



Maria Vasas Scholarship in Equine Science

(Established in 2013 and maintained by philanthropic gifts from the Maria Vasas Foundation, to recognise the life and passions of Maria Vasas. The Scholarship was formalised by Senate in 2014.)

1 Purpose

The purpose of the scholarship is to support students enrolled in the Bachelor of Equine Science (Honours) program relevant to equine science.

2 Definitions

In these rules-

Approved Program means the Bachelor of Equine Science (Honours) program at the School of Agriculture and Food Sustainability.

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

Relevant Field means a major or field/area of study in equine science

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

Scholarship means the Maria Vasas Scholarship in Equine Science.

3 Award and value of scholarship

- (1) The Senate may award one or more Scholarships in a year on the recommendation of the Associate Dean (Academic).
- (2) The value of the Scholarship will be \$5,000

4 Eligibility for award

An applicant is eligible for the award of a Scholarship if the applicant:

- (a) is a domestic student in accordance with The University's Fee Policy;
- (b) is enrolled, or intends to enrol, full-time or part-time in the Relevant Field of the Approved Program;
- (c) does not hold a scholarship that the Associate Dean (Academic) considers to be similar;
- (d) has not received the scholarship previously while enrolled in the current program;
- (e) applies for the scholarship by the closing date for applications.

5 Selection of award

- (1) For the selection process, the Associate Dean (Academic) must establish a selection committee, comprising:
 - (a) the Head, School of Agriculture and Food Sustainability, or nominee, as chair of the committee;
 - (b) the Director of the Equine Science group, or nominee; and
 - (c) another member of the university's academic staff who is currently teaching in a relevant program;
- (2) The committee will rank the eligible applicants consecutively in order of merit, based on, for each applicant:
 - (a) financial circumstances as evidenced by supporting documentation
 - (b) academic achievement in their undergraduate program;
 - (c) an interest in equine science and experience working with horses;
 - (d) personal qualities, including leadership potential, community service and engagement; and
 - (e) any other matter that the selection committee considers to be relevant to the applicant's future professional success.

6 Conditions for scholarship

- (1) The scholarship is tenable for one year and is subject to the recipient:
 - (a) maintaining satisfactory academic progress each semester; and
 - (b) continuing to be enrolled part-time or full-time in the Approved Program;
- (2) If a recipient fails to satisfy rule 6(1), the recipient must show cause to the Associate Dean (Academic) why the scholarship should not be cancelled.