

UQ Ramsay Undergraduate Scholarship

A scholarship for academic high-achievers who aspire to make a difference in the world.





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Paul Ramsay



Paul Ramsay AO (1936-2014) was a leading Australian businessman and philanthropist, whose extraordinary generosity and vision led to the creation of The Ramsay Centre for Western Civilisation.

He founded Ramsay Health Care with a single hospital in 1964. It is now Australia's largest private hospital entity, and one of the world's largest private hospital operators. Paul was also a regional television pioneer, building stations that today form the Prime Television Network.

Throughout his life Paul was known as a 'man for others' and gave generously to a range of educational, cultural, artistic and sporting organisations. He was deeply grateful for the opportunities his country had afforded him and often reflected on the influences that had shaped Australia.

He saw our nation as one of many that had benefited from being part of the long continuum of Western civilisation. In particular, he wanted younger Australians to appreciate and value this heritage. So, he resolved to establish a centre dedicated to the study of Western civilisation and asked former Prime Minister the Hon John Howard OM AC to become its chairman.

The Ramsay Centre for Western Civilisation is funded by the Paul Ramsay Foundation which Paul established in 2006.

Paul is remembered by his friends, family, colleagues and employees as a true gentleman and a proud but humble Australian.

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The University of Queensland (UQ) acknowledges the Traditional Owners and their custodianship of the lands on which UQ operates. We pay our respects to their Ancestors and their descendants, who continue cultural and spiritual connections to Country. We recognise their valuable contributions to Australian and global society.




Overview

Purpose of the scholarship

The purpose of the UQ Ramsay Undergraduate Scholarship is to support students undertaking a sequence of study in Western Civilisation either through the Bachelor of Advanced Humanities (Honours) program or the dual Bachelor of Humanities/Bachelor of Laws (Honours) program.

The Scholarship is for academic high-achievers who aspire to make a difference in the world. We seek creative and intellectually curious students with the critical skills to challenge the status quo and cross boundaries, and who value discussion, debate, and the opportunity to learn from others.

We seek students whose endeavours are driven by compassion, a desire to better the lives of all members of the community, and a strong code of ethics.



Enquiries

Email westernciv@uq.edu.au if you have any enquiries about the UQ Ramsay Undergraduate Scholarship, including technical difficulties experienced during submission.

2024 scholars application guide and scholarship website

We appreciate and acknowledge the time and commitment required to compile and submit a quality application. This guide provides applicants with an overview of the application process and supplements the information provided on the UQ Ramsay Undergraduate Scholarship website. In conjunction with this guide, the website provides a holistic overview of the application process. This 2024 Application Guide is designed for UQ Ramsay Undergraduate Scholarships awarded for 2024.

The UQ Ramsay Undergraduate Scholarship website provides the following:

- an overview of the scholarship, including the selection criteria
- how to apply for the scholarship
- Terms and conditions of the scholarship
- the 2024 scholarship rules.

Key dates

Opening date	Monday 12 June 2023
Closing date	Sunday 30 July 2023, 11:59pm
Notification of outcome following written application	Wednesday 6 to Friday 8 September 2023
Interviews	Tuesday 19 to Thursday 21 September 2023
QTAC	Applications open the first week of August. Please check the QTAC website.
Allocation of Outcomes	<p>Applicants will be notified of the outcome within 4 weeks of the interviews.</p> <p>Successful applicants will receive a conditional offer, which is an offer awarded subject to the applicant:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1 Applying to QTAC and receiving an offer for one of the 2 programs of study listed below:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bachelor of Advanced Humanities (Western Civilisation) (Honours) — QTAC code 757201• Bachelor of Humanities (Western Civilisation)/Bachelor of Laws (Honours) — QTAC code 707402. <p>Note: Receiving a scholarship offer does not guarantee a place in the program. Places in each program are awarded on a competitive basis.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">2 Maintaining eligibility against other scholarship criteria.3 Receiving and accepting the QTAC offer into an approved program of study, by the QTAC response date.4 Enrolling full-time in one of the programs of study by the University's enrolment due date. <p>Some applicants may be placed on a waitlist to receive an offer of Scholarship.</p>



