The scholarship was established in 2017 and is maintained by an annual gift from The Pekol Family.

1 Purpose
The purpose of the Scholarship is to encourage and support female students aspiring to undertake tertiary studies in engineering, or science (in the fields of maths and physics) who are currently experiencing barriers to attending UQ.

2 Definitions
In these rules-
Approved Undergraduate Engineering Program includes a dual program, including the Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) program and the integrated Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) / Master of Engineering program
Approved Undergraduate Science Program includes a dual program, including the Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Mathematics, or Bachelor of Advanced Science (Honours), enrolled in the field of maths or physics.
Approved Undergraduate Program means the Approved Undergraduate Science Program and/or the Approved Undergraduate Engineering Program
Associate Dean Engineering means the Associate Dean (Academic) Faculty of Engineering, Architecture and Information Technology
Associate Dean Science means the Associate Dean (Academic), Faculty of Science
Regional Area if outside of Queensland means Inner Regional, Outer Regional, Remote or Very Remote areas as defined in the ASGC Remoteness Areas classification as described in the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare 2004 publication, ‘Rural, Regional and Remote Health: A Guide to Remoteness Classifications’; or if within Queensland means all of Queensland except those areas encompassed by the following local government areas-
(a) Brisbane City Council
(b) Gold Coast City
(c) Ipswich City
(d) Logan City
(e) Moreton Bay Regional
(f) Redland City
Scholarship means The Pekol Family Scholarship for Women in Engineering and The Pekol Family Scholarship for Women in Maths and Physics

3 Award and Value of Scholarship
(1) Senate may award up to 2 Scholarships in tenure on the recommendation of the Associate Dean Engineering after consultation with the Associate Dean Science, subject to the availability of donor funding.
(2) The value of the Scholarship is $10,000 for each year for which it is held.
(3) Senate may award the Scholarship to another person in a later year of study only if the earlier recipient no longer holds the Scholarship. In this instance, the duration of the Scholarship will be determined by the Associate Dean Engineering after consultation with the Associate Dean Science and the Pekol Family.

4 Eligibility for award
(1) An applicant is eligible for the Scholarship, if the applicant –
(2) (a) submits an application to the Associate Dean Engineering or Associate Dean Science, by the advertised closing date for applications; and
(b) is a female student; and
(c) is a domestic student within the meaning of the Fee Rules; and
(d) is enrolled full-time in the first year of the Approved Undergraduate Engineering Program or Approved Undergraduate Science Program, or a later year of an Approved Undergraduate Program if the award is made in accordance with rule 3(3); and
(e) can provide documentary evidence of financial need as required; and
(e) does not hold another scholarship that the Associate Dean Engineering or Associate Dean Science considers to be similar.

5 Selection of Award
(1) For the selection process, the Associate Dean Engineering must establish a selection committee, comprising:
(a) the Associate Dean Engineering, or nominee, as Chair of the committee; and
(b) and Associate Dean Science, or nominee
(c) a member of the Pekol Family or nominee; and
(d) at least one member of the university's academic staff who is currently teaching in engineering or science.

(2) The Scholarship is awarded to the applicant showing greatest merit based on-
(a) leadership qualities and potential to succeed in the engineering or science profession;
(b) any other matter that the selection committee considers to be relevant.

(3) In a year where there is an eligible applicant, preference will be awarded to those students who best demonstrate ‘hardship’ or ‘need’ with regard to: financial, educational, soci-economic or Regional Area circumstances

(4) In a year where there are no eligible candidates in either the Approved Undergraduate Engineering Program or the Approved Undergraduate Science Program, the selection committee may award all available scholarships to a single Approved Undergraduate Program.

(5) The selection committee may decide to interview short-listed applicants.

6 Conditions for Scholarship
(1) The recipient may hold the Scholarship up to 4 years, or as otherwise determined in accordance with rule 3(3), subject to the recipient –
(a) continuing to be enrolled full-time in the Approved Undergraduate Program; and
(b) achieving an overall GPA of 4.0 for each semester of study and passing all courses in which they are enrolled

(2) If a recipient fails to satisfy rule 6(1), the recipient must show cause to the Associate Dean Engineering if in an Approved Undergraduate Engineering Program or to the Associate Dean Science if in an Approved Undergraduate Science Program, why the Scholarship should not be cancelled.

(3) The Scholarship may not be deferred or interrupted.