



QUT Oodgeroo Noonuccal Undergraduate and Postgraduate Scholarships

Terms and Conditions

Overview

The QUT Oodgeroo Noonuccal Undergraduate and Postgraduate Scholarships ('Oodgeroo Scholarship Program') is a merit scholarship valued at \$7,500 for the undergraduate scholarship and \$10,000 for the postgraduate scholarship, offered to commencing or continuing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. This is provided to the scholarship recipient directly in the form funds transfer to their nominated bank account.

These terms and conditions apply to students commencing in 2024. The scholarship requires an application and is offered from Semester 1, 2024.

Purpose

The purpose of the Oodgeroo Scholarship Program is to promote the pursuit of Indigenous studies through supporting the education of Indigenous people in any of the fields which relate to the life and works of Oodgeroo Noonuccal. This might include literature, education, history, cultural studies, law, justice studies and race relations. Up to two scholarships will be awarded to Indigenous undergraduate and postgraduate students to pursue their studies at QUT in 2024 and beyond.

1 Eligibility requirements

To be eligible for the Oodgeroo Scholarship Program, applicants must meet all the following requirements:

- 1.1 Must be an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
- 1.2 Must be an Australian or New Zealand citizen
- 1.3 Must not have received this scholarship before
- 1.4 For the undergraduate Oodgeroo Scholarship Program, must be accepted or enrolled full-time (minimum 36 credit points) in an undergraduate course for Semester 1, 2024
- 1.5 For the postgraduate Oodgeroo Scholarship Program, must be accepted or enrolled in either a part-time or full-time in a postgraduate course (either a graduate diploma or a coursework or research master's degree) for Semester 1, 2024
- 1.6 All QUT scholarships and bursaries are governed by concurrency conditions, detailed within the governing terms and conditions related to the applicable scholarship or bursary.

2 Application and selection criteria

- 2.1 The Oodgeroo Scholarship Program requires an application form. Due to the specific nature of the scholarship, you must provide:
 - 2.1.1 A response addressing the selection criteria
 - 2.1.2 An academic transcript for previous studies
 - 2.1.3 Two written referee statements (academic and community).

3 Value and payment of scholarship

- 3.1 Scholarship payments for the undergraduate Oodgeroo Scholarship Program are valued up to \$7,500 per year for a full-time enrolment load for a maximum of one year. Payments are made on a half-yearly basis (\$3,750 per semester) and are disbursed the week after the census date of the enrolled teaching period.
- 3.2 Scholarship payments for the postgraduate Oodgeroo Scholarship Program are valued up to \$10,000 per year for a full-time enrolment load for a maximum of one year. Payments are made on a half-yearly basis (\$5,000 per semester) and are disbursed the week after the census date of the enrolled teaching period.
- 3.3 Scholarship recipients who complete their study in accelerated mode (or before the terms of the scholarships lapse) the remaining balance of the scholarship funds will be forfeited and will not be paid to the scholarship recipient.
- 3.4 Scholarship recipients for the postgraduate Oodgeroo Scholarship Program enrolled on a part-time (24 credit points or less) basis will receive 50% of the standard payment.

- 3.5 Payment will be subject to the Conditions below. If the scholarship recipient does not meet these Conditions payment may be suspended.
- 3.6 Scholarship recipients will receive scholarship payment by electronic transfer to their nominated bank account the week after census date each semester/teaching period.
- 3.7 Scholarship recipients enrolled in Exchange, Cross Institutional and BULA semester/teaching periods will have different census dates. Payments will be made one week after the census date of these semester/teaching periods.
- 3.8 While every care is taken to ensure direct payment of scholarship funds are correct, scholarship recipients are required to monitor payments and notify the Oodgeroo Unit (scholarships.odgeroo@qut.edu.au) of any over or under payments.
 - 3.8.1 Where discrepancies in payment occur, scholarship recipients may be required to return the funds to the University.
- 3.9 **Tax implications**
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.
- 3.10 **Centrelink**
Please also note that Centrelink may include this scholarship entitlement in any means testing as a result of applications made for Commonwealth assistance. Please check the Centrelink site for information regarding exempt scholarships.

