



## 2023 QUT- AIS Scholarship

### Terms and Conditions

#### Overview

The Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) leads and enables a united and collaborative high performance sport system that supports Australian athletes to achieve international podium success. Through this elite partnership, AIS and QUT aim to enhance the student-athlete experience and enable career-best outcomes in both academic and sporting arenas.

These **merit-based scholarships** recognise excellence in sporting pursuits and enables recipients continued success at university through membership into the Elite Athlete program and into the College of Excellence.

#### 1. Eligibility requirements

To be eligible for the QUT-AIS Scholarship, applicants must meet all the following requirements,

- 1.1. be a nationally categorised athlete, verified by your National Sporting Organisation (NSO)
- 1.2. be currently progressing and achieving in a funded and nationally recognised sport.
- 1.3. have a current 'Achieving and Maintaining Elite Performance' Athlete Categorisation with written verification from your National Sporting Organisation (NSO), State Institute/ State Academy support network (SIS/SAS) or National Institute Network (NIN) to support your application
- 1.4. have no anti-doping rule violations or match fixing offences at any time
- 1.5. be an Australian citizen
- 1.6. must be a commencing or continuing QUT undergraduate student
- 1.7. successfully complete the application and selection process
- 1.8. submit a Sporting Curriculum Vitae providing an overview of sporting achievements over the past 24 months (including event placing and results)

#### 2. Value and payment of scholarships

- 2.1. QUT-AIS Scholarship valued at \$10,000 is paid at \$5,000 per year (\$2, 500 per semester) based on standard, full-time equivalent enrolment over four semesters of the nominated undergraduate course.
- 2.2. Students who are awarded the QUT-AIS Scholarship with less than 4 semesters of full-time study remaining in their course will not receive the full amount of the scholarship.
- 2.3. Students enrolled on a part-time basis will receive 50% of the standard semester payment amount.
- 2.4. Payments will be subject to *Section 4 - Conditions of the scholarship* being met.
- 2.5. Students will receive scholarship payment by electronic transfer to their nominated bank account after the census date each semester.
- 2.6. While every care is taken to ensure direct payments of scholarship funds are correct, scholarship recipients are required to monitor payments and notify QUT Scholarships by emailing [scholarships@qut.edu.au](mailto:scholarships@qut.edu.au) if any over or under payments occur. Where

discrepancies in payment occur, students may be required to return the funds to the university.

### 3. Term of scholarship

- 3.1. The term of the scholarship is determined by the student's enrolment load, either full-time or part-time (e.g., two years for a \$10, 000 scholarship, based on a full-time enrolment).
- 3.2. Students who change to a part-time enrolment will extend the term of the scholarship and will continue to be entitled to their scholarship until the full value of their scholarship is exhausted, subject to the conditions contained in *Section 4 - Conditions of scholarship* below.

### 4. Conditions of scholarship

- 4.1. Students must accept their scholarship offer by the acceptance deadline. Scholarship offers cannot be deferred.
- 4.2. Students must achieve a minimum course (cumulative) grade point average (GPA) of 5.00 in any given semester to maintain the scholarship for the next study period.
  - 4.2.1 Students whose course GPA drops below 5.00 are issued a notification that they are in breach of their scholarship condition but will continue to receive their payment for the next semester.
  - 4.2.2 If their course GPA remains below a 5.00 for the following semester, payment may be suspended until further notice.
  - 4.2.3 A third breach of the GPA condition may result in termination of the scholarship.
- 4.3. Students must remain admitted and enrolled in a course to receive their scholarship payment.
- 4.4. Students must remain actively engaged in their sport to receive their scholarship payment.
- 4.5. Students are permitted to change their course and continue to receive this scholarship unless otherwise specified in the scholarship offer letter.
- 4.6. Students must represent QUT Sport where key opportunities exist, up to a maximum of two engagements per year. QUT Sport will provide numerous opportunities for engagement for students.
- 4.7. Scholarship payments are suspended whilst a student is on an approved Leave of Absence. After completing their first semester, students can apply for up to two years leave of absence from their course without impacting their scholarship.
- 4.8. Special circumstances will be taken into consideration to support individual variation to the conditions of scholarship, supporting documentary evidence may be requested. Student are encouraged to discuss their special circumstance with QUT Sport and/or Counselling services.
- 4.9. Scholarship recipients who withdraw from their studies prior to completion of the teaching period (i.e., no grades are recorded) may be required to return monies paid for the withdrawn units.
- 4.10. Students on a QUT-AIS Scholarship cannot concurrently receive another merit, cooperative, or industry scholarship, but are eligible to receive a Bursary, Prize, or Equity Scholarship.

### 5. Termination of scholarship

A scholarship may be terminated in the following circumstances,

- 5.1. Failure to comply with *Section 4 - Conditions of scholarship*

- 5.2. Withdrawal from your course. Students are advised to access Counselling services or discuss their circumstances with QUT Sport before withdrawing from their course.
- 5.3. Failure to enrol into a course following the completion of the approved Leave of Absence period.
- 5.4. Student behaviour that breaches the QUT Student Code of Conduct, where if proven would be regarded as student misconduct. The required standards of behaviour relate to policies regarding [Academic integrity \(MOPP C/5.3\)](#), [QUT Code for responsible conduct of research \(MOPP D/2.6\)](#), [Acceptable use of information technology resources \(MOPP F/1.11\)](#)

## 6. Miscellaneous

### 6.1. Grievances

- 6.1.1 Student may lodge a formal appeal arising from any scholarship matter through the [Appeals Committee](#)
- 6.1.2 Any grievances related to the administration of scholarship is governed by [E/9.2 Grievance resolution procedures for student related grievances](#), with QUT's Manual of Policy and Procedures.

### 6.2. Tax implications

- 6.2.1 QUT does not withhold PAYG tax from coursework scholarship payments. It is the recipient's responsibility to check the tax implications for your scholarship and personal circumstances. For advice on whether your scholarship is taxable, use the Australian Taxation Office's [scholarship decision tool](#). Additional tax information can be obtained via [www.ato.gov.au/individuals](http://www.ato.gov.au/individuals).

### 6.3. Centrelink

- 6.3.1 Please also note that Centrelink may include this scholarship entitlement in any means testing in relation to applications made for commonwealth assistance. Please check the [Centrelink](#) site for information regarding exempt scholarships.

### 6.4. Scholarship contact

- 6.4.1 QUT-AIS Scholarships are administered by Student Engagement. For any scholarships payment related inquiries please contact [scholarships@qut.edu.au](mailto:scholarships@qut.edu.au)