



Alumni Friends Sports Scholarship

(Established in 2024 through a gift from Alumni Friends under the Queensland Commitment scheme and maintained by income generated from an underlying endowment fund. Alumni Friends of The University of Queensland dates back to 1967, when UQ sponsored the formation of an association to foster relationships with UQ alumni.)

1. Purpose

The purpose of the Scholarship is to support students who are experiencing financial hardship and have demonstrated exceptional ability in their chosen Recognised Sport. The Scholarship will encourage recipients to combine a tertiary education with high performance sport.

2. Definitions

In these rules –

Approved Program means an undergraduate or postgraduate coursework program at the University.

DVC(A) means the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic).

Elite Level means state or national representative level.

Recognised Sport means a sport recognised as a sport by the Australian Institute of Sport.

Recommending Authority means the DVC(A) or nominee.

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

Scholarship means the Alumni Friends Sports Scholarship.

University means The University of Queensland.

3. Award, Value and Selection

- (1) One Scholarship will be awarded in a year in accordance with these rules.
- (2) The value of each Scholarship will be at least \$4,000 for each year that it is held, but will be limited to the annual income from the fund.
- (3) Each Scholarship will be tenable for a maximum period of one year.
- (4) The Scholarship shall be awarded on recommendation from the DVC(A) after consultation with a selection committee, comprising –
 - (a) the DVC(A), or nominee;
 - (b) the CEO of UQ Sport, or nominee;
 - (c) a member of the University's academic staff; and
 - (d) any other representatives as determined by the DVC(A) with University staff in the majority.

4. Eligibility and Award Criteria

- (1) An applicant is eligible for the Scholarship, if the applicant –
 - (a) submits an application by the closing date for applications;
 - (b) is a domestic student in accordance with the University's Fee Policy;
 - (c) is or will be enrolled full-time in the Approved Program, or part-time in exceptional circumstances as considered by the selection committee;
 - (d) nominates a Recognised Sport as their chosen sport;
 - (e) partakes in their chosen Recognised Sport at an Elite Level; and
 - (f) can demonstrate and provide documentary evidence of financial hardship.
- (2) The Scholarship is awarded to the student showing the greatest merit based on –
 - (a) evidence of financial hardship;
 - (b) sporting excellence in their chosen Recognised Sport; and
 - (c) any other matter that the selection committee considers to be relevant to the applicant's future success in their studies.

5. Conditions for Award

- (1) The recipient may hold the Scholarship for up to one year subject to the recipient –
 - (a) continuing to be enrolled full-time in the Approved Program (or part-time as approved by the Recommending Authority), excluding any periods of approved interruption in accordance with rule 6;
 - (b) maintaining Satisfactory Academic Progress; and
 - (c) continuing to perform in their chosen Recognised Sport at an Elite Level as evidenced by a report on their sporting accomplishments each semester submitted by the recipient to the CEO of UQ Sport.
- (2) If the recipient fails to satisfy rule 5(1), the recipient must show cause to the Recommending Authority why the Scholarship should not be cancelled.



6. Deferment and Interruption of Award

- (1) Recipients who have been granted approval to defer their tertiary place may apply to the Recommending Authority to have their Scholarship deferred for up to one year. Where approval to defer a Scholarship has been granted, the recipient must maintain a commitment to their chosen Recognised Sport during the period of deferment.
- (2) Recipients may apply to the Recommending Authority to interrupt their Scholarship for a maximum of two semesters in exceptional circumstances during the tenure of their Scholarship.

7. 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 commits misconduct.