The Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Excellence Scholarships

1 Purpose
The purpose of the scholarships is to encourage and assist first year students studying in the areas of information and communications technology.

2 Definitions
In these Rules
Head means the Head of School, School of Information Technology and Electrical Engineering.
relevant program means any of the following programs at The University of Queensland -
(a) Bachelor of Information Technology; or
(b) Bachelor of Engineering (Honours).
and includes a dual program which includes any of the above programs.
relevant field means any of the following fields in the Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) programs –
(a) Electrical Engineering; or
(b) Electrical and Biomedical Engineering; or
(c) Electrical and Computer Engineering; or
(d) Mechatronic Engineering; or
(e) Software Engineering.
scholarship means the Information and Communications (ICT) Excellence Scholarships.

3 Award and value of scholarship
(1) The Head will determine the number of scholarships to be awarded in a year.
(2) At least 60% of the scholarships available in a year will be awarded to students who are domestic students within the meaning of the Fee Rules.
(3) The value of the scholarship is $3,000 for one year.

4 Eligibility for award
An applicant is eligible for the scholarship, if -
(a) the applicant submits an application for the scholarship to the Head, by the closing date for applications; and
(b) is either –
   (i) a domestic student within the meaning of the Fee rules; or
   (ii) an international student who has completed Years 11 and 12 in Australia; and
(c) in the two years immediately before the award, the applicant completed Year 12 (or overseas equivalent); and
(d) the applicant enrols in a relevant program and, where applicable, in one of the relevant fields, in the year of the award, or after an approved deferment of one year; and
(e) the applicant does not hold a scholarship that the Head deems similar.

5 Selection of award
(1) For the selection process, the Head must establish a selection committee, comprising –
   (a) the Head or nominee, as chair of the committee; and
   (b) at least one member of the University’s academic staff who is currently teaching in one of the relevant programs.
(2) The scholarship is awarded to the applicant showing the greatest merit as demonstrated by –
   (a) academic achievement in secondary school studies; and
   (b) an interest in studying ICT, as evidenced by a cover letter, short personal statement and a resume; and
   (c) personal qualities, including leadership skills and extra-curricular activities; and
   (d) any other matter that the selection committee considers to be relevant to the applicant’s future success in the ICT profession.

6 Conditions for scholarship
(1) A recipient may hold the scholarship for one year, subject to the recipient -
   (a) continuing to be enrolled full-time in a relevant program; and
(b) enrolling in courses approved by the Head; and
(c) achieving a GPA of at least 5 for their first semester of study.

(2) If a recipient fails to satisfy rule 6(1), the student must show cause to the Head why the scholarship should not be cancelled.