



The Warwick Solar Farm – Bright Futures Scholarship

(Established in 2020 and maintained by an annual gift from Properties and Facilities Division – Energy and Sustainability, The University of Queensland).

1. Purpose

The purpose of the Scholarship is to encourage and support commencing first year students from the Local Government District of the Southern Downs Regional Council who may have experienced financial disadvantage to pursue studies at The University of Queensland.

2. Definitions

In these Rules

Approved Program means the Bachelor of Architectural Design, Bachelor of Computer Science, Bachelor of Engineering (Honours), or an engineering integrated program, the Bachelor of Information Technology or a dual program including one of the above programs.

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

Southern Downs Regional Council means the Local Government District of the Southern Downs Regional Council

Scholarship means The Warwick Solar Farm – Bright Futures Scholarship.

3. Award and value of scholarship

- (1) The value of the Scholarship is \$5,000 for one year.
- (2) Up to two Scholarships will be awarded on the recommendation of the Associate Dean.

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) in the two years immediately prior to the award, the applicant completed Year 12 at a high school in the Southern Downs Regional Council area or completed Year 12 as a boarder whilst having a permanent address in this regional area; and
- (d) has not completed the requirements of a tertiary program at a Bachelor level or above; and
- (e) is enrolled or intends to enrol full-time in one of the Approved Programs in the year of the award; and
- (f) does not hold a Scholarship that the Associate Dean deems similar.

5. Selection of award

- (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) at least one member of the University's academic staff who is currently teaching in an Approved program; and
 - (c) at least one member of Properties and Facilities Division Energy and Sustainability or nominee.
- (2) The Scholarship is awarded to the applicant showing the greatest merit as demonstrated by –
 - (a) an interest in studying architecture or computer science or engineering or information technology, as evidenced by a cover letter, short answer responses within the application, and a resume; and
 - (b) personal qualities, including leadership skills and extra-curricular activities; and
 - (c) any other matter that the selection committee considers to be relevant to the applicant's future success in architecture or computer science or engineering or information technology profession; and
 - (d) academic achievement in secondary school studies.
- (3) Preference may be given to students who have financial need.
- (4) The selection committee may decide to interview short-listed applicants.

6. Conditions for scholarship

- (1) A recipient may hold the Scholarship for one year, subject to the recipient -
- (a) continuing to be enrolled full-time in the Approved Program; and
 - (b) passing all courses in which they are enrolled.
 - (c) achieving a GPA of at least 5.0 in the first semester in which the Scholarship is held.
- (2) If a recipient fails to satisfy rule 6(1), the student must show cause to the Associate Dean why the Scholarship should not be cancelled.

7. Termination of scholarship

The University will terminate a Scholarship:

- (a) if the recipient does not show cause to the reasonable satisfaction of the Associate Dean as provided for in rule 6(2);
- (b) once the maximum duration of the Scholarship has lapsed;
- (c) if the recipient defers, interrupts or suspends their study; or
- (d) if the student commits serious misconduct.