The Agility Applications Regional QLD ICT Scholarship

(Established in 2015 and maintained by an annual gift from Agility Applications)

1 Purpose
The purpose of the Scholarship is to encourage and support first or second year students from a Regional Area who may have experienced financial disadvantage to pursue studies in ICT at The University of Queensland.

2 Definitions
In these Rules
Approved Program means the Bachelor of Computer Science or the Bachelor of Information Technology or the Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) or a dual program that includes the Bachelor of Computer Science or the Bachelor of Information Technology or the Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) or the integrated Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) / Master of Engineering
Head means the Head of School, School of Information Technology and Electrical Engineering
Regional Area means an area deemed regional by the Head outside of Queensland, or 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
Relevant Field means software engineering or electrical and computer engineering.
Scholarship means the Agility Applications Regional QLD ICT Scholarship.
Agility means Agility Applications.
ICT means information and communication technology

3 Award and Value of Scholarship
(1) The value of the Scholarship is $8,000 for one year.
(2) The School may offer 1 Scholarship each year on the recommendation of the Head.

4 Additional Benefits
(1) Agility may offer the recipient the following opportunities:-
(a) an ambassadorial role to attend select networking functions;
(b) work or vacation experience at any Agility site during the period in which the recipient holds the Scholarship, determined by Agility in consultation with the recipient; and
(c) mentoring and networking opportunities with Agility staff members, determined by Agility in consultation with the recipient.

5 Eligibility for Award
An applicant is eligible for the scholarship, if the applicant -
(a) submits an application for the scholarship 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) (i) if a first year student, in the two years immediately prior to the award, the applicant completed Year 12 at a high school in a regional area or completed Year 12 as a boarder whilst having a permanent address in a regional area; or
(ii) if a second year student, in the three years immediately prior to the award, the applicant completed their secondary studies at a high school in a regional area or completed secondary studies as a boarder whilst having a permanent address in a regional area; and
(d) has not completed the requirements of a tertiary program at a Bachelor level or above; and
(e) is enrolled in an Approved Program in the 1st or 2nd year and, where applicable, in the Relevant Field in the year of the award; and
(f) can provide documentary evidence of financial disadvantage; and
(g) does not hold a Scholarship that the Head deems similar.

6 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; and
   (c) at least one member of Agility executive, or nominee, providing that UQ staff are in the majority
(2) The Scholarship is awarded to the applicant showing the greatest merit as demonstrated by –
   (a) an interest in studying ICT, as evidenced by a cover letter, short answer responses within the application, and a resume; and
   (b) personal qualities, including leadership skills and extra-curricular activities; and
   (c) any other matter that the selection committee considers to be relevant to the applicant’s future success in the ICT profession; and
   (d) academic achievement in secondary school and/or university studies, appropriate to the applicant’s enrolment status.
(3) Preference shall be given to applicants who completed Year 12 at a high school in a Queensland regional area and in the event that the selection committee ranks multiple applicants equally, preference will be given to applicants who completed Year 12 at a high school in a Queensland regional area and who can demonstrate financial need.

7 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 an Approved Program; and
   (b) passing all courses.
(2) If a recipient fails to satisfy rule 7(1), the student must show cause to the Head why the Scholarship should not be cancelled.