Scholarship details

Level of study	Undergraduate
Study area	Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences
Scholarship value	\$32,000 per year
Scholarship duration	Bachelor of Advanced Humanities (Western Civilisation) (Honours) — 4.5 years Bachelor of Humanities (Western Civilisation) / Bachelor of Laws (Honours) — 5.5 years
Relocation subsidy for Rural and Metropolitan Areas	Recipients will receive \$2,500 of the total annual value of the scholarship (for the first year only) by the end of the second week of study.
Relocation subsidy for Regional and Remote Areas only	Regional or remote area recipients (as defined in the rules of the scholarship) will receive \$5,000 of the total annual value of the scholarship (for the first year only) by the end of the second week of study.
Number awarded	Up to 30 each year
Payment Schedule	<p>Year 1 — upfront \$2,500 (or \$5,000 for recipients from regional or remote areas) by the end of the second week of study; half of the remaining total following census date Semester 1; and the other half of the remaining total following census date Semester 2.</p> <p>Subsequent years — half of the total scholarship value following census date Semester 1; and following census date Semester 2.</p> <p>Note: Semester payments are processed within 2-4 weeks after the census date each semester — 31 March and 31 August.</p>

Criteria and conditions

Applicants must meet all eligibility criteria and conditions to receive the scholarship.

Applicants must:

- ✓ be an Australian Citizen or Australian Permanent Resident* (New Zealand Citizens on a Subclass 444 Special Category Visa are not eligible)
- ✓ currently be in Year 12 or have completed Year 12 last year
- ✓ must never have been previously enrolled in a Bachelor-level program or higher
- ✓ achieve the ATAR required for entry to a program of study
- ✓ submit a QTAC application with preferences for either one or both of the following:
 - Bachelor of Advanced Humanities (Western Civilisation) (Honours) — QTAC code 757201
 - Bachelor of Humanities (Western Civilisation) / Bachelor of Laws (Honours) — QTAC code 707402
- ✓ accept the offer by the QTAC response date
- ✓ intend to enrol as a full-time student (generally 4 courses) each semester
- ✓ submit a fully complete online application (including required documents) online application by **Sunday 30 July 2023 11:59 PM**
- ✓ be available for an interview between Tuesday 19 to Thursday 21 September 2023.

* If you are an Australian Permanent Resident, you must upload a certified copy of your passport and your Visa Grant Notice as one pdf file using the file name Surname_FirstName_PR (DOE_Ash_PR).



UQ Ramsay Undergraduate Scholarship applications are independent of any application for entry into an Approved Program of study. A conditional offer of a scholarship is not an indicator of an offer for the program.

A full offer of a scholarship is conditional on receiving and accepting a QTAC offer by the response date into an approved program of study.

Entry ATARs from the previous year are a guide only, and the entry ATAR for 2024 may change.



Preparing your application

Before commencing the online submission process, prepare the documents required, obtain 2 written references, and draft a personal statement that addresses the selection criteria as specified in the rules. Planning and understanding what is required will help you prepare an effective application which will strengthen your chance of being selected for an interview. Applications must be in English.

Step 1: Prepare your Curriculum Vitae (CV)

Compile a CV outlining your academic achievements and awards, extracurricular endeavours, and volunteering and community engagement activities (maximum 2 pages).

- Include up-to-date contact information and ensure the email address you provide is correct and one you access regularly.
- When highlighting your achievements and abilities, be specific and use clear and concise language.
- Proofread your documents for formatting, spelling errors and grammatical errors.

Step 2: Organise 2 written references

You are required to submit 2 written references. Referees should be able to address your academic and ethical qualities as a candidate for this scholarship. We welcome references from teachers or guidance counsellors from high school, leaders or supervisors from the community or volunteer associations, organisers of religious, sporting, or interest groups, or your workplace supervisor. A referee is someone who knows you in a professional capacity. **Referees cannot be from a relative, a family friend, or a close family associate.**

Approach your referees at the earliest opportunity and discuss the application process, including the submission due date. We recommend you provide your referees with a copy of your CV. Remember your referees should know you in a capacity that allows them to attest to your academic and ethical qualities positively.

References should be:

- on letterhead, dated and signed by your referees
- written as a formal business letter and include:
 - how long and in what capacity they know you
 - the academic and ethical qualities they see in you that demonstrate your suitability for the scholarship
 - any activities you have undertaken or experiences you have had that align with these qualities, or the program of study in Western Civilisation.

We recommend you provide a copy of the scholarship rules to your referees.

