Shiren Law Scholarship

(Established in 2019 by Nicholas Shiren under the Create Change Scholarship Match Initiative and maintained by income generated from the endowment fund.)

1. Purpose

The purpose of the Scholarship is to encourage and support undergraduate students who are studying law at UQ and experiencing financial hardship.

2. Definitions

In these rules-

Approved Program means the Bachelor of Laws (Honours) or dual degree programs with the Bachelor of Laws (Honours).

Dean means the Dean of UQ Law School.

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. 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.

Regional or Remote Student means a student who has lived in a geographic region classified as -

Remoteness Area 2 (RA2)

Remoteness Area 3 (RA3)

Remoteness Area 4 (RA4)

Remoteness Area 5 (RA5)

for at least 5 consecutive years, or for at least 10 years cumulatively.

Remoteness Areas are defined by the Australian Statistical Geography Standard – Remoteness Area structure (ASGS -RA).

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

Scholarship means the Shiren Law Scholarship.

3. Award and value of scholarship

- (1) One Scholarship may be awarded as tenure becomes vacant.
- (2) The annual value of the Scholarship will be approximately equal to the annual income from the endowment.

4. Eligibility for award

An applicant is eligible for the Scholarship, if the applicant -

- (a) can demonstrate financial need;
- (b) submits an application to the Dean, by the closing date for applications;
- (c) is enrolled or intends to be enrolled full-time in an Approved Program; and
- (d) is a domestic student in accordance with the University's Student Fees Policy.

5. Selection of award

- (1) For the selection process, the Dean must establish a selection committee, comprising
 - (a) the Dean, or nominee, as chair of the committee; and
 - (b) a minimum of two Academic staff members from the School of Law as nominated by the Dean.
- (2) The Scholarship will be awarded on the basis of the following criteria -
 - (a) evidence of financial need;
 - (b) leadership, cultural, sporting or community service achievements;
 - (c) academic achievement; and
 - (d) not holding another scholarship that the Dean considers to be similar.
- (3) Preference will be given to applicants who are a Regional or Remote Student.

6. Conditions for scholarship

- (1) The recipient may hold the Scholarship for the Mininimum Completion Time, subject to the recipient
 - (a) continuing to be enrolled full-time in an Approved Program;
 - (b) maintaining Satisfactory Academic Progress in each semester that the Scholarship is held; and
 - (c) not holding another scholarship that the Dean considers to be similar.
- (2) If a recipient fails to satisfy rule 6(1), the recipient must show cause to the Dean why the Scholarship should not be cancelled.

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) once the maximum duration of the Scholarship has lapsed; or
- (c) if the recipient commits serious misconduct.