

# The School of Chemistry & Molecular Biosciences Latin American Scholarship

(The scholarship was established in 2013 and is maintained by the School of Chemistry & Molecular Biosciences, Faculty of Science, The University of Queensland.)

#### 1 Purpose

The purpose of the Scholarship is to encourage and reward students from Latin American countries studying postgraduate coursework programs administered by the School of Chemistry & Molecular Biosciences at The University of Queensland.

#### 2 Definitions

In these rules-

Associate Dean (Academic) means the Associate Dean (Academic), Faculty of Science.

Head means the Head of School, School of Chemistry & Molecular Biosciences.

Approved Program means any of the following -

- (a) the Master of Bioinformatics (16 unit or 24 unit) program;
- (b) the Master of Bioinformatics Research Extensive (24 or 32 unit) program;
- (c) the Master of Biotechnology (16 unit or 24 unit) program;
- (d) the Master of Biotechnology Research Extensive (24 or 32 unit) program;
- (e) the Master of Molecular Biology (16 unit or 24 unit) program;
- (f) the Master of Molecular Biology Research Extensive (24 or 32 unit) program

Scholarship means the School of Chemistry & Molecular Biosciences Latin American Scholarship.

#### 3 Award and Value of Scholarship

- (1) The Senate may award up to 2 Scholarships each year on the recommendation of the Head.
- (2) The value of the Scholarship is 50% of the tuition fees and 100% of the Student Services and Amenities Fee payable for each semester for which it is held.
- (3) Subject to clause 6, each scholarship is tenable for the Minimum Completion Time of the Approved Program.

### 4 Eligibility for Award

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

- (a) submits an application to the Head, by the closing date for applications; and
- (b) is a citizen of a Latin American country; and
- (c) has achieved at least the equivalent of the entry requirements for the proposed program of study; and
- (d) is able to commence as an international student (in accordance with The University's Fee Policy) in Australia on a student visa.

## 5 Selection Process

- (1) For the selection process, the Head must establish a selection committee, comprising a minimum of three directors of postgraduate coursework programs administered by the School of Chemistry & Molecular Biosciences. The Head will appoint a chairperson from those appointed to the selection committee.
- (2) The Scholarship is awarded to the applicant showing greatest merit as demonstrated by
  - (a) academic achievement in undergraduate studies; and
  - (b) strength of interest demonstrated in the relevant field of postgraduate coursework study; and
  - (c) personal qualities, including leadership potential; and
  - (d) any other matter that the selection committee considers to be relevant to the applicant's future professional success in the relevant field of postgraduate coursework study.
  - (e) the selection committee will rank the top three applicants, and the Associate Dean (Academic) will then select the successful candidate(s).

## 6 Conditions for Scholarship

- (1) The recipient may hold the Scholarship for the Minimum Completion Time of the Approved Program, subject to the recipient
  - (a) continuing to be enrolled full-time in the Approved Program, unless otherwise exempted by the Head; and
  - (b) achieving a GPA of at least 4 for each semester of study in which the recipient holds the Scholarship; and
  - (c) resuming study after an approved interruption of up to 1 year, as approved by the Head; and
  - (d) being eligible to continue to hold a student visa.
- (2) If the recipient fails to satisfy rule 6(1), the student must show cause to the Associate Dean (Academic) why the Scholarship should not be cancelled.
- (3) The recipient may be required by the Associate Dean (Academic) to pay the full tuition fee of any course that is repeated.
- (4) In this rule *Minimum Completion Time*, means the minimum period of time it would take a student to complete the remainder of the program in which the recipient is enrolled when the recipient is awarded the Scholarship.