Instructions: Save your CV and two references as one pdf to your device using the file name Surname_FirstName_CV_Ref (e.g. DOE_Ash_CV_Ref).

Step 3: Academic achievements

Compile a list of subjects undertaken in Years 11 and 12 and any tertiary study you may have undertaken. The following will explain the information we need you to complete in your application.

Subject

List all your subjects for Year 11 and 12 in order of preference. The list should include subjects you may have withdrawn from, completed and intend to complete.

Grade

For all your subjects, list either your final grade (Year 11 completed subjects) or grade achieved to date (Year 12 or unfinished / withdrawn Year 11 subjects).

Acceptable grades include:

- Numerical grades: convert all numerical grades to a percentage (e.g. if your final or most recent grade was 24 out of 25, the conversion to a percentage is 96%. Write this as the number 96 without the % sign)
- Percentage grades: to be written as the number without the % sign
- Letter grades: to be written as the letter grade received inclusive of any + or -
- Word grades: to be written as the entire word to avoid confusion with letter grades (e.g. if you received a Credit, write 'Credit')

Maximum grade awarded

As you may be aware, grading systems can differ from school to school. This column provides the Selection Committee with a framework in which the grades have been given. Enter the maximum grade your school awards for each subject, not the highest grade awarded to a student in that subject for your year.

University courses

If you studied a university course under an approved studies program designed for secondary school students, complete the 'University Course' section of the form.

Step 4: Write your personal statement

Your personal statement is a fundamental component of the application process. You will need to address the criteria as specified in the rules by completing 3 sections in the application form:

- 1 Academic ability: outline all elements that demonstrate your academic ability, such as prizes, awards, scholarships etc. If you are involved in extra-curricular academic activities (e.g. debating or public speaking competitions, science clubs and competitions), please mention them here.
- 2 Community service: tell us what you have done to contribute to your community. How have you shown care and compassion to others? The Selection Committee operates with a broad definition of 'community'. Your 'community' can include your school, sporting, workplace, special interest groups, or local community.
- 3 Preparedness for the program of study: articulate how the program of study aligns with your goals and plans for your future. How will this program of study assist you in making a positive difference in the wider community?

- You must be thorough but concise when addressing the selection criteria.
- Wherever possible, try to provide evidence or examples to support the claims that you make in your personal statement.
- Check your responses. Remember, each section is limited to 1500 characters.
- Proofread your responses for formatting, spelling and grammatical errors.
- Check whether you have addressed all elements of the selection criteria.

Step 5: Personal disadvantage (if applicable)

Underrepresented background

The University is keen to help everybody achieve access to higher education. In accordance with the University's Strategic Plan, applicants from an underrepresented background who meet all performance criteria may be given preference.

Those from an under-represented background include Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants, as well as applicants who reside in an outer regional, remote or very remote location of Australia as defined by the current Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS).

Personal disadvantage

We also recognise that life is a combination of positive and negative experiences that impact us differently. Please advise the Selection Committee of any personal challenges you have faced.

The Selection Committee may consider such disadvantages in awarding scholarships if all performance criteria are met.

If you have experienced some personal disadvantage that has negatively impacted your most recent education, we encourage you to advise the Selection Committee. Write a brief (1500 characters) statement that may address one or more of the following categories:

- **Socio-economic:** where you have had limited access to material and social resources, and have been unable to participate in society.
- **Financial hardship:** if you are from a low-income background where you and/or your parent/guardian have experienced financial hardship.
- **Home responsibilities:** being from a home environment that was disrupted or difficult, or where you had excessive caring responsibilities.
- **Personal illness or disability:** if you have experienced a long-term and/or a severe short-term medical condition for which your previous education provider could not fully compensate.
- **Disruption to studies:** being exposed to events or circumstances (not included above) that were disruptive to study.

QTAC has an **Educational Access Scheme (EAS)** to assist students who have experienced disadvantages. Information on the EAS is available on the QTAC website and may be helpful in preparing both your scholarship and QTAC application.

