THE SCHOOL OF CHEMISTRY & MOLECULAR BIOSCIENCES
LATIN AMERICAN SCHOLARSHIP

(The scholarship was established in 2013 and is maintained by the School of Chemistry & Molecular Biosciences, Faculty of Science, The University of Queensland.)

1 Purpose
The purpose of the Scholarship is to encourage and reward students from Latin American countries studying postgraduate coursework programs administered by the School of Chemistry & Molecular Biosciences at The University of Queensland.

2 Definitions
In these rules-
Associate Dean (Academic) means the Associate Dean (Academic), Faculty of Science.
Head means the Head of School, School of Chemistry & Molecular Biosciences.
Approved Program means any of the following –
(a) the Master of Bioinformatics (16 unit or 24 unit) program;
b) the Master of Bioinformatics Research Extensive (24 or 32 unit) program;
c) the Master of Biotechnology (16 unit or 24 unit) program;
d) the Master of Biotechnology Research Extensive (24 or 32 unit) program;
e) the Master of Molecular Biology (16 unit or 24 unit) program;
f) the Master of Molecular Biology Research Extensive (24 or 32 unit) program
Scholarship means the School of Chemistry & Molecular Biosciences Latin American Scholarship.

3 Award and Value of Scholarship
(1) The Senate may award up to 2 Scholarships each year on the recommendation of the Head.
(2) The value of the Scholarship is 50% of the tuition fees payable for each semester for which it is held.
(3) Subject to clause 6, each scholarship is tenable for the Minimum Completion Time of the Approved Program.

4 Eligibility for Award
An applicant is eligible for the Scholarship, if the applicant –
(a) submits an application to the Head, by the closing date for applications; and
(b) is a citizen of a Latin American country; and
(c) has achieved at least the equivalent of the entry requirements for the proposed program of study; and
(d) is able to commence as an international student in Australia on a student visa.

5 Selection Process
(1) For the selection process, the Head must establish a selection committee, comprising a minimum of three directors of postgraduate coursework programs administered by the School of Chemistry & Molecular Biosciences. The Head will appoint a chairperson from those appointed to the selection committee.
(2) The Scholarship is awarded to the applicant showing greatest merit as demonstrated by –
(a) academic achievement in undergraduate studies; and
(b) strength of interest demonstrated in the relevant field of postgraduate coursework study; and
(c) personal qualities, including leadership potential; and
(d) any other matter that the selection committee considers to be relevant to the applicant's future professional success in the relevant field of postgraduate coursework study.
(e) the selection committee will rank the top three applicants, and the Associate Dean (Academic) will then select the successful candidate(s).

6 Conditions for Scholarship
(1) The recipient may hold the Scholarship for the Minimum Completion Time of the Approved Program, subject to the recipient –
(a) continuing to be enrolled full-time in the Approved Program, unless otherwise exempted by the Head; and
(b) achieving a GPA of at least 4 for each semester of study in which the recipient holds the Scholarship; and
(c) resuming study after an approved interruption of up to 1 year, as approved by the Head; and
(d) being eligible to continue to hold a student visa.
(2) If the recipient fails to satisfy rule 6(1), the student must show cause to the Associate Dean (Academic) why the Scholarship should not be cancelled.
(3) The recipient may be required by the Associate Dean (Academic) to pay the full tuition fee of any course that is repeated.
(4) In this rule - Minimum Completion Time, means the minimum period of time it would take a student to complete the remainder of the program in which the recipient is enrolled when the recipient is awarded the Scholarship.