



Lowth Geology Scholarship

(Established in 2019 under the Create Change Scholarship Match Initiative in honour of Jacqueline and Thomas Lowth. Jacqueline was a beloved school principal who believed in education and opportunity for all. She bequeathed her estate to the University in honour of her brother Thomas, a geologist and former staff member at UQ.)

1. Purpose

The purpose of the Scholarship is to provide assistance to students who are experiencing financial hardship to study earth sciences at The University of Queensland.

2. Definitions

In these rules -

Approved Program means any undergraduate program in the field of earth sciences (geological sciences) administered by the Faculty of Science at The University of Queensland.

Associate Dean means the Associate Dean (Academic) of the Faculty of Science.

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.

Relevant Field means a major or field of study in an earth sciences (or geological sciences) field.

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

Scholarship means the Lowth Geology Scholarship

3. Award and value of scholarship

- (1) The number and value of Scholarships will be determined annually on recommendation by the Associate Dean.
- (2) The annual combined value of all Scholarships shall not exceed the amount available from 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 Associate Dean by the closing date;
- (b) is a domestic student in accordance with the University's Student Fees Policy;
- (c) is enrolled or intends to be enrolled in the Relevant Field in an Approved Program in the year of the award; and
- (d) can demonstrate financial need.

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) at least one additional staff member from the Faculty of Science; and
 - (d) the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous Engagement) or nominee.
- (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 may deem relevant to the applicant's future success in their field.
- (3) Preference may be given to applicants who are Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Persons.

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 in a Relevant Field; 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) The recipient may apply to the Associate Dean to interrupt or defer the Scholarship for a maximum duration of 12 months.

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) if the recipient commits serious misconduct.