



# Taka Shimizu Scholarship in Japanese Studies

(Established in 2025 by a gift from Taka Shimizu, a Japanese national raised in Brisbane who benefitted from an education at UQ. Taka has created this scholarship for students undertaking Japanese Studies as part of their educational experience at UQ.)

## 1. Purpose

The purpose of the Scholarship is to support undergraduate students who are undertaking Japanese studies at The University of Queensland and are experiencing financial hardship.

## 2. Definitions

In these rules –

**Approved Program** means an undergraduate program administered by the Faculty of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences, including dual programs.

**Head** means the Head of School, School of Languages and Cultures.

**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. 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.

**Relevant Field** means a major, extended major or field of study in Japanese.

**Scholarship** means the Taka Shimizu Scholarship in Japanese Studies.

## 3. Award and Selection Committee

- (1) One Scholarship may be awarded in a year and held in accordance with these rules.
- (2) The value of each Scholarship will be at least \$3,000 for each year that it is held, but will be limited to the annual distribution from the fund.
- (3) The maximum duration of each Scholarship is the Minimum Completion Time.
- (4) The Scholarship will be awarded on recommendation from the Head after consultation with a selection committee, comprising –
  - (a) the Head (or nominee);
  - (b) an academic staff member from the School of Languages and Cultures with a specialisation in Japanese; and
  - (c) an additional academic staff member from the School of Languages and Cultures.

## 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 in an Approved Program in the Relevant Field in the year of the award; and
  - (c) can demonstrate financial hardship by providing documentary evidence.
- (2) The Scholarship is awarded to the student who best demonstrates the eligibility and award criteria of –
  - (a) evidence of financial hardship;
  - (b) strength of interest in Japanese as evidenced by personal statement included in the application; and
  - (c) strength of personal statement included in the application demonstrating how the Scholarship will assist with completion of the Approved Program.

## 5. Conditions for Award

- (1) The recipient may hold the Scholarship for up to the Minimum Completion Time, subject to the recipient –
  - (a) continuing to be enrolled in an Approved Program in the Relevant Field, excluding any periods of approved interruption in accordance with rule 6(2); and
  - (b) maintaining Satisfactory Academic Progress.
- (2) If the recipient fails to satisfy rule 5(1), the recipient must show cause to the Head why the scholarship should not be terminated.

## 6. Deferral and Interruption of Award

- (1) The Scholarship cannot be deferred.
- (2) Recipients may apply to the Head to interrupt their Scholarship for a maximum of two semesters in exceptional circumstances during the tenure of their Scholarship.



## 7. Termination of Award

The University may terminate a Scholarship if –

- (a) the recipient does show cause to the reasonable satisfaction of the University as provided for in rule 5(2); or
- (b) the recipients defers their study; or
- (c) the recipient interrupts their study without approval; or
- (d) there is a finding of misconduct against the recipient.