Preparation checklist

Before completing and submitting your online scholarship application, check that you have completed the following:

- Prepared your CV (maximum 2 pages).
- Obtained 2 written references.
- Saved your CV and two references as one pdf using the file name Surname_FirstName_CV_Ref (e.g. DOE_Ash_CV_Ref).
- Declared any personal disadvantage (if applicable) including:
 - a written statement outlining how your personal disadvantage has impacted on your most recent studies (up to 1500 characters)
- Compiled a list of your academic achievements including:
 - Year 11 and 12 subjects with grades achieved and maximum grades given by your school, and
 - details of any tertiary level course/s studied under an approved studies program designed for secondary school students
- Written 3 personal statements (up to 1500 characters per section) addressing your academic ability, community service and preparedness for the program of study
- If you are an Australian permanent resident, saved a certified copy of your passport and your Visa Grant Notice as one pdf file using the file name Surname_FirstName_PR (e.g. DOE_Ash_PR). NB: New Zealand citizens on a Subclass 444 Special Category Visa are not eligible
- Proofread your responses for formatting, spelling and grammatical errors.

If you have checked all the boxes, you are ready to complete and submit your online application. Remember the submission deadline is 11:59 pm Sunday 30 July 2023.



Submitting your application

The online application will be available on the [UQ Ramsay Undergraduate Scholarship website](#). Applications open Monday 12 June and close at 11:59pm Sunday 30 July 2023.

The application form consists of 6 pages. All fields marked with an asterisk (*) are compulsory and must be completed. Your submission will only be processed once you complete all 6 pages and click submit. You can save your progress and return to the application at any time before the closing date and time. Please review your application carefully before submission. Due to the volume of applications received, an applicant can only submit one application.

Remember, if you experience technical difficulties during the application submission, email: westernciv@uq.edu.au.

We recommend you submit your application as soon as possible as we may not be able to respond to any enquiries after close of business Friday 28 July 2023.

Page 1 of 6: Scholarship rules and conditions

To apply and be considered for this scholarship, you must check the boxes to declare that you meet the eligibility criteria. You also need to declare that you have read the important information provided.

Click **next**.

Page 2 of 6: Applicant details

On page 2 you must provide your details, such as your name, date of birth and contact information. If you are an Australian permanent resident, upload a certified copy of your passport and your Visa Grant Notice as one pdf file. Save your file as: **Surname_FirstName_PR (e.g. DOE_Ash_PR)**. NB: New Zealand Citizens on a Subclass 444 Special Category Visa are not eligible.

Carefully proofread this page, especially your email address, as this will be the primary contact method to advise of your application status and progress. The email address you provide should be accurate and accessed regularly.

Click **next**.

Page 3 of 6: Academic details

On page 3, you will provide your predicted or actual ATAR range (if known), your intended QTAC preferences and details about your high school studies. If applicable, you will also upload your personal disadvantage statement explaining how the situation/circumstances impacted your most recent studies. If you are commencing a deferred offer of a place in one of the programs of study, select this as your first QTAC preference and select the appropriate response in the field for the second QTAC preference.

If you identify as being from a regional or remote area, you must declare it on page 3. A regional or remote area means an outer regional, remote or very remote region of Australia as defined by the Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS) 2016.

A helpful website to check if you are in a regional or remote area is the Australian Government Department of Health (access this at <https://www.health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/health-workforce-locator/health-workforce-locator>).

To check your status, tick the classification filter "ASGS 2016", select "find address," and type your home address. Your ASGS remoteness area classification will appear at the bottom of the filter box, and the map will show your address in a coloured area.

Page 3 also includes tables for you to enter your academic achievements.

Year 11 and 12 subjects: we ask that you enter all Year 11 and Year 12 subjects in the 2 tables provided, as well as the final or most recent grade received for each subject. Make sure you include even those subjects you have commenced but not completed.

University course: if you have taken any approved studies program at any university (such as [the UQ Enhanced Studies Program](#)) during your senior studies, enter this course (or courses).

Carefully proofread this page, click **next**.

Page 4 of 6: Personal statement

You will submit your personal statement on page 4. Copy and paste your statement for each criterion in the corresponding field. Remember, each field is limited to **1500 characters**.

The software may replace commas or apostrophes copied from a Word document with strange symbols. Read your responses carefully and correct any errors from the copy and paste process.

Upload your combined pdf of your Curriculum Vitae and 2 written references using the file name **Surname_FirstName_CV_Ref (e.g. DOE_Ash_CV_Ref)**.

Carefully proofread this page. Click **next**.

Page 5 of 6: Interview availability

On page 5, you must indicate if you are available for a Zoom interview between Tuesday 19 — Thursday 21 September.

