UQ Women in Action Fund

The fund was established by the Faculty of Engineering, Architecture and Information Technology with the support of Professor Simon Biggs, Executive Dean in 2015.

1. *Purpose:*

The purpose of the UQ Women in Action Fund is to support female students studying computer science or engineering or design or information technology to engage in community and industry based experiences via study tours, student exchange, and short term professional and personal development experiences. Supported by the School's alumni and friends, this Fund will be used to award and distribute up to five small grants of $1,000 each twice per calendar year to support aspiring female engineering, design and technology students make a global impact.

2. *Definitions:*

In these rules -

Approved program includes all **Faculty** administered computer science, engineering, architecture and information technology programs at undergraduate and postgraduate levels, including research higher degrees. For undergraduate programs, eligibility is from second year of enrolment.

Executive Dean means the Executive Dean, Faculty of Engineering, Architecture and Information Technology at The University of Queensland.

Head of School means the current Head of a School within the Faculty of Engineering, Architecture and Information Technology at The University of Queensland.

Grant means a grant provided to a student from the UQ Women in Action Fund.

Semester means semester one and two.

3. *Award and Value of grants*

Up to five grants of $1,000 each will be available to eligible students twice annually with applications open prior to the commencement of semesters one and two.

The grants will be awarded at the discretion of the Executive Dean. Heads of School may be involved in the selection process.

4. *Eligibility for award*

An applicant is eligible for a grant, if the applicant:

- Is enrolled full time in an approved program through the Faculty of Engineering, Architecture and Information Technology.
- Is a domestic student within the meaning of The University's Fee Policy.
- Has made satisfactory academic progress for each semester enrolled.
- Has demonstrated initiative as part of their application.
- Has provided a complete application including a 300-350 word statement as to how the activity will benefit their personal and professional development.
- Is not receiving UQ funding for the activity through similar grant programs (e.g. UQ Employability Award).

The activity for which the applicant is seeking support must be occurring within the respective semester or half of the calendar year that the application is lodged for.

Grant funding sought through the UQ Women in Action Fund is not means tested.

Candidates may be requested to participate in an interview as part of the selection process.

5. *Examples of activities supported through awarding of grants (not exhaustive)*

- Attendance at interstate or international conferences.
- Registered elite athletes attending a significant overseas athletic event that will help advance their athletic career.
- RHD students undertaking an overseas internship that furthers their research project.
- Attendance at "iconic" activities (e.g. international mining games).