



## The Geotechnical Engineering Scholarship

(The scholarships were established in 2012 and are maintained by an annual gift from the Geotechnical Engineering Centre (GEC), funded by the Centre's Industry Partners).

### 1 Purpose

The purpose of the scholarship is to encourage and support meritorious students in the final 2 years of study within the Bachelor of Engineering Program in the dual major of civil and geotechnical engineering or mining and geotechnical engineering.

### 2 Definitions

In these rules-

*Associate Dean* means the Associate Dean (Academic), Faculty of Engineering, Architecture and Information Technology.

*Bachelor of Engineering Program* means the Bachelor of Engineering program, including a dual program that includes the Bachelor of Engineering.

*GEC* means the Geotechnical Engineering Centre and its industry partners.

*relevant dual major* means civil and geotechnical engineering or mining and geotechnical engineering.

*scholarship* means the Geotechnical Engineering Scholarships.

### 3 Award and Value of scholarship

- (1) The Senate may award up to four (4) scholarships each year on the recommendation of the Associate Dean.
- (2) The scholarship duration is for one (1) year at a value of \$10,000..

### 4 Additional benefits of scholarship

- (1) GEC may offer the recipient any of the following opportunities-
  - (a) thesis mentoring;
  - (b) an ambassadorial role;
  - (c) vacation employment with industry partners, of any duration, at any site, during the period in which the recipient holds the scholarship, as determined by the GEC, in consultation with the recipient and industry partners;
  - (d) a vacation research scholarship attached to the GEC at UQ.
- (2) If the recipient is required to relocate away from their normal place of residence to undertake vacation employment, the industry partner (employer) will pay travel expenses and a contribution towards living expenses, reasonably incurred by the recipient.

### 5 Eligibility for award

An applicant is eligible for the scholarship, if the applicant-

- (a) submits an application to the Associate Dean, by the closing date for applications; and
- (b) is a domestic or international student within the meaning of the Fee Rules; and
- (c) is enrolled full-time and commencing the third or fourth year of the Bachelor of Engineering Program in the relevant dual major; and
- (d) does not hold another scholarship that the Associate Dean considers to be similar.

### 6 Selection of award

- (1) For the selection process, the Associate Dean must establish a selection committee, comprising-
  - (a) the Associate Dean, or nominee, as chair of the committee; and
  - (b) the Director of the GEC, or nominee; and
  - (c) an industry partner of the GEC; and
  - (d) an academic staff member who is currently teaching in the relevant dual major program.
- (2) The scholarship is awarded to the applicant showing greatest merit as demonstrated by-
  - (a) academic achievement in courses undertaken during the program; and
  - (b) personal qualities, including leadership potential; and

- (c) any other qualities that the selection committee considers to be relevant to the applicant's future success in the Geotechnical Engineering profession.
- (3) The selection committee will award the scholarships in proportion to the students enrolled in each of the dual major programs, except in circumstances where the applicants in a dual major are deemed not sufficiently meritorious.
- (4) The selection committee may interview short-listed applicants.

**7 Conditions for scholarship**

- (1) The recipient may hold the scholarship for 1 year, subject to the recipient-
  - (a) continuing to be enrolled full-time in the Bachelor of Engineering Program in the relevant dual major; and
  - (b) passing all courses in the first semester of the scholarship; and
  - (c) conducting themselves in a professional manner while performing any ambassadorial role or duties of vacation employment.
- (2) If a recipient fails to satisfy rule 7(1), the recipient must show cause to the Associate Dean, why the scholarship should not be cancelled.