Click **next**.

Page 6 of 6: Applicant declaration

Applicants must read the privacy terms and applicant declaration provided on page 6. By submitting your application you agree to the privacy terms and applicant declaration.

Click **SUBMIT**.

Check the inbox for the email address you provided on page 2 for an acknowledgement email. If you are still waiting for an acknowledgement email 24 hours after submission, please contact us at westernciv@uq.edu.au.



Congratulations, you have completed your application.

Good luck!



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Interviews

All applicants will be notified via email between **Wednesday 6 and Friday 8 September 2023** advising whether their application has been successful or unsuccessful.

Successful applicants will be allocated a 15-minute interview between **Tuesday 19 and Thursday 21 September 2023**.

Please note that the email's subject line will be *2024 UQ Ramsay Undergraduate Scholarship – Application Assessment*.

You must respond to the email and confirm your availability by 5pm Wednesday 13 September.

We understand that an interview can be a daunting, and the Selection Committee will make allowances for nerves. We already have a comprehensive written portfolio from your application, which will help guide the Committee's deliberations in determining successful applicants.

You will not be required to provide any further information after the interview.

What types of questions will I be asked in the interview?

The interview allows the Selection Committee to gain further information about your academic ability, community service, and the reasons for your interest in the Western Civilisation program. Questions from the Selection Committee will focus on these areas. The Committee is looking forward to learning more about you.

Given the strong focus on critical reading in the Western Civilisation program, you can expect questions about what books (fiction, non-fiction) you have read and their impact on you.

For applicants applying for the dual degree of Humanities with Law, the Selection Committee will be interested to know about your interest in both parts of the degree (i.e. Humanities and Law). We ask that you do not limit your discussion to just Law.

How soon will I know the outcome?

You will receive notification of the outcome by email within 4 weeks of the interviews. Please note that the email's subject line will be **2024 UQ Ramsay Undergraduate Scholarship**.

This email will notify you of one of 3 outcomes:

Conditional Offer: If you are successful following the interview, you receive a conditional offer of a scholarship. This conditional offer is subject to you receiving and accepting an offer of a place in an approved program of study and enrolling in that program on a full-time basis by the University's enrolment due date. A conditional offer of scholarship is not an offer of a place in the program. If you meet the above conditions and maintain all other entry criteria, you will receive a full offer of scholarship in February 2024.

Waitlist: You may be advised that you have been placed on a waitlist. This means that we have made conditional offers to 30 other successful applicants, and we would like to extend an offer to you should an applicant with a conditional offer not be able to progress to receiving a full scholarship offer. A waitlist offer is still subject to you receiving and accepting an offer of a place in an approved program of study and enrolling full-time in that program by the University's enrolment due date. You will be advised in February 2024 if a place is available for you to receive a scholarship offer.

Unsuccessful: Given the volume of strong applications we receive each year, we cannot award everyone a scholarship. We value all of our applicants and would like to see you continue with your decision to study with us.

Request for feedback

Due to the volume of applications submitted, the Selection Committee only provides individual feedback to interviewed applicants. For privacy reasons, feedback will not be disclosed to a third party (including parents, guardians or teachers). In order to receive feedback after the interview process, you, the applicant, will need to email westernciv@uq.edu.au to schedule a telephone appointment with the Program Director.

Your privacy

The information collected by the UQ Centre for Western Civilisation will be used for the primary purpose of facilitating and assessing your application for the UQ Ramsay Undergraduate Scholarship, as well as programs or services associated with the scholarship. This includes for the purpose of reviewing and accessing your application and liaising with (including sharing information) The Ramsay Centre for Western Civilisation. Other purposes of collection include corresponding with you regarding your application and responding to your enquiries, informing you of the outcome of your application and statistical analyses of applicant attributes. Except as set out in this privacy notice, the information you provide is confidential and will not be disclosed to a third party without your consent, unless disclosure is authorised or required by law. You have a right to access personal information that the University holds about you, subject to any exceptions in relevant legislation. For information on how UQ manages student information, please consult [UQ's Privacy Management Policy](#).

Please be advised that you are responsible for ensuring that the information you provide is true and accurate. The University of Queensland accepts no responsibility for any tax implications that may arise from the award of a scholarship. You should seek independent financial advice concerning any tax payable in relation to the scholarship awarded.

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