



## Joan Elizabeth Wickham Memorial Scholarship

(The Joan Elizabeth Wickham Prize was first established in 2010, following a bequest to Alumni Friends from the Estate of Joan Wickham, who managed the Engineering Library from 1968 until her retirement in 1988. The Prize was awarded annually to a female student who achieved the highest GPA in the first 4 semesters of the Bachelor of Engineering or Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) program, and was last awarded in 2019. In 2019, Alumni Friends determined to replace the prize, and to establish an endowed undergraduate scholarship under the Create Change Scholarship Match Initiative to support female undergraduate students who are facing financial hardship who have a dream to study engineering at UQ.)

### 1. Purpose

The purpose of the Scholarship is to encourage and support a female engineering undergraduate student studying at The University of Queensland, who is facing financial hardship.

### 2. Definitions

In these rules-

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

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

**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.

**Satisfactory Academic Progress** means meeting the requirements to remain enrolled in accordance with the University's Academic Progression Procedure.

**Scholarship** means the Joan Elizabeth Wickham Memorial Scholarship.

### 3. Award and value of scholarship

- (1) One Scholarship may be awarded as tenure becomes vacant.
- (2) The annual value of the Scholarship will be approximately equal to the annual income from the endowment.

### 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, by the closing date for applications;
- (c) is enrolled full-time in an Approved Program; and
- (d) 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; and
  - (b) at least one member of the University's academic staff who is currently teaching in engineering.
- (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; and
  - (d) any other matter that the selection committee considers to be relevant to the applicant's future success in the engineering profession.
- (3) The selection committee may decide to interview shortlisted applicants.

### 6. Conditions for scholarship

- (1) The recipient may hold the Scholarship for the Minimum Completion Time (excluding any periods for which that Scholarship is deferred or interrupted), subject to the recipient –
  - (a) continuing to be enrolled full-time in an Approved Program; and
  - (b) maintaining 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.
- (3) On approval from the Associate Dean, the Scholarship can be interrupted or deferred.

### 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 elapsed; or
- (d) if the student commits serious misconduct.