



# CSIRO Indigenous STEM Endowment Scholarship

(The Scholarship was established in 2024 and maintained on trust to assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to achieve educational success through completing studies at UQ, and to support greater representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in higher education.)

## 1. Purpose

The purpose of the Scholarship is to encourage and reward outstanding Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students to study science, technology, engineering or mathematics at The University of Queensland.

## 2. Definitions

In these rules –

**Approved Program** means any coursework program including dual programs at The University of Queensland with a Significant Component of STEM.

**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.

**DVC(IE)** means Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous Engagement).

**Minimum Completion Time** means the minimum period of time it would take to complete the Approved Program based on enrolment in 8 units per semester in semester 1 and semester 2 each year or 16 units per calendar year. Students awarded the Scholarship part way through a program will hold the Scholarship for the minimum duration for completion of their current program, less the time already enrolled.

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

**Scholarship** means the CSIRO Indigenous STEM Endowment Scholarship.

**Significant Component of STEM** means either a designated program in STEM or a program with a STEM major.

**STEM** means science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

## 3. Award and Selection Committee

- (1) One Scholarship will be awarded in a year as tenure becomes vacant.
- (2) The value of each Scholarship is \$10,000 for each year in which it is held, but will be limited to the annual income from the fund.
- (3) Where an applicant is awarded a Scholarship and is studying part-time, the Scholarship will be awarded on a pro-rata basis at the DVC(IE)'s discretion.
- (4) The maximum duration of each Scholarship is the Minimum Completion Time.
- (5) The Scholarship will be awarded on recommendation from the DVC(IE) after consultation with a selection committee, comprising –
  - (a) the DVC(IE) (or nominee);
  - (b) at least two further members drawn from either professional or academic UQ staff; and
  - (c) a representative from CSIRO, nominated by the DVC(IE) with University staff comprising the majority.

## 4. Eligibility and Award Criteria

- (1) An applicant is eligible for the Scholarship, if the applicant –
  - (a) submits an application to the DVC(IE), by the closing date for applications;
  - (b) is an Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Person; and
  - (c) is or will be enrolled in an Approved Program in the year of the award.
- (2) Applicants will be ranked and Scholarships awarded to the applicants that best demonstrate the eligibility and award criteria of–
  - (a) academic achievement;
  - (b) strength of personal and leadership qualities as evidenced by application; 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 the Minimum Completion Time, subject to the recipient –



- (a) maintaining at least the same level of enrolment (i.e. full-time or part-time) in the Approved Program that the recipient had at the time of their application, excluding any periods of approved interruption in accordance with rule 6; and
- (b) maintaining Satisfactory Academic Progress.
- (2) Where a recipient fails to satisfy rule 5(1)(a), the DVC(IE) may require the Scholarship value to be adjusted accordingly.
- (3) If the recipient fails to satisfy rule 5(1)(b) the recipient must show cause to the DVC(IE) why the Scholarship should not be cancelled.

## **6. Deferral and Interruption of Award**

The recipient may apply to the DVC(IE) to defer or interrupt their Scholarship for up to one year in exceptional circumstances only.

## **7. Termination of Scholarship**

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(3);
- (b) if the recipient defers or interrupts their study without approval; or
- (c) if the recipient commits misconduct.