



UQ Commonwealth Regional Journalism Scholarship

(Established in 2019 with a grant from the Commonwealth Department of Communication and the Arts)

1. Purpose

The purpose of the Scholarship is to support students from Regional or Remote Areas to undertake a Journalism program at UQ.

2. Definitions

In these rules –

Approved Program means the Bachelor of Journalism or the Bachelor of Journalism (Honours) at The University of Queensland, and does not include any dual programs.

Approved Study Related Expenses means costs directly related to the recipient undertaking the Approved Program (for example, stationery and textbooks), which may include a reasonable amount for accommodation and relocation costs.

Financial hardship means being eligible for the Educational Access Scheme under any of the categories assessed by the Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC).

Head means the Head of School, School of Communication and Arts.

QTAC Selection Rank is the measurement of achievement used by Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC) derived from academic or professional qualifications, on a scale of 1 to 99.

Regional or Remote Area means an area classified as 'Inner Regional', 'Outer Regional', 'Remote', or 'Very Remote' under the Australian Bureau of Statistics' (ABS') publication titled , *the Australian Statistical Geography Standard*, or the equivalent classifications as are amended or replaced by the ABS.

Regional or Remote Student means a student who – permanently resides in a Regional or Remote Area at the time prior to applying for a Scholarship; or has a sufficient connection to a Regional or Remote Area, because the student has:

- (i) previously resided in a Regional or Remote Area for a total of at least three out of the last five years; or
- (ii) completed their final two years of schooling in a high school or college in a Regional or Remote Area.

Scholarship means a UQ Commonwealth Regional Journalism Scholarship.

Tuition fees means the Higher Education Contribution Amount (HECS) payable for enrolment in an Approved Program.

3. Value and duration of the Scholarship

- (1) The University may award one scholarship in 2023, at a maximum value of \$4,638 consisting of:
 - (i) Up to \$1,663 contributed to Tuition Fees each semester to a maximum value of \$3,326
 - (ii) Up to \$656 contributed towards Approved Study Related Expenses to a maximum value of \$1,312.

4. Eligibility for Scholarship

- (1) An applicant is eligible for the award of a Scholarship in a year, if the applicant—
 - (a) submits an application to the Head by the closing date for applications;
 - (b) supplies evidence that they have experienced educational disadvantage as a result of financial hardship (if applicable);
 - (c) is an Australian citizen, Permanent Resident, holder of a permanent humanitarian visa, or a New Zealand Citizen living in Australia;
 - (d) is a Regional or Remote Student;
 - (e) is enrolled in an Approved Program; and
 - (f) is not in receipt of scholarship funds for the Approved Program from the Commonwealth under another Grant program or from a State or Territory government or other body.

5. Award of scholarships

- (1) For the selection process, the Head must establish a selection committee, comprising
 - (a) The Head or nominee, as chair of the committee; and
 - (b) Two other members of the academic staff at the School of Communication and Arts who have expertise in Journalism.
- (2) The Scholarships will be awarded to the applicants showing the greatest merit as demonstrated by-
 - (a) academic achievement;
 - (b) relevant interest or experience in the Journalism; and
 - (c) evidence of educational disadvantage experienced as a result of financial hardship; and
 - (c) any other matter that the selection committee considers relevant to the applicant's future success in Journalism.

- (3) Applicants will be ranked according to the selection criteria, with the top two ranked applicants receiving Scholarship 1 and Scholarship 2, and the third ranked applicant receiving Scholarship 3.

6. Scholarship conditions

- (1) The recipient may hold the Scholarship until 30 January 2024 subject to the recipient –
- (a) continuing to be enrolled full-time in an Approved Program;
 - (b) continuing to be a Regional or Remote Student;
 - (c) continuing to be an Australian citizen, Permanent Resident, holder of a permanent humanitarian visa, or a New Zealand Citizen living in Australia;
 - (d) not receiving scholarship funds for the Approved Program from the Commonwealth under another Grant program or from a State or Territory government or other body;
 - (e) achieving a GPA of at least 4 in each semester;
 - (f) not undertaking any exchange studies;
 - (g) spending the funds they are given for Approved Study Related Expenses on Approved Study Related Expenses;
 - (h) consenting to UQ providing the Commonwealth with their personal information as relevant to the Scholarship;
 - (i) consenting to their name and award of the Scholarship being publicly announced or otherwise published by UQ and the Commonwealth;
 - (j) cooperating with UQ's monitoring of their progress, including by permitting UQ to provide the Commonwealth with evidence of eligibility, tuition costs, and Approved Study Related Expenses incurred each semester and any other evidence as reasonably required by the Commonwealth from time to time; and
 - (k) cooperating with the Commonwealth in any evaluation of the Scholarship, including by participating in interviews with the Commonwealth.
- (2) If a recipient fails to satisfy rule 6(1), the recipient must show cause to the Head why the Scholarship should not be terminated.

7. Termination of Scholarships

The University will terminate the Scholarship –

- (a) if the recipient does not show cause to the reasonable satisfaction of the University as provided for in rule 6(2);
- (b) if the recipient commits serious misconduct; or
- (c) if the grant agreement under which the Scholarship has been established is terminated.