



UQ Refugee and Humanitarian Scholarship Rules

The UQ Refugee and Humanitarian Scholarship is funded by The University of Queensland (UQ). Established in 2021, this Scholarship offers students from refugee or asylum seeker backgrounds the opportunity to pursue higher education in any desired discipline at UQ.

1. Purpose

The purpose of the Scholarship is to support commencing international students who are intending to enrol in a coursework program at The University of Queensland and who hold an Eligible Visa.

2. Definitions

In these rules –

Approved Program means any undergraduate or postgraduate coursework program at the University of Queensland.

Commencing student means a student who has not yet commenced their program of study with The University of Queensland.

Eligible Visa means one of the following visas:

(a) Temporary Protection Visa (subclass 785), Safe Haven Enterprise Visa (subclass 790), Temporary Humanitarian Concern Visa (subclass 786), Temporary Humanitarian Stay Visa (subclass 449).

(b) Or any other similar visa from time to time that the Australian government might enact which allow people from refugee or asylum seeker backgrounds, or any form of permanent residency that follows from any of those visas.

(c) Or if you have applied for any of the above mentioned visas and been granted either Bridging Visa E (subclass 050) or Bridging Visa A (subclass 010).

Pro Vice-Chancellor (Global Partnerships) means the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Global Partnerships) of The University of Queensland.

Registrar means the Academic Registrar of The University of Queensland.

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

Scholarship means the UQ Refugee and Humanitarian Scholarship.

University means The University of Queensland.

3. Award, Value and Selection

(1) Up to twenty Scholarships may be awarded each year as tenure becomes vacant.

(2) The value of each Scholarship is:

(a) the full amount payable towards the cost of tuition fees of the Approved Program; and

(b) an annual living stipend of \$29,000 paid directly to the recipient.

(3) Each Scholarship will be tenable for the full duration of the Approved Program.

(4) Each Scholarship shall be awarded on recommendation from the the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Global Partnerships), after consultation with a selection committee, comprising –

(a) the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Global Partnerships) (or nominee), as chair of the committee;

(b) the Associate Dean (Academic), Faculty of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences (or nominee);

(c) the Senior Manager, Scholarships Office (or nominee); and

(d) the Senior Manager, Global Sponsorship and Mobility (or nominee).

4. Eligibility and Award Criteria

(1) An applicant is eligible for the Scholarship, if the applicant –

(a) submits an application for the Scholarship to the University, by the closing date for applications;

(b) at the time of application for the Scholarship, have applied for a Program with the University;

(c) is an international student in accordance with the University's Fee Policy;

(d) holds an Eligible Visa;

(e) has not received the Scholarship previously for the same level of study;

(f) has not received another scholarship or tuition fee reduction from the University;

(g) has not received a full scholarship from another organisation; and

(h) can demonstrate and provide documentary evidence of financial hardship.

(2) The Scholarships are awarded to the students showing the greatest merit based on –

(a) evidence of financial hardship;

(b) strength of personal statement outlining –

(i) personal circumstances;

(ii) recent experience in extra-curricular, community service, leadership activities;

(iii) career goals and how the chosen program will assist applicant to achieve these goals; and



- (c) academic achievements.

5. Conditions for Award

- (1) The recipient may hold the Scholarship for the full duration of their Approved Program, subject to the recipient –
 - (a) continuing to be enrolled in the Approved Program in which the recipient was enrolled when awarded the Scholarship, excluding any periods of approved interruption in accordance with rule 6; and
 - (b) maintaining Satisfactory Academic Progress.
- (3) If the recipient requests a program change, continuation of the Scholarship in the new program is not guaranteed. The recipient must request approval from the Registrar or delegate, to have the Scholarship applied to their new program.

6. Deferment and Interruption of Award

A recipient may apply to the Registrar or delegate, to have their Scholarship deferred or interrupted 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 enrol in the Approved Program in the proposed semester of commencement; or
- (b) if the recipient defers or interrupts their study without approval or abandons their study; or
- (c) does not maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress; or
- (d) if the recipient commits misconduct under the University's Student Integrity and Misconduct Policy; or
- (f) if the recipient otherwise becomes ineligible with respect to section 4(1).