



Queensland Government Cyber Security Undergraduate Scholarship

(The Scholarship was established in 2023 through a special grant of the State of Queensland acting through the Department of Communities, Housing and Digital Economy.)

1 Purpose

The purpose of the Scholarship is to encourage and support second and third-year students who are undertaking study in cyber security at The University of Queensland, with a preference for female and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

2 Definition

In these rules -

Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Person means a person who can provide compelling evidence of their Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status. Confirmation of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status under the common seal of a community organisation may be provided. Where exceptional circumstances apply, statutory declarations and other forms of documentation may be considered. Original or certified copies of supporting documentation must be provided.

Approved Program means the Bachelor of Computer Science or any dual degree including the Bachelor of Computer Science

PVC(IE) means Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous Engagement)

Head means Head of School, School Electrical Engineering and Computer Science.

Relevant Field means a major in Cyber Security

Scholarship means the Queensland Government Cyber Security Undergraduate Scholarship.

UQ means The University of Queensland.

3 Award and value of Scholarship

- (1) Up to 8 Scholarships may be awarded annually between this Undergraduate Scholarship and the Queensland Government Cyber Security Postgraduate Scholarship on the recommendation of the Head.
- (2) The value of each Scholarship is \$10,000 for the year in which it is held.

4 Eligibility for Scholarship

The Scholarship is open to students in their second and third year of the Approved Program. Applicants must:

- (a) submit an application to the Head, by the closing date for applications;
- (b) be a domestic student in accordance with the University's Student Fees Policy;
- (c) be enrolled in an Approved Program in the Relevant Field;
- (d) at the time of application have completed at least 12 units and no more than 40 units towards the Approved Program; and
- (e) not hold another scholarship that the Head considers to be similar.

5 Selection of award

- (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) at least one academic staff member who is teaching in an Approved Program; and
 - (c) the PVC(IE), or nominee; and
 - (c) up to one representative from the Queensland Government, with UQ staff in the majority.
- (2) The Scholarship is awarded to the applicant showing greatest merit as demonstrated by-
 - (a) academic achievement in courses undertaken to date in an Approved Program in the Relevant Field;
 - (b) personal qualities, including leadership potential; and
 - (c) any other matter that the selection committee considers to be relevant.
- (3) Preference will be given to applicants who are –
 - (a) female; or
 - (b) an Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Person.
- (4) The selection committee may decide to interview short-listed applicants.

6 Tenure and conditions for scholarship

- (1) The recipient may hold the Scholarship for up to one year, subject to the recipient -
 - (a) continuing to be enrolled in an Approved Program in the relevant field;
 - (b) passing all courses in which they are enrolled; and
 - (c) not holding a scholarship that the Head considers to be similar.
- (2) If a recipient fails to satisfy rule 6(1), the recipient must show cause to the Head why the Scholarship should not be cancelled.
- (3) The Scholarship may not be deferred or interrupted.

7 Termination of Scholarship

The University will terminate a Scholarship:

- (a) if the recipient does not show cause to the reasonable satisfaction of the Head as provided for in rule 6(2);
- (b) once maximum duration of the Scholarship has lapsed;
- (c) if the recipient defers, interrupts or suspends their study; or
- (d) if the student commits misconduct.