



# UQ Ramsay Undergraduate Scholarship

(Established in 2019 with support from the Ramsay Centre for Western Civilisation)

## 1. Purpose

The purpose of the Scholarship is to support students undertaking a program with an extended major in Western Civilisation. A Ramsay scholar is an academic high achiever who desires to make a difference in the world. They are creative and intellectually curious with the critical skills to challenge the status quo and cross boundaries. They value discussion, debate, and the opportunity to learn from others. Their endeavours are driven by compassion, a desire to better the lives of all members of the community, and a strong code of ethics.

## 2. Definitions

In these rules –

**Approved Program of Study** means the two Western Civilisation pathways, being the extended major in Western Civilisation in the Bachelor of Advanced Humanities (Honours) (BAdvHum(Hons)) or Bachelor of Humanities/Bachelor of Laws (Honours) (BHum/LLB(Hons)) program.

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

**Director of the program in Western Civilisation** means the convenor of the extended major in Western Civilisation in an Approved Program of Study.

**Executive Dean** means the Executive Dean, Faculty of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences.

**Regional Or Remote Area** means a geographic region classified as –

Remoteness Area 3 (RA3);

Remoteness Area 4 (RA4); or

Remoteness Area 5 (RA5)

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

**Scholarship** means the UQ Ramsay Undergraduate Scholarship.

## 3. Award, Value and Selection

- (1) Up to 30 new Scholarships will be awarded in a year, and will seek to award an equal number of Scholarships to applicants for each of the Approved Program of Study pathways, and held in tenure in accordance with these rules.
- (2) The value of each Scholarship will be at least \$30,000 for each year it is held.
- (3) Each Scholarship will be tenable for a maximum period as specified in Addendum 1.
- (4) The Scholarship shall be awarded on recommendation from the Executive Dean after consultation with a selection committee, comprising—
  - a) the Executive Dean (or nominee); and
  - b) the Director of the program in Western Civilisation (or nominee); and
  - c) the Dean of the T.C. Beirne School of Law (or nominee); and
  - d) the Academic Registrar (or nominee); and
  - e) the Ramsay Centre CEO or Academic Executive Officer.with University staff comprising the majority.  
A quorum comprises the Executive Dean, the Ramsay representative and two other University staff members.

## 4. Additional benefits

- (1) In addition to the value of the Scholarship, recipients may also receive one return economy airfare for a global experience endorsed by the Director of the program in Western Civilisation and approved in accordance with standard University procedures.

## 5. Eligibility and Award Criteria

- (1) An applicant is eligible for the Scholarship, if the applicant—
  - (a) submits an application for the Scholarship to the University by the closing date for applications; and
  - (b) is an Australian Citizen or Australian Permanent Resident at the time of application; and
  - (c)
    - (i) will complete year 12 in the year of application; or
    - (ii) completed year 12 in the year preceding the year of application; and
  - (d) will be enrolled full-time in the Approved Program of Study in the year of award; and
  - (e) expects to gain admission to an Approved Program of Study in the year of the award on the basis of predicted senior results and any applicable adjustment factors or on the basis of special entry pathways; and
  - (f) has not completed any prior tertiary study while enrolled in a bachelor-level program or higher. Studies in special university programs designed for secondary school students are acceptable; and
  - (g) will be available to participate in an interview with the selection committee on a date set by the

University.

- (2) Applications must be submitted in the form of a curriculum vitae (which includes academic achievements), two references, a statement addressing the criteria outlined in Rule 5(3)(b), a statement addressing any disadvantage, and appropriate supporting evidence.
- (3) The Scholarships are awarded to the students showing the greatest merit based on -
  - (a) academic ability as demonstrated by previous academic results and awards; and
  - (b) each of the following as demonstrated by written application and performance at interview:
    - (i) interest in the questions and ideas that have shaped the world;
    - (ii) track-record of contribution to their communities;
    - (iii) creativity and critical thinking skills that challenge and cross boundaries;
    - (iv) ability to contribute effectively to discussion and debate;
    - (v) the desire and ability on the part of the candidate to empower and better the lives of others and to make a difference in the world;
    - (vi) the qualities of compassion, empathy, and ethical behaviour;
    - (vii) the value of the opportunity provided by the Scholarship to the applicant's future development; and
  - (c) overall performance at interview.
- (4) Provided that the criteria listed in rule 5(3) are met, preference may be given to applicants who can demonstrate as part of their application that they have experienced disadvantage or are from an underrepresented background in accordance with the University's Strategic Plan.
- (5) The selection committee will interview short-listed applicants.

## 6. Conditions for Award

- (1) The recipient may hold the Scholarship for up to the duration as specified in Addendum 1, subject to the recipient -
  - (a) enrolling full-time in an Approved Program of Study; and
  - (b) continuing to be enrolled full-time in an Approved Program of Study excluding any periods of approved interruption in accordance with rule 8; and
  - (c) achieving a Semester GPA of at least 4.0; and
  - (d) not holding another scholarship the Associate Dean considers similar.
- (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 can transfer a scholarship between the pathways in the Approved Program of Study only with the prior approval of the Executive Dean.

## 7. Payment of Scholarship

- (1) In the first year of the Scholarship, recipients from a Regional or Remote Area will be paid \$5,000 of the total annual value of the Scholarship in the first week of study to help offset start-up costs, with the balance to be paid in two equal instalments after census date in semester 1 and semester 2. All other Scholarship recipients will be paid \$2,500 of the total annual value of the Scholarship in the first week of study to help offset start-up costs, with the balance to be paid in two equal instalments after census date in semester 1 and semester 2.
- (2) In subsequent years, the Scholarship will be paid to all recipients in two equal instalments after census date in semester 1 and semester 2.

## 8. Deferral and Interruption of Award

- (1) The Scholarship may not be deferred.
- (2) A recipient may apply to the Associate Dean to interrupt their Scholarship for a maximum period of two semesters in exceptional circumstances during the tenure of their Scholarship.

## 9. Termination of Scholarship

The University may terminate the 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 interrupts their study without approval; or
- (c) if the student commits misconduct.

## Addendum 1 –

Approved Program of Study	Scholarship duration
Bachelor of Advanced Humanities (Honours) with an extended major in Western Civilisation	Up to 4 years
Bachelor of Humanities/Bachelor of Laws (Honours) with an extended major in Western Civilisation	Up to 5 years