



HASS Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Scholarship

(Established in 2020 under the Create Change Scholarship Match Initiative and maintained by the HASS Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Scholarship Endowment Fund.)

1. Purpose

The purpose of the Scholarship is to support undergraduate Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students at The University of Queensland who are experiencing financial hardship.

2. Definitions

In these rules –

Approved Program means any undergraduate program administered by the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences at The University of Queensland.

Associate Dean means the Associate Dean (Indigenous Engagement), Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences.

Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person means a person who can provide compelling evidence of their Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status. Confirmation of Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status under the common seal of a community organisation may be provided. Where exceptional circumstances apply, statutory declarations and other forms of documentation may be considered. Original or certified copies of supporting documentation must be provided.

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 a program will hold the Scholarship for the minimum duration for completion of their current program, less the time already enrolled. Where a recipient undertakes a subsequent related honours program approved by the Associate Dean, it must be commenced in the semester immediately following completion of their Bachelor program.

PVC(IE) means the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous Engagement).

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

Scholarship means the HASS Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Scholarship.

3. Award and value of scholarship

(1) A number of Scholarships may be awarded on recommendation of the Associate Dean.

(2) The value of the Scholarship will be \$4,500 for each year that it is held.

4. Eligibility for award

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

- submits an application to the Associate Dean by the closing date;
- is enrolled in an Approved Program;
- is an Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person;
- will be a domestic student in accordance with the University's Student Fees Policy; and
- can demonstrate financial hardship.

5. Selection of award

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

- the Associate Dean, or nominee, as Chair of the committee;
- the Associate Dean (Academic) of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, or nominee;
- the PVC(IE) or nominee; and
- an alumnus/a of an Approved Program who is an Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person, nominated by the Associate Dean.

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

- demonstrated financial need; and
- academic capability and future academic potential.

(3) The selection committee may decide to interview short-listed applicants.

6. Conditions for scholarship

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

- continuing to be enrolled full-time in an Approved Program;
- maintaining Satisfactory Academic Progress in each semester that the Scholarship is held; and
- not holding another scholarship that the Associate Dean considers to be 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 cannot be deferred. The recipient may apply to interrupt the Scholarship for a maximum duration of 12 months and only in exceptional circumstances as approved by the Associate Dean.

7. Termination of scholarship

The University may terminate a Scholarship –

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