Associate Dean (Academic) for the Faculty Science
   Satisfactory Academic Progress means meeting the requirements to remain enrolled in accordance with the University’s Academic Progression Procedure.
   Scholarship means the Boeing Darren Edwards Memorial Scholarship.
   Significant Component of Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics (STEM) means either a designated program in STEM or a program with a STEM specialisation or major.

3. Award and value of scholarship
   (1) One Scholarship may be awarded annually on the recommendation the Associate Dean (Academic) (EAIT).
   (2) The annual value of the Scholarship will be at least $4,500 unless this amount exceeds the annual income from the underlying endowment fund.

4. Eligibility for award
   An applicant is eligible for the Scholarship, if the applicant –
   (a) can demonstrate financial need;
   (b) submits an application to the Associate Dean (Academic) (EAIT), by the closing date for applications;
   (c) is a female student, or a student who may be perceived as female, and therefore who may face the same barriers as females;
   (d) is a domestic student in accordance with the University’s Student Fees Policy;
   (e) is enrolled full-time in an Approved Program;
   (f) has completed at least 28 units but less than 44 units towards an Approved Program; and
   (g) does not hold a scholarship that the Associate Dean (Academic) (EAIT) considers to be similar.

5. Selection of award
   (1) For the selection process, the Associate Dean (Academic) (EAIT) must establish a selection committee, comprising –
       (a) the Associate Dean (Academic) (EAIT), or nominee, as chair of the committee;
       (b) the Associate Dean (Academic) (Science), or nominee;
       (c) at least one representative of a member of the Edwards Family or nominee; and
       (d) at least one member of the University’s academic staff who is currently teaching in engineering, with University staff comprising the majority.
   (2) The Scholarship will be awarded on the basis of the following criteria –
       (a) evidence of financial need;
       (b) personal qualities including leadership potential, community service and/or engagement;
       (c) academic achievement in courses undertaken to date in the Approved Program; and
       (d) any other matter that the selection committee considers to be relevant to the applicant’s future success in the science, engineering, mathematics and technology profession.
   (3) Preference may be given to applicants who are (in order of priority)-
       (i) studying the Bachelor of Bachelor of Engineering (Honours), or an engineering integrated program or a dual program that includes the Bachelor of Engineering (Honours);
       (ii) studying the Bachelor of Information Technology program or a dual program that includes the Bachelor of Information Technology;
       (iii) studying the Bachelor of Computer Science program or a dual program that includes the Bachelor of Computer Science.
   (4) The selection committee may decide to interview shortlisted applicants.
6. **Conditions for scholarship**

(1) The recipient may hold the Scholarship for up to 1 year, subject to the recipient –
   (a) continuing to be enrolled full-time in an Approved Program;
   (b) maintaining Satisfactory Academic Progress in each semester that the Scholarship is held; and
   (c) not holding another scholarship that the Associate Dean (Academic) EAIT 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 University as provided for in rule 6(2);

(b) if the recipient defers or interrupts their study; or

(c) if the student commits serious misconduct.