Macdonald / Leitch Scholarship

The scholarship was established in 2015 and is maintained by an annual gift from UQ alumna and staff member Professor Doune Macdonald (BHMS 1981) and her husband Steven Leitch.

1 Purpose
The purpose of the scholarship is to encourage and support students who are undertaking study in the Bachelor of Health, Sport and Physical Education (Honours) program.

2 Definitions
In these rules -
Program means the Bachelor of Health, Sport and Physical Education (Honours) program, or a dual program that includes the Bachelor of Health, Sport and Physical Education (Honours) program.
Scholarship means the Macdonald / Leitch Scholarship.
Head means the Head of School, School of Human Movement and Nutrition Sciences.

3 Award and value of scholarship
(1) The Senate may award one scholarship in a year on the recommendation of the Head.
(2) The value of the scholarship is $5,000 for each year for each recipient.

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 domestic student in accordance with The University’s Fee Policy; and
(c) will be enrolled full-time in the first year of the program; and
(d) can provide documentary evidence of financial disadvantage; and
(e) does not hold another scholarship that the Head considers to be 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 the program and;
(c) a representative of the donors.
(2) The scholarship is awarded to the applicant showing greatest merit as demonstrated by-
(a) academic achievement; and
(b) documentary evidence of financial disadvantage; and
(c) personal qualities, including leadership potential;
(d) any other qualities that the selection committee considers to be relevant to the applicant’s future success in the field of Health, Sport and Physical Education.
(3) The selection committee may interview shortlisted applicants.
(4) Preference may be given to applicants with an Indigenous background.

6 Conditions for scholarship
(1) The recipient may hold the scholarship for up to two years.
(2) In the first year of award payment will made after the census date in semester 1 subject to the recipient being enrolled full-time in the program.
(3) Payment in the second year of award will be made after census date in semester 1 subject to the recipient:
(a) continuing to be enrolled full-time in the program; and
(b) maintaining an annual GPA of at least 4; and
(c) passing all courses in which they are enrolled.

(4) If the recipient fails to satisfy rule 6(2) in the first year of their tenure or rule 6(3) in their second year of tenure, the recipient must show cause to the Head why the scholarship should not be cancelled.