



The Western Australia Alumni Regional Scholarship for Engineering

(The Western Australia Alumni Regional Scholarship for Engineering was established in 2018 and is maintained by an annual gift from Western Australia Alumni Founders.)

1 Purpose

The purpose of the Scholarship is to encourage and support deserving commencing Engineering students from Remote Regional Area in Australia who may have experienced financial disadvantage and would otherwise be unable to attend The University of Queensland.

2 Definitions

In these rules-

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

Approved Program means the Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) program or dual program that includes the Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) program or the integrated Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) / Master of Engineering.

Founders means five UQ alumni who established the Western Australia Alumni Regional Scholarship

Remote Regional Area means an area deemed regional as defined in the ASGC Remoteness Areas classification as described in the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare 2004 publication, 'Rural, Regional and Remote Health: A Guide to Remoteness Classifications' within Australia.

Scholarship means the Western Australia Alumni Regional Scholarship for Engineering.

3 Award and value of scholarship

- (1) The Associate Dean will determine the number of Scholarships to be awarded each year
- (2) The value of each Scholarship is \$5,000 for each year for which it is held.

4 Eligibility for award

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

- (a) submits an application to the Associate Dean, by the closing date for applications; and
- (b) is a domestic student in accordance with The University's Fee Policy; and
- (c) has not completed any prior tertiary study at a Bachelor level or above; and
- (d) within the two years immediately prior to the award year completed Year 12 at a high school in a Remote Regional Area or completed Year 12 as a boarder, while having a permanent address in a Remote Regional Area; and
- (e) is or intends to enrol full-time in an Approved Program; and
- (f) does not hold a scholarship that the Associate Dean considers to be similar.

5 Selection process

- (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; and
 - (b) one representative from the Founders (or nominee); and
 - (c) at least one academic staff member who is currently teaching in an Approved Program.
- (2) The Scholarship is awarded to the applicant or applicants showing greatest need and merit based on –
 - (a) personal qualities, practical aptitude and aspirations to study an Approved Program at The University of Queensland; and
 - (b) financial need; and
 - (c) strength of interest that the applicant demonstrates in the resources and energy sector; and
 - (d) performance at interview (if held); and
 - (e) any other matter that the selection committee considers to be relevant to the applicant's future success in the engineering profession.
- (3) Preference will be given to Indigenous Australians, and/or applicants who can demonstrate financial disadvantage.
- (4) The selection committee may decide to interview shortlisted applicants.

6 Conditions for scholarship

- (1) The recipient may hold the Scholarship for up to four years, subject to the recipient –
 - (a) continuing to be enrolled full-time in an Approved Program; and
 - (b) passing all courses in which they are enrolled; and
 - (c) achieving a GPA of at least 4.5 for each semester of study; and
 - (d) not holding another scholarship that 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 Scholarship can be interrupted for a maximum period of two semesters during the tenure of the Scholarship.
- (4) The Scholarship may not be deferred.

7 Termination of scholarship

The University will terminate a Scholarship:

- (a) if the recipient does not comply with the Scholarship conditions in section 6; or
- (b) once maximum duration of the Scholarship has lapsed; or
- (c) if the recipient defers or interrupts their study for longer than two semesters; or
- (d) if the student commits serious misconduct.