



Anastasios and Evangelia Lavidis Scholarship

(Established in 2024 by a gift from Associate Professor Nickolas Lavidis under the Create Change match initiative and maintained by income from The Anastasios and Evangelia Lavidis Scholarship Endowment fund. Associate Professor Lavidis has been a generous supporter of student scholarships and financial need at UQ since 2003. On staff in UQ's School of Biomedical Sciences, his interest in students stems from the way his parents Anastasios and Evangelia Lavidis modelled generosity during his years growing up, and his own desire to help students in financial need achieve their educational, research and career aspirations.)

1. Purpose

The purpose of the Scholarship is to support students who are undertaking undergraduate study in Biomedical Sciences and are experiencing financial hardship.

2. Definitions

In these rules –

Approved Program means the Bachelor of Biomedical Science (Honours).

Head means the Head of School, School of Biomedical Sciences.

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

Scholarship means the Anastasios and Evangelia Lavidis Scholarship.

3. Award and Selection Committee

- (1) One Scholarship will be awarded in a year in accordance with these rules.
- (2) The value of the Scholarship will be at least \$4,000 for each year that it is held, but will be limited to the annual distribution from the relevant fund.
- (3) The maximum duration of each Scholarship is one year.
- (4) The Scholarship will be awarded on recommendation from the Head after consultation with a selection committee, comprising –
 - (a) the Head (or nominee); and
 - (b) two professional or academic staff members at the School of Biomedical Sciences.

4. Eligibility and Award Criteria

- (1) An applicant is eligible for a Scholarship, if the applicant –
 - (a) submits an application to the Head, by the closing date for applications;
 - (b) is enrolled full-time in an Approved Program in the year of the award;
 - (c) does not hold another scholarship that the Head considers similar in the year of the award; and
 - (d) can demonstrate financial hardship by providing documentary evidence.
- (2) The Scholarship is awarded to the student showing the greatest merit based on –
 - (a) evidence of financial hardship;
 - (b) strength of personal statement included in the application demonstrating how the Scholarship will assist with completion of the Approved Program; 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) A 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 in which the recipient was enrolled when awarded the Scholarship, excluding any periods of approved interruption in accordance with rule 6;
 - (b) maintaining Satisfactory Academic Progress; and
 - (c) not holding another scholarship that the Head considers similar.
- (2) If the recipient fails to satisfy rule 5(1), the student must show cause to the Head why the Scholarship should not be terminated.

6. Deferral and Interruption of Award

A recipient may apply to the Head to have their Scholarship deferred or interrupted for up to one year in exceptional circumstances only.

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 without approval; or
- (c) commits misconduct.