Rio Tinto Excellence Scholarships

(The Scholarship was established in 2017 and is maintained by an annual gift from Rio Tinto Services Limited.)

1 Purpose

The purpose of the Scholarship is to encourage and support high-calibre second and third year students undertaking study in engineering or science at The University of Queensland who are experiencing financial hardship.

2 Definitions

In these rules –

Approved Computer Science Program means the Bachelor of Computer Science or associated dual program; or Bachelor of Information Technology or associated dual program.

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

Approved Science Program means the Bachelor of Science; or Bachelor of Advanced Science (Honours) or Bachelor Mathematics or associated dual programs.

Relevant Computer Science Field means the majors of computer science within the Approved Computer Science Program as determined annually by the Associate Dean EAIT, after consultation with Rio Tinto in accordance with 3(2).

Relevant Engineering Field means the majors/specialisations/fields of study of engineering within the Approved Engineering Program as determined annually by the Associate Dean EAIT, after consultation with Rio Tinto in accordance with 3(2).

Relevant Science Field means the majors/specialisations of Science within the Approved Science Program as determined annually by the Associate Dean Engineering, after consultation with Rio Tinto in accordance with 3(2).

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

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

Rio Tinto means Rio Tinto Services Limited.

Scholarship means The Rio Tinto Excellence Scholarships.

Named Scholarship means a Rio Tinto Excellence Scholarship named in Addendum 1 and administered in accordance with the Rio Tinto Excellence Scholarship rules.

3 Award and value of scholarship

(1) The Associate Dean EAIT, after consulting Rio Tinto, will determine the number and type of Scholarships available each year in accordance with the Named Scholarships in Addendum 1.

(2) The Associate Dean EAIT, after consulting Rio Tinto, will each year nominate the Relevant Engineering Field and Relevant Computer Science Field prior to the annual advertising of applications.

(3) The value of each Scholarship will be $10,000 for each year in which it is held.

4 Additonal benefits

Rio Tinto may offer the recipients one or more of the following opportunities:-

(a) ambassadorial roles;

(b) thesis mentoring;

(c) vacation employment at any Rio Tinto site as determined by Rio Tinto, in consultation with the recipient.

5 Eligibility for award

(1) An applicant is eligible for the Scholarship, if the applicant –

(a) submits an application to the Associate Dean EAIT, by the closing date for applications;

(b) is a domestic student in accordance with the University's Student Fees Policy;

(c) can demonstrate financial hardship;

(d) is enrolled full-time in an Approved Computer Science Program in a Relevant Computer Science Field or an Approved Engineering Program in a Relevant Engineering Field or an Approved Science Program in a Relevant Science Field;

(e) has, at the time of application, completed at least 14 units but no more than 34 units towards an Approved Program; and

(f) does not hold another scholarship that the Associate Dean EAIT considers to be similar.

(2) To be eligible for a Named Scholarship, the student must also meet any additional eligibility requirements for that Scholarship set out in Addendum 1.

6 Selection of award

(1) For the selection process, the Associate Dean EAIT must establish a selection committee, comprising:
    (a) the Associate Dean EAIT, or nominee, as Chair of the committee;
    (b) the Associate Dean Science, or nominee;
    (c) up to one representative from Rio Tinto; and
    (d) at least one member of the University's academic staff who is currently teaching in an engineering, computer science or science program,
with UQ staff comprising the majority.

(2) The Scholarship is awarded to the applicants showing greatest merit based on -
    (a) demonstrated financial hardship;
    (b) personal and leadership qualities and potential to succeed in the engineering and/or computer science and/or science profession;
    (c) academic achievement in courses undertaken to date towards an Approved Computer Science Program or an Approved Engineering Program or an Approved Science Program; and
    (d) any other matter that the selection committee considers to be relevant including criteria for Named Scholarships outlined in Addendum 1.

(3) Preference may be given to applicants who are past participants in a Rio Tinto Internship, and/or past recipients of Rio Tinto scholarships.

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

7 Conditions for scholarship

(1) The recipient may hold the Scholarship for up to 2 years, subject to the recipient –
    (a) continuing to be enrolled full-time in either the Approved Computer Science Program in a Relevant Computer Science Field or the Approved Engineering Program in a Relevant Engineering Field or the Approved Science Program in a Relevant Science Field;
    (b) passing all courses in which they are enrolled for the duration of the Scholarship;
    (c) conducting themselves in a professional manner in any interactions with or on behalf of Rio Tinto and its employees and representatives; and
    (d) not holding another scholarship that the Associate Dean EAIT considers similar.

(2) If a recipient fails to satisfy rule 7(1), the recipient must show cause to the Associate Dean EAIT if the recipient is enrolled in an Approved Computer Science Program or an Approved Engineering Program, or the Associate Dean Science if the recipient is enrolled in an Approved Science Program, why the Scholarship should not be cancelled.

(3) The Scholarship may not be deferred or interrupted.

8 Termination of scholarship

The University will terminate a Scholarship:
    (a) if the recipient does not show cause to the reasonable satisfaction of the Associate Dean EAIT, if the recipient is enrolled in an Approved Computer Science Program or an Approved Engineering Program, or the Associate Dean Science if the recipient is enrolled in an Approved Science Program, as provided for in rule 7(2);
    (b) if the recipient defers, interrupts or suspends their study; or
    (c) if the student commits misconduct.

Addendum 1 – Additional Requirements for Named scholarships within the Rio Tinto Excellence Scholarship Scheme

Named scholarship	Definitions	Number and Award	Eligibility	Selection	Conditions
Women in Engineering Scholarships	*Scholarship* means the Women in Engineering Scholarships	Two Scholarships may be awarded each year on recommendation of the Associate Dean EAIT	Is a female student enrolled inone of the following: • Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) or associated dual program in Mining Engineering; or • Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) or associated dual program or integrated program in Mechanical Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Chemical Engineering or Civil Engineering; or • Bachelor of Engineering (Honours)/Bachelor of Science a major in Earth Science.	Preference will be given to students studying in priority area fields as determined in consultation with Rio Tinto. Where all other considerations are equal, preference will be given to applicants who demonstrate academic achievement.	No additional conditions
Future Leader Scholarships	*Scholarship* means the Future Leader Scholarships	One Scholarship may be awarded each year on recommendation of the Associate Dean EAIT	Is a student enrolled one of the following: • Bachelor of Information Technology or associated dual program; or • Bachelor of Computer Science or associated dual program ; or • Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) or associated dual program or associated integrated program in Mechatronic Engineering or Software Engineering; or • Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Advanced Science (Honours) or associated dual programs with a major in Computer Science or Mathematics; or • Bachelor of Mathematics or associated dual programs.	Preference will be given to students who have participated in Leaders@EAIT.	No additional conditions