



## UQ Link Scholarship

### 1. Purpose

The purpose of the Scholarship is to provide assistance to students who have experienced educational disadvantage as a result of financial hardship, who are undertaking tertiary studies for the first time.

### 2. Definitions

In these rules –

**Approved Program** means any bachelor program at The University of Queensland.

**Commencing Student** means a student who has not completed any prior tertiary study at a bachelor level or above.

**Enrolled** means being enrolled in a minimum of 4 units per semester.

**Satisfactory Academic Progress** means meeting the requirements to remain enrolled under the University's Academic Progression Procedures.

**Scholarship** means the UQ Link Scholarship.

**QTAC** means Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre.

**University** means The University of Queensland.

### 3. Award, Value and Selection

- (1) A number of Scholarships will be awarded in a year and held in tenure in accordance with these rules.
- (2) The value of each Scholarship is \$3,000 for each year in which it is held.
- (3) Each Scholarship will be tenable for a maximum period of three years.
- (4) The Scholarship shall be awarded to commencing students assessed by QTAC as being eligible for UQ Link Program, in accordance with the UQ Link eligibility criteria.

### 4. Eligibility and Award Criteria

- (1) An applicant is eligible for the Scholarship if the applicant—
  - (a) will be a domestic student in accordance with the University's Fee Policy; and
  - (b) will be Enrolled as a Commencing Student in the Approved Program in the year of the award, or after an approved deferral in accordance with rule 7; and
  - (c) has not completed any prior tertiary study at bachelor level or higher; and
  - (d) has not previously been awarded a Scholarship and had the Scholarship terminated; and
  - (e) has demonstrated significant financial disadvantage through achieving maximum points for the 'Financial Hardship' category of QTAC's Educational Access Scheme prior to commencing studies at The University of Queensland.

### 5. Conditions for Award

- (1) The recipient may hold the Scholarship for up to three years, subject to the recipient:
  - (a) continuing to be Enrolled in the Approved Program excluding any periods of approved interruption in accordance with rule 7; and
  - (b) maintaining Satisfactory Academic Progress.
- (2) If a recipient fails to satisfy rule 5(1)(a), the recipient must show cause to the University why the Scholarship should not be cancelled.

### 6. Payment of Award

- (1) In the first year of the Scholarship \$500 of the total annual value of the Scholarship will be paid in the first week of study to help offset start-up costs, with the balance to be paid in two equal semester instalments after the semester census date.
- (2) In years 2 and 3, the Scholarship will be paid in two equal semester instalments after the semester census date

### 7. Deferral and Interruption of Award

- (1) If a recipient has been granted approval to defer their program of study at the University they must notify the Scholarships Office. A Scholarship may be deferred for a maximum of one year.
- (2) Scholarship recipients may apply to the Scholarships Office to have their Scholarship deferred for a further period in exceptional circumstances only.
- (3) A recipient may apply to the Scholarships Office to interrupt their Scholarship for a maximum of two semesters in exceptional circumstances during the tenure of their Scholarship.

### 8. Termination of Award

The University may terminate a Scholarship:

- (a) if the recipient does not show cause to the reasonable satisfaction of the University as provided for in rule 5(2); or
- (b) if the recipient defers or interrupts their study without approval; or
- (c) if the recipient does not resume study at the conclusion of an approved period of deferral or interruption; or
- (d) if the student commits misconduct.