



The Faculty of Science Placement Enabling Grant

1. Purpose

The grant provides financial assistance to Faculty of Science undergraduate and postgraduate coursework students who undertake a work integrated learning (WIL) placement as a requirement of an academic course or program at The University of Queensland.

The grant is offered with the intent of:

- improving students' access to placement opportunities; and
- increasing the number of students who complete a placement as part of their university education; and
- supporting students who may find it difficult to access placements without financial assistance.

2. Definitions

In these rules:

Approved Program means any undergraduate or postgraduate coursework program or associated dual programs administered at the Faculty of Science. For students enrolled in dual programs, only placements that contribute to the Faculty of Science-owned degree are eligible (e.g., BSc dual program students are only eligible for placements through a BSc, Science-administered course).

Grant means the Faculty of Science Placement Enabling Grant.

Placement means any course or program component that requires a student to undertake a period of practical learning and experience at a workplace. For the purposes of this grant, a placement must be a Work Integrated Learning (WIL) placement as defined in PPL 3.10.04 and meet the definition of a vocational placement under the Fair Work Act. Extra-curricular work experience, course field trips and field-trip courses do not count as placements.

Calendar year means an academic year at UQ that has three semesters: Semester 1, Semester 2, and Summer Semester (optional for most programs). It has eight teaching periods, running from the beginning of January (TP1) to the end of December (TP8).

3. Value and Award of the Grant

- (1) Up to 100 grants will be awarded each year; the final number of grants to be awarded will be determined annually by the Associate Dean (Academic) in consultation with the selection committee.
- (2) The value for each grant will up to \$2,000 but limited to the annual income of the fund.
- (3) The selection committee will distribute grants to reflect the diversity of programs and placements offered in the Faculty of Science.
- (4) The grant will be paid at the completion of the judging round each year; students do not need to have completed their placement at the time of payment. Students who receive a grant are expected to complete the associated placement.

4. Eligibility for Award

An applicant is eligible for the Grant if they:

- (a) can demonstrate financial need; and
- (b) can demonstrate financial impost associated with their placement; and
- (c) submit an application to the Faculty of Science by the closing date for applications; and
- (d) are a domestic or international student in accordance with The University's Fee Policy; and
- (e) are enrolled in at least a 50% course load in the Approved Program in the year of award; and
- (f) are undertaking placement/s of at least 120 hours total (combined) duration in the year of the award.

5. Selection of Award

- (1) For the selection process, the Associate Dean (Academic) must establish a selection committee comprising:

- (a) the Associate Dean (Academic), or nominee, as chair of the committee; and
 - (b) at least one placement officer from the Faculty of Science or its Schools; and
 - (c) at least one member of the university's academic teaching staff who is currently teaching in an Approved Program.
- (2) The Grant is awarded based on the following criteria:
- (a) evidence of financial need;
 - (b) a report which outlines the additional costs that will be incurred to undertake or complete placement/s;
 - (c) a personal statement addressing proposed learning outcomes from placement/s;
 - (d) overall academic performance in the Approved Program to date; and
 - (e) any other evidence which may be deemed relevant to the applicant's financial circumstances.
- (3) Preference may be given to students who have not received any other scholarships, prizes, bursaries, grants, stipends, or awards.
- (4) Preference may be given to students who are undertaking or have completed placements in a rural and remote location as defined by the [Australian Statistical Geography Standard \(ASGS\) 2016](#).
- (5) Preference may be given to students with an underlying medical condition or disability, or who are the primary carer for a family member with a medical condition or disability.