1.0 Introduction
The University of Queensland - St Leo’s College Equity Accommodation Scholarships assist students who need to relocate from their permanent homes in regional or remote areas of Australia in order to commence studies at the University of Queensland.

2.0 Value & Duration
There will be up to three scholarships in the form of discounted accommodation places to the value of $6000 per year for up to three years awarded to students commencing study at UQ in 2015. Scholarship payments will be made in two equal instalments at the beginning of each semester to each successful candidate’s accommodation account at the College.

3.0 Eligibility
An applicant must:
1. Be a current Year 12 student or current gap year student (with that gap year being in the year immediately following the applicant’s Year 12 matriculation);
2. Be an Australian citizen, New Zealand citizen, Australian permanent resident or hold an Australian permanent humanitarian visa;
3. Be relocating from their permanent home address in order to attend UQ;
4. Be able to provide evidence of financial need that demonstrates receipt of the scholarship will permit attendance at UQ.

Applicants must be intending to enrol at UQ in a bachelor’s degree program, which could also include a dual program and may not have previously undertaken tertiary studies, other than special university programs designed for secondary school students.

Applicants must have applied to St Leo’s for a college place to be considered for a UQ-St Leo’s College Equity Accommodation Scholarship.

4.0 Application Process
Application forms may be downloaded from the UQ Scholarship website and the St Leo’s College website.

The completed application form must be submitted to the Head of College by the 14 November 2014.

Applicants must submit copies of all required supporting documentation.

5.0 Selection Policies
Selection will be made on the basis of the financial need demonstrated by the supporting documentation.

Other factors such as home location, school attended, community service and refugee status may be taken into consideration.
Preference will be given to:
1. Students from regional and remote areas;
2. Low socioeconomic backgrounds;
3. Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander students;
4. Students with a disability.

A scholarship selection committee comprising of the Head of St Leo’s College, the Director of the Student Affairs or his/her delegate, along with up to two nominees by the Director will award the scholarships based on the above eligibility and selection criteria.

The selection committee reserves the right to make no award or to award the Scholarship at other times in exceptional circumstances if it considers there are no deserving applicants.

5.1 Offer Process
Applicants will be notified in writing of the outcome of their application prior to the release of QTAC’s first offer round in January.

The awarding of a UQ-St Leo’s College Equity Accommodation Scholarship will be conditional on the recipient taking up the offer of a place at UQ in 2015.

The award of a UQ-St Leo’s College Equity Accommodation Scholarship does NOT guarantee a place at UQ. UQ places are conferred by QTAC on behalf of the University in January and February 2015.

At the time of accepting an offer of a UQ-St Leo’s College Equity Accommodation Scholarship, the successful candidate must accept the conditions of the scholarship and agree to provide any information relevant to determining their ongoing eligibility for a scholarship.

6.0 Appeals Process
An applicant who is not awarded a scholarship, or a scholarship recipient whose scholarship benefits are discontinued may lodge an appeal if they consider their case has not been handled procedurally fairly.

Appeals must be in writing and explain the reasons for the appeal and be addressed to the Registrar.

Appeals must be received by the Registrar within fourteen days of the student receiving notification about the decision he is appealing.

Students who lodge an appeal may only re-produce that information which was originally considered by the selection panel in making the original decision.

The Academic Registrar considers the appeal.

7.0 Concurrent Holding of Scholarships
Being a recipient of a UQ-St Leo’s College Equity Accommodation Scholarship does not preclude the recipient from applying for any other merit based UQ or St Leo’s scholarship offering, but does exclude him from holding any further equity scholarships, whether at UQ or St Leo’s.
8.0 Academic Achievement
Scholarship holders are required to remain enrolled in a standard fulltime study load of 8 units in each semester, unless otherwise approved by St Leo’s.

Scholarship holders are required to achieve satisfactory academic progress towards their degree which means:
1. Achieving at least a pass grade in all courses in which the student is enrolled each semester and;
2. Achieving a Grade Point Average (GPA) of no less than 4 in each semester.

9.0 Deferral of Scholarship
A UQ-St Leo’s College Equity Accommodation Scholarship may not be voluntarily deferred.

Scholarship holders who experience exceptional circumstances may apply to the Head of College for a deferral of their Scholarship, by explaining in writing the reasons they are seeking a deferral.

10.0 Termination
A UQ-St Leo’s College Equity Accommodation Scholarship will terminate where a successful applicant:

1. Withdraws from their approved program of study;
2. Fails to meet the academic minima noted in these Conditions of Award;
3. Fails to comply with the College’s Conditions of Residence or;
4. Terminates his residency at St Leo’s.

11.0 Scholarship Holders’ Responsibilities
It is the responsibility of the scholarship holder to advise UQ and the College immediately he changes programs, study load or withdraws.

It is the scholarship holder’s responsibility to determine the taxation implications of the award, if any, which apply to their individual circumstances.