



Trevor Heath OAM Rural Scholarship

(Established in 2025 by gifts from multiple donors to honour the legacy of a pioneering veterinarian whose leadership as Dean of UQ's School of Veterinary Sciences from 1973 to 1980 reflected deep regard for student wellbeing and for the veterinary profession. Unsurprisingly, veterinary alumni have rallied to build the scholarship fund, seeded with support from Alumni Friends as part of their Diamond Jubilee celebration. The Scholarship reflects Trevor's rural roots and his desire to support rural veterinary practice.)

1. Purpose

The purpose of the Scholarship is to support rural and regional students to study Veterinary Science at The University of Queensland's Gatton Campus for the full term of their program.

2. Definitions

In these rules –

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

Associate Dean means Associate Dean (Academic) of the Faculty of Science.

Commencing Student means a student who has not completed any prior tertiary study at a bachelor level or above.

Regional, Rural or Remote Area uses the 'Modified Monash Model' categories approach as defined by the Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care based on the Australian Statistical Geography Standard – Remoteness Area structure (ASGS-RA). This means you must have lived in a geographic region classified as –

- MM 2 (Regional centres)
- MM 3 (Large rural towns)
- MM 4 (Medium rural towns)
- MM 5 (Small rural towns)
- MM 6 (Remote communities)
- MM 7 (Very remote communities)

for at least five consecutive years, or for at least 10 years cumulatively.

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

Scholarship means the Trevor Heath OAM Rural Scholarship.

3. Award and Selection Committee

- (1) One Scholarship may be awarded and held under these rules. A new Scholarship will only be offered only once a position becomes vacant.
- (2) The value of each Scholarship will be at least \$6,000 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 five years.
- (4) The Scholarship will be awarded on recommendation from the Associate Dean after consultation with a selection committee, comprising –
 - (a) the Associate Dean (or nominee).
 - (b) the School of Veterinary Science rural placements program manager (or nominee);
 - (c) at least one academic staff member currently teaching in the Approved Program; and/or
 - (d) one representative from the Alumni Friends Society.

4. Additional Benefits

- (1) Recipients may be offered one or more of the following opportunities during the period in which the recipient holds the Scholarship –
 - (a) personal mentoring and guidance from alumni.
- (2) Recipients will also receive a copy of Trevor Heath's book, *Letters from a Former Dean: Advice for Students on Navigating their Studies to a Successful Career*.

5. Eligibility and Award Criteria

- (1) An applicant is eligible for a Scholarship, if the applicant –
 - (a) submits an application to the Associate Dean, by the closing date for applications;
 - (b) is a Commencing student;
 - (c) is enrolled full-time in the Approved program in the year of the award;
 - (d) is from a Regional, Rural or Remote Area in Queensland; and
 - (e) can demonstrate financial hardship by providing documentary evidence.
- (2) The Scholarship is awarded to the applicant who best demonstrates the eligibility and award criteria of –



- (a) evidence of financial hardship; and
- (b) strength of personal statement included in the application.

6. Conditions

- (1) The recipient may hold the Scholarship for up to five years, subject to the recipient –
 - (a) continuing to be enrolled full-time in the Approved Program, excluding any periods of approved interruption in accordance with rule 7; and
 - (b) maintaining Satisfactory Academic Progress.
- (2) If the recipient fails to satisfy rule 6(1), the recipient must show cause to the Associate Dean why the Scholarship should not be terminated.

7. Deferral and Interruption

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

8. Termination

The University may terminate a Scholarship if –

- (a) the recipient does not show cause to the reasonable satisfaction of the University as provided for in rule 6(2); or
- (b) the recipient defers their study; or
- (c) the recipient interrupts their study without approval; or
- (d) there is a finding of misconduct against the recipient.