



# Queensland Firebirds and Blackbook.AI Computer Scholarship

(The Scholarship was established in 2021 and is maintained by an annual gift from Blackbook.AI.)

## 1 Purpose

The purpose of the Scholarship is to encourage and support meritorious first year female students studying computer science or information technology at UQ.

## 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 Computer Science or the Bachelor of Information Technology or Bachelor of Science (Computer Science) or a dual program in any one of these programs at UQ.

**Commencing Student** means a student who has not undertaken any prior tertiary study at a Bachelor level or above prior to enrolling in the Approved Program, other than studies in special university programs designed for secondary school students and who will complete, or has completed, year 12 studies in the two year period prior to the year of award.

**Scholarship** means the Queensland Firebirds and Blackbook.AI Computer Scholarship.

**UQ** means The University of Queensland.

## 3 Award and value of Scholarship

- (1) Up to five Scholarships may be awarded each year on recommendation of the Associate Dean.
- (2) The value of the Scholarship is \$5,000.

## 4 Eligibility for Scholarship

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

- (a) submits an application to the Associate Dean, by the closing date for applications;
- (b) is a Commencing Student;
- (c) is a domestic student in accordance with UQ's Student Fees Policy;
- (d) is a female student;
- (e) intends to enrol or is enrolled full-time in the Approved Program; and
- (f) does not hold a scholarship that the Associate Dean considers to be similar.

## 5 Additional benefits

Blackbook.AI may offer the recipient work experience or vacation employment at any Blackbook.AI site for any period during the period in which the recipient holds the Scholarship, as determined by Blackbook.AI in consultation with the recipient.

## 6 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;
  - (b) at least one academic staff member who is currently teaching in an Approved Program; and
  - (c) one representative of Blackbook.AI,with UQ staff comprising the majority.
- (2) The Scholarship will be awarded on the basis of the following criteria –
  - (a) academic achievement in Year 12;
  - (b) personal qualities including leadership potential, community service and engagement; and
  - (c) any other matter that the selection committee considers to be relevant to the applicant's future success in the profession.
- (3) The selection committee may decide to interview shortlisted applicants.

## 7 Conditions for scholarship

- (1) The recipient may hold the Scholarship for up to three years, subject to the recipient –
  - (a) continuing to be enrolled full-time in an Approved Program;
  - (b) passing all courses in which they are enrolled;
  - (c) achieving a GPA of at least 5 in each calendar year for which the Scholarship is held;
  - (d) conducting themselves in a professional manner in any interactions with, or on behalf of, Blackbook.AI and its employees and representatives; and
  - (e) not holding another scholarship that the Associate Dean considers similar.

- (2) If a recipient fails to satisfy rule 7(1), the recipient must show cause to the Associate Dean why the Scholarship should not be cancelled.
- (3) The Scholarship may not be deferred or interrupted.

**8 Termination of Scholarship**

UQ may terminate the Scholarship -

- (a) if the recipient does not show cause to the reasonable satisfaction of UQ as provided for in rule 7(2);
- (b) if the recipient defers or interrupts their study; or
- (c) if the recipient commits serious misconduct.