



UQ Women in Action Fund

(The fund was established by the Faculty of Engineering, Architecture and Information Technology with the support of Professor Simon Biggs, Executive Dean in 2015.)

1. Purpose

The purpose of the UQ Women in Action Fund is to support female students studying engineering, design or information technology to engage in community and industry-based experiences via study tours, student exchange, and short-term professional and personal development experiences. Supported by the School's alumni and friends, this Fund will be used to award and distribute up to five small grants of \$1,000 each twice per calendar year to support aspiring female engineering, design and technology students make a global impact.

2. Definitions

In these rules -

Approved Program includes all Faculty administered engineering, architecture, design, computer science and information technology programs at undergraduate and postgraduate levels, including research higher degrees. For undergraduate programs, eligibility is from second year of enrolment.

Executive Dean means the Executive Dean, Faculty of Engineering, Architecture and Information Technology at The University of Queensland.

Grant means a grant provided to a student from the UQ Women in Action Fund.

3. Award and Value

- (1) Up to five Grants will be available each semester, subject to the availability of funding.
- (2) The value of each Grant will be \$1,000.
- (3) The Grants will be awarded at the discretion of the Executive Dean.

4. Eligibility and Award Criteria

- (1) An applicant is eligible for a grant, if the applicant:
 - (a) submits an application by closing dates for applications;
 - (b) is a student who is a woman;
 - (c) is enrolled full time in an approved program through the Faculty of Engineering, Architecture and Information Technology;
 - (d) has made satisfactory academic progress for each semester enrolled;
 - (e) has demonstrated initiative as part of their application;
 - (f) has provided a complete application including a 300–350-word statement as to how the activity will benefit their personal and professional development; and
- (3) The activity for which the applicant is seeking support must be occurring within the respective semester or half of the calendar year that the application is lodged for.
- (4) Grant funding sought through the UQ Women in Action Fund is not means tested.
- (5) Candidates may be requested to participate in an interview as part of the selection process.
- (6) Upon the recipient's return from the activity, the student must submit a report of no more than 400 words on their experience to the Executive Dean. The report may be reproduced in university publications and marketing materials.

5. Examples of Activities Supported (not exhaustive)

- Attendance at interstate or international conferences.
- Registered elite athletes attending a significant overseas athletic event that will help advance their athletic career.
- RHD students undertaking an overseas internship that furthers their research project.
- Attendance at "iconic" activities (e.g. international mining games).