



Cynthia Burnett Travel Scholarship

(Established in 2018 by Cynthia Burnett to foster learning of multiple European languages.)

1 Purpose

The purpose of the Scholarship is to encourage and assist meritorious students of European languages other than English at UQ to improve their language proficiency through an in-country experience.

2 Definitions

In these rules –

Associate Dean means the Associate Dean (Academic) of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences.

Head means the Head, School of Languages and Cultures

Scholarship means the Cynthia Burnett Travel Scholarship

Target Language means a European language other than English

3 Value and Award of Scholarship

- (1) The Senate may award a number of Scholarships each year, on the recommendation of the Head of School, after consultation with the donor.
- (2) The value of each Scholarship is at least \$4,500 but limited to the distribution of the fund.

4 Eligibility for Award

The Scholarship is open to students who –

- (a) are domestic students in accordance with The University's Fee Policy; and
- (b) have completed at least #8 across two Target Languages; and
- (c) do not hold another comparable scholarship; and
- (d) have not previously held the Scholarship; and
- (e) submit the application to the Head by the closing date for applications; and
- (f) have been accepted into the UQ Abroad Program at a host university in a country where one of their Target Languages is predominantly spoken.

5 Selection of Award

- (1) For the selection process, the Head of the School, must establish a selection committee comprising –
 - (a) the Head or nominee; and
 - (b) two other members of academic staff at the School of Languages and Cultureswith committee members focusing on different languages as their primary area of teaching and/or research.
- (2) The Scholarship is awarded, at the discretion of the selection committee to the applicant showing greatest merit as demonstrated by –
 - (a) evidence of financial need; and
 - (b) academic achievement in their Target Languages; and
 - (c) a demonstrated commitment to achieving fluency in these languages; and
 - (d) a written explanation of how the scholarship will further their proficiency in a Target Language.
- (3) Preference will be given to applicants in the following order:
 - (a) applicants who intend to study one of their Target Languages as part of their UQ Abroad Program;
 - (b) applicants who have completed more than #10 units across two Target Languages.

6 Conditions for Scholarship

- (1) The Scholarship is tenable for one year and will be paid upfront in one instalment, subject to the recipient –
 - (a) providing confirmation of acceptance at a host university; and
 - (b) providing a copy of the approved study plan letter from their Faculty; and
 - (c) providing evidence of an airline receipt; and
 - (d) not holding another scholarship that the Associate Dean deems similar.
- (2) The recipient must commence the approved UQ Study Abroad program within 12 months of being paid. If the recipient fails to do so, they will be expected to return the funds received to the Scholarship fund.
- (3) The Scholarship can be deferred in exceptional circumstances for a maximum duration of 12 months with the approval of the Associate Dean.
- (4) Within 1 month of completing their UQ Study Abroad program and expending the funds from the Scholarship the recipient must submit to the School of Languages and Cultures a statement or no more than 1000 words describing –
 - (a) the impact of the study abroad program on the recipient's language proficiency; and
 - (b) what expenses the Scholarship was used for in whole or in part and how that benefitted the recipient's learning; and
 - (c) their plans for future study and application of their Target Languages.