



# The TC Beirne School of Law

## The Leadership, Excellence & Diversity (LEAD) Scholarship

(The scholarship was established in 2016 and is maintained by funds from external donors.)

### 1. Purpose

The purpose of the Scholarship is to encourage and support students from disadvantaged backgrounds to undertake undergraduate studies in law at The University of Queensland. While the Scheme is primarily intended for students from government schools, students from non-government schools who are indigenous or who can demonstrate significant financial disadvantage, are also eligible.

### 2. Definitions

In these rules –

**Domestic Student** means a student who is:

- (a) an Australian citizen; or
- (b) the holder of a permanent humanitarian visa for Australia.

**GPA** means grade point average.

**Head** means the head of the TC Beirne School of Law.

**Approved Program** means the LLB(Hons) program or a dual degree program that includes the LLB(Hons) program.

**Scholarship** means the Leadership, Excellence and Diversity (LEAD) Scholarship.

**YAP Scholarship** means the Young Achievers Program Scholarship.

### 3. Award and value of the Scholarship

- (1) The University will award a number of Scholarships in a year, on the recommendation of the Head.
- (2) The value of the Scholarship is \$8,000 per annum for a maximum period of five (5) years.
- (3) Recipients of the Scholarship will be designated “LEAD Scholars”.
- (4) The Scholarships will be awarded completely at the University’s discretion and the University’s decision is not subject to appeal.

### 4. Eligibility for award

- (1) An applicant is eligible to be considered for the award of a Scholarship in a year, if the applicant—
  - (a) is or will be a Domestic Student in the year of award;
  - (b) has completed senior schooling in Australia within two years of application, or will be completing senior schooling in Australia in the year of application
  - (c) intends to enrol as a commencing student, or who has already accepted an offer to commence as a student, at The University of Queensland in an Approved Program in the year of the award;
  - (d) expects to gain admission, or has already gained admission, to an Approved Program in the year of the award on the basis of predicted, or actual, senior results and any applicable adjustment factors, or on the basis of special entry pathways;
  - (e) has not completed any prior program of tertiary study at bachelor level or higher;
  - (f) can demonstrate educational, social or financial disadvantage; and
  - (g) is available to participate in a formal interview with UQ on a date set by the University.

### 5. Selection of award

- (1) The Head will establish a selection committee, comprising:
  - (a) the Head or nominee, as chair of the committee;
  - (b) the Executive Dean or nominee of the Faculty of Business Economics and Law;
  - (c) the Academic Registrar or nominee;
  - (d) the Donor or nominee;
  - (e) a distinguished member of the Queensland Legal Profession determined by the Chair; and
  - (f) any other representatives as may be determined from time to time by the Chair, with University staff comprising the majority.
- (2) The Scholarship will be awarded primarily on the basis of demonstrated financial need.
- (3) In addition to the criterion of financial need, the selection committee may also consider the following:
  - (a) academic achievement in Year 11 and Year 12;
  - (b) leadership, cultural, sporting or community service achievements; and
  - (c) educational or social disadvantage.
- (4) Preference may be given to applicants who have completed their secondary schooling at a Government school.

## **6. Conditions for the Scholarship**

- (1) Offers for the Scholarship will be conditional on receiving an offer of a place in an Approved Program at UQ in the year of the award.
- (2) The recipient may hold the YAP Scholarship concurrently with the Scholarship for a maximum period of one (1) year. The recipient may, at the discretion of the Dean, hold another equity-based scholarship concurrently with the Scholarship but may not hold another scholarship that is based solely on academic achievement.
- (3) The recipient may hold the Scholarship for a maximum period of five (5) years (excluding any periods for which the Scholarship is deferred or interrupted), subject to the recipient:
  - (a) commencing study in an Approved Program at UQ in the year of award or after an approved deferment;
  - (b) continuing to be enrolled full-time in an Approved Program; and
  - (c) maintaining satisfactory academic progress by achieving a minimum annual GPA of 4.5.
- (4) The recipient is expected to actively contribute to supporting the Scholarship and the University.
- (5) If a recipient fails to meet the requirements of rule 6(2), 6(3) and 6(4), they must show cause to the Head as to why the Scholarship should not be terminated.

## **7. Deferral of the Scholarship**

Scholarship recipients may apply to have their scholarship deferred for up to one year if approval to defer their tertiary place has been granted. Scholarship recipients who do not take up their tertiary place following an approved deferment shall have their scholarship offer withdrawn.

## **8. Interruption of the Scholarship**

Scholarship recipients may apply to interrupt their scholarship for a maximum cumulative period of one year where there are exceptional circumstances which prevent the student from enrolling.

## **9. Termination of the Scholarship**

The University may terminate the Scholarship:

- (a) if the recipient does not comply with the scholarship conditions in section 6; or
- (b) if the recipient does not resume study at the conclusion of an approved period of suspension; or
- (c) if the recipient holding the YAP Scholarship for a maximum of one (1) year elects to continue to hold that Scholarship beyond the period of one (1) year; or
- (d) once maximum duration of the scholarship has lapsed; or
- (e) if the recipient is found to have committed misconduct.