



# Alumni Pride Scholarship

(Established in 2024 through a gift from Alumni Friends, Professor Heather Zwicker and collective donors 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 studying at The University of Queensland who identify as a member of the LGBTQIA+ community and are experiencing financial hardship.

## 2. Definitions

In these rules –

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

**Director** means the Director, Student Enrichment and Success.

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

**LGBTQIA+** is an acronym to identify the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning, intersex, asexual and aromantic communities.

**Scholarship** means the Alumni Pride Scholarship.

**University** means The University of Queensland.

## 3. Award and Selection Committee

- (1) One Scholarship will be awarded in a year in accordance with these rules.
- (2) The expected value of each Scholarship is \$4,500 for each year that it is held, but will be limited to the annual distribution from the fund and may be more or less in some years.
- (3) The maximum duration of each Scholarship is one year.
- (4) The Scholarship shall be awarded on recommendation from the Director after consultation with a selection committee, comprising –
  - (a) the Director (or nominee);
  - (b) a staff member from the UQ Ally Network;
  - (c) a representative of the UQ Ally Executive Champions; and
  - (d) a past Scholarship recipient, or a student representative from the UQ Union Queer Collective, with UQ staff in the majority.

## 4. Eligibility and Award Criteria

- (1) An applicant is eligible for the Scholarship, if the applicant –
  - (a) submits an application to the Director, by the closing date for applications;
  - (b) is or will be Enrolled in an Approved Program in the year of the award;
  - (c) can demonstrate financial hardship by providing documentary evidence;
  - (d) identifies as a member of the LGBTQIA+ community; and
  - (e) has not previously held the Scholarship.
- (2) The Scholarship is awarded to the student who best demonstrates the eligibility and award criteria of –
  - (a) evidence of identifying as a member of the LGBTQIA+ community;
  - (b) evidence of financial hardship;
  - (c) demonstrated commitment to the LGBTQIA+ community; and
  - (d) 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 in an Approved Program; and
  - (b) maintaining Satisfactory Academic Progress.
- (2) If the recipient fails to satisfy rule 5(1), the recipient must show cause to the Director why the Scholarship should not be terminated.

## 6. Deferral and Interruption of Award

The Scholarship cannot be deferred or interrupted.



## 7. Termination of Award

The University may terminate a Scholarship if the recipient –

- (a) does not show cause to the reasonable satisfaction of the University as provided for in rule 5(2); or
- (b) defers or interrupts their study; or
- (c) commits misconduct.