# **Scholarship in Quantitative Biology**

(The scholarship was established in 2020 and is administered by the School of Biological Sciences, Faculty of Science, The University of Queensland.)

**Purpose**

The purpose of the Scholarship is to support students intending to enrol in the Master of Quantitative Biology with their application to study. The Scholarship is administered by the School of Biological Sciences at The University of Queensland.

**Terms and Conditions**

**How to Apply for Admission into the Program**

1. Lodge an official UQ application for entry into the Master of Quantitative Biology directly to The University of Queensland or through your education agent.
<https://future-students.uq.edu.au/admissions> or via:
UQ International Admissions Section
Level 2, JD Story Building
The University of Queensland
Brisbane, Queensland, 4072 Australia
Email: applicationstatus@uq.edu.au

Lodging an application requires you to pay UQ’s application fee for international students.
2. Receive a **UQ Student ID Number** and an offer. If your offer is conditional you must meet all conditions of your offer before you apply for the scholarship.

**How to Apply for the Scholarship**

1. Complete and submit the **Scholarship in Quantitative Biology online application form**.

UQ must receive your scholarship application by the **scholarship closing date** at 5pm Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST), on 21 December. No late scholarship applications will be considered.

**Eligibility**

* This scholarship is for domestic or international students who have received an **unconditional offer** to study the Master of Quantitative Biology program at The University of Queensland and who meet the selection criteria defined in the next section.
* The scholarship is intended for newly commencing students in the Master of Quantitative Biology or students who have successfully completed the first semester of foundational courses.
* The scholarship is not available to students who have already completed a related postgraduate degree.

**Scholarship Conditions**

* This scholarship covers $10,000 of the program tuition fees.
* The scholarship recipient is required to pay the remaining tuition fees, any administrative charges, incidental fees, and each semester’s Student Services and Amenities Fee.
* The student must commence study in the semester indicated in the offer letter.
* The scholarship does not cover other costs associated with study at UQ such as:
- Cost of compulsory Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) for international students
- The University of Queensland application fee for international students
- Living allowances
- Books
- Travel expenses
- Tuition fees for repeating failed courses.
* The scholarship is not available to students who have already completed a related postgraduate degree.
* The scholarship cannot be deferred. Students who defer their studies to a future semester will no longer be eligible for the scholarship and may reapply for future scholarship rounds.
* Students must not simultaneously hold another scholarship of similar value awarded on the same criteria from another School or Faculty for study at UQ. If an applicant holds or has been offered another scholarship, the applicant should choose which to retain.

**Termination of Award**

The scholarship will be terminated:

* If, after due enquiry, the School of Biological Sciences concludes that the student had not fulfilled their obligations, or is not making satisfactory progress (a Grade Point Average of at least 4.00 in each semester).
* If the student defers study.
* If the student fails to maintain enrolment (either full-time or part-time).
* If the student transfers to another program in UQ or withdraws from the program.

**Selection Process**

Following each closing date, applications will be considered through the following process:

* The Head of the School of Biological Sciences (or nominee), the Program Director of the Master of Quantitative Biology (or nominee), and up to one other academic staff from the School of Biological Sciences, will select scholarship recipients.
* Selection will be based on selection criteria shown below.

**Selection Criteria**

UQ will select winners based on holistic evaluation of:

* Academic performance (based on academic credentials submitted as part of application for admission).
* Potential to excel in this program and in science more generally (based on the personal statement submitted as part of this scholarship application).
* UQ values diversity and inclusion and encourages applications from those who bring diversity to the university. The selection panel will take these goals into account.

**Obligations of the Scholarship Holder**

* Students should diligently and to the best of their ability apply themselves to the successful completion of their degree.
* Students are required to conform to University regulations (including disciplinary provisions).
* Notification in writing to the Head of the School of Biological Sciences is required if the student:
- wishes to defer, transfer, or withdraw from the approved program;
- is absent for any reason (other than recreation leave) for a period of 14 days of more from the place of study during semester time, except with prior approval from the Head of the School of Biological Sciences.
* Students are required to pay the tuition costs of any failed course that must be repeated.

**Payment**

* For full-time students enrolled in all core courses QBIO7001 through QBIO7006, UQ will pay the scholarship of $10,000 to recipients after the census date in Semester 1. For part-time students enrolled in less than six but at least three of the above courses, UQ will pay 50% ($5000) of the scholarship to recipients after the census date in Semester 1 and the remaining 50% ($5000) one year later upon enrolment in all remaining of the above core courses, again after the census date.
* UQ will pay into each recipient’s nominated bank account.