Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Economics Postgraduate Support Scholarship

1. Purpose

The purpose of the Scholarship is to encourage, support and enable Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students enrolled or is intending to enrol in a postgraduate program through the School of Economics to purchase technology and travel back to Country during their studies at The University of Queensland.

2. Definitions

In these rules –

Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person means a person who can provide compelling evidence of their Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status. Confirmation of Australian 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 any Postgraduate program offered by the School of Economics.
Head means the Head of School of the School of Economics.
UQ means The University of Queensland.
Scholarship means the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Economics Postgraduate Support Endowment scholarship.

3. Award, value and duration of the Scholarship

(1) The number of the Scholarships available each year will be determined annually on the recommendation of the Head.
(2) The value of each Scholarship is $4,000 in the first year in which it is held. Subject to rule 6, the Scholarship may be held for a second year, with a value of $2,000.
(3) The Scholarship does not provide for the following:
(a) Costs associated with living expenses
(b) Tuition fees for repeating failed courses
(c) Conferences
(d) Expenses associated with dependents (except where connected to travel back to Country)
(e) Study abroad or exchange

4. Eligibility for Scholarship

An applicant is eligible for the Scholarship if the applicant –
(a) is an Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person; and
(b) is enrolled or intends to enrol full-time in an Approved Program.

5. Selection of award

(1) The Scholarship shall be awarded on recommendation from the Head after consultation with a selection committee comprising –
(a) the Head, or nominee, as chair of the committee; and
(b) a minimum of two UQ staff members, including at least one academic from the School of Economics, as nominated by the Head and an Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person.
(2) The Scholarship will be awarded based on:
(a) academic results;
(b) relevant work experience;
(c) the applicant's interest in and benefit from studying the eligible postgraduate program; and
(d) other personal interests and achievements that the applicant considers relevant as outlined in the personal statement as part of the application.
(3) Preference will be given to applicants who hold the School of Economics Postgraduate Coursework Indigenous Scholarship.
(4) The selection committee may decide to interview short-listed applicants.

6. Scholarship conditions

(1) The recipient may hold the Scholarship for up to two years subject to the recipient:

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(a) remaining enrolled as a full-time student in an Approved Program; and
(b) does not hold another scholarship that the Head considers to be similar; and
(c) achieving a GPA of at least 4.0 in each semester that the Scholarship is held.

(2) If the recipient fails to satisfy rule 6(1) the recipient must show cause to the Head why the scholarship should not be cancelled.

7. Interruption of Scholarship

Scholarship recipients may apply in writing to the Head of School to interrupt their Scholarship for a maximum of one year, where there are exceptional circumstances which prevent the student from enrolling or enrolling full-time during the tenure of their Scholarship.

8. Termination of Scholarship

The University will terminate a UQ scholarship:

(a) if the recipient does not show cause to the reasonable satisfaction of the University as provided for in rule 6(2); or
(b) if the recipient does not resume study at the conclusion of an approved period of suspension; or
(c) once maximum duration of the Scholarship has lapsed; or
(d) if the student commits misconduct.