4 Term of scholarship

- 4.1 The term of the undergraduate Oodgeroo Scholarship Program is for one year for the \$7,500 award, based on a full-time enrolment.
- 4.2 The term of the postgraduate Oodgeroo Scholarship Program is determined by the student's enrolment load, either full-time or part-time (e.g., one year for the \$10,000 scholarship, based on a full-time enrolment).
- 4.3 Scholarship recipients in the postgraduate Oodgeroo Scholarship Program are permitted change to part-time enrolment if required. This may extend the terms of the scholarship.
- 4.4 Scholarship recipients must remain admitted and enrolled in a course to receive their scholarship payment as per Conditions.
 - 4.4.1 Scholarship recipients who complete their study in accelerated mode before the term of the scholarship ends the remaining balance of the scholarship funds will be forfeited and will **not** be paid to the scholarship recipient.

5 Conditions of scholarship

- 5.1 Scholarship recipients must achieve a minimum course (cumulative) Grade Point Average (GPA) of 4.00 in any given semester/teaching period to maintain the scholarship for the next semester/teaching period.
- 5.2 Special circumstances will be taken into consideration to support individual variation to the Conditions of scholarship. Supporting documentary evidence may be requested. Scholarship recipients are encouraged to discuss their special circumstance with the Oodgeroo Unit (scholarships.odgeroo@qut.edu.au) or Counselling services.
- 5.3 **Progression**
 - 5.3.1 Scholarship recipients whose course (cumulative) GPA drops below 4.00 are issued a notification that they are in breach of their scholarship condition but will continue to receive their payment for the currently enrolled semester/teaching period.
 - 5.3.2 If their course (cumulative) GPA remains below 4.00 for the following semester/teaching period, payment may be suspended until further notice.
 - 5.3.3 A third breach of the GPA condition may result in termination of the scholarship.
- 5.4 Scholarship recipients must remain admitted and enrolled in a course to receive their scholarship payment.
- 5.5 Scholarship recipients are permitted to change their course and continue to receive this scholarship unless otherwise specified in the scholarship offer letter.

- 5.6 Scholarship payments are suspended whilst a scholarship recipient is on an approved Leave of Absence. After completing their first semester/teaching period, scholarship recipients can apply for up to two years Leave of Absence from their course without impacting their scholarship.
- 5.7 Scholarship recipients who withdraw from their studies prior to completion of the semester/teaching period (i.e., no grades are recorded) may be required to return monies paid for the withdrawn units.
- 5.8 Scholarship recipients are required to commence their studies in the year the scholarship was awarded. Deferment of the scholarship offer is not permitted.
- 5.9 Scholarship recipients are required to maintain active communication with the Oodgeroo Unit.
- 5.10 Scholarship recipients must attend the official scholarship presentation ceremony.
- 5.11 Students must consent to photographs being taken for the purposes of promotional activities including media and webpage(s), by the Oodgeroo Unit, and QUT.
- 5.12 Scholarship recipients on the Oodgeroo Scholarship Program cannot concurrently receive another merit, cooperative, or industry scholarship, but are eligible to receive a bursary, prize, or equity scholarship, while being a merit scholarship recipient.

6 Termination of scholarship

The University reserves the right to cease a scholarship in the following circumstances:

- 6.1 Failure to comply with the Conditions of the scholarship.
- 6.2 Withdrawal from your course. Scholarship recipients are advised to contact the Oodgeroo Unit (scholarships.oodgeroo@qut.edu.au) or Counselling services before withdrawing from their course.
- 6.3 Failure to enrol into a course following the completion of the approved Leave of Absence period.
- 6.4 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 \(MOPP F/1.11\)](#).

7 Grievances

- 7.1 Scholarship recipients should initially contact the QUT Scholarships office to discuss their grievance to see if this can be resolved prior to lodging a formal appeal.
- 7.2 Scholarship recipient may lodge a formal appeal arising from any scholarship matter through the [Appeals Committee](#).
- 7.3 Any grievances related to the administration of scholarships is governed by [E/9.2 Grievance resolution procedures for student related grievances, with QUT's Manual of Policy and Procedures](#).

8 Scholarship contact

The Oodgeroo Scholarship Program is administered by the Oodgeroo Unit. For any scholarships related inquiries please contact scholarships.oodgeroo@qut.edu.au.