



Robertson Family Scholarship

(The Scholarship was established in 2013 in memory of A. K. (Bill) Robertson and V. M. (Molly) Robertson through an endowed gift from their children. Bill Robertson and Molly Robertson were both mature-age students at The University of Queensland, graduating with Bachelor of Arts degrees, Bill Robertson in 1950 and Molly Robertson in 1972.)

1. Purpose

The purpose of the scholarship is to provide financial assistance to commencing mature-age students undertaking undergraduate studies in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences who are experiencing financial hardship .

2. Definitions

In these rules –

Associate Dean means the Associate Dean (Academic), Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

Faculty means the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

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

Scholarship means the Robertson Family Scholarship

Relevant program means an undergraduate program administered by the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences or a dual degree program that includes a program administered by the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences or any subsequent related honours program administered by the Faculty.

Commencing Student means a student who has completed no more than 8 units of tertiary level study

Minimum Completion Time means the minimum period of time it would take to complete the Relevant 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. Where a recipient undertakes subsequent related honours program in a Relevant program, it must be commenced in the semester immediately following completion of their Bachelor's program.

3. Award and value of Scholarship

- (1) One scholarship may be awarded as tenure becomes vacant on recommendation of the Associate Dean.
- (2) The value of the Scholarship will be the amount of the annual income from the fund, and is expected to be \$4,500 (or more).

4. Eligibility for award

- (1) An applicant is eligible for the Scholarship, if the applicant —
 - (a) submits an application to the Associate Dean, by the closing date for applications;
 - (b) is a domestic student in accordance with The University's Fee Policy;
 - (c) is enrolled as a Commencing Student at The University of Queensland in a Relevant Program;
 - (d) will be twenty-one years of age or older during the first year of their tenure of the scholarship;
 - (e) does not already hold a university degree; and
 - (f) can demonstrate and provide documentary evidence of financial hardship.

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 two (2) members of the Faculty's academic staff.
- (2) The Scholarship will be awarded on the basis of the following criteria (in order of importance) -
 - (a) demonstrated financial need;
 - (b) academic achievement based on prior studies; and
 - (c) any other matter that the selection committee considers relevant to the applicant's future success in completing a Relevant Program.

6. Conditions for scholarship

- (1) The recipient may hold the Scholarship for the Minimum Completion Time (excluding any periods for which the Scholarship is suspended), subject to the recipient:

- (a) continuing to be enrolled in the Relevant Program in a minimum of 4 units in each semester subsequent to the semester of application;
 - (b) maintaining Satisfactory Academic Progress in each semester that the Scholarship is held;
 - (c) not holding another scholarship that the Associate Dean considers to be similar.
- (2) If the 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 interrupt the Scholarship for a maximum duration of 12 months and only in exceptional circumstances as approved by the Associate Dean.

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); or
- (b) if the recipient commits serious misconduct.