

# Faculty of Science Indigenous Australian Scholarship

## Terms and Conditions

### Overview

The Faculty of Science Indigenous Australian Scholarship is a merit scholarship valued at \$7,500 for a Bachelor degree in the Faculty of Science, offered to commencing domestic students. This is provided to the Participant directly in the form of funds transfer to their nominated bank account.

These terms and conditions apply to Participants commencing the Scholarship in 2025. The Scholarship does not require an application and is offered from Semester 1, 2025.

### Purpose

This scholarship aims to support high-achieving Indigenous Australian students who are starting their first year of an undergraduate degree in science, mathematics or IT. The scholarship also aims to foster further opportunities by supporting and engaging students in other structured program opportunities for Indigenous Australian students in the Faculty of Science.

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<p>1. Eligibility Requirements</p>	<p>To be eligible for the Faculty of Science Indigenous Australian Scholarship, Participants must meet all of these requirements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Must be an Indigenous Australian commencing student.</li> <li>2. Must be graduating Year 12 in Australia (or International Baccalaureate) OR have had no more than one gap year since graduating high school (or International Baccalaureate).</li> <li>3. Must achieve an unadjusted ATAR of 85 or above. ATAR adjustment schemes are not applied in the assessment of these scholarships.               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Successful completion of a Faculty of Science START QUT (STEM Intensive) unit may be considered in lieu of the minimum ATAR requirement.</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. Must be starting a university undergraduate degree for the first time.</li> <li>5. Must nominate a QUT undergraduate degree as their first preference in the QTAC application process.</li> <li>6. Must be an Australian citizen.</li> <li>7. Must apply for admission, accept, and enrol in one of the following courses:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. IN01 Bachelor of Information Technology</li> <li>b. IN05 Bachelor of Games and Interactive Technology</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c. MS01 Bachelor of Mathematics</li> <li>d. DS01 Bachelor of Data Science</li> <li>e. ST01 Bachelor of Science</li> <li>f. ST20 Bachelor of Science Advanced (Honours)</li> <li>g. A double degree including one of the above courses.</li> </ul> <p>8. All QUT scholarships and bursaries are governed by concurrency conditions, detailed within the governing terms and conditions related to the applicable scholarship or bursary.</p>
<p>2. Application and selection criteria</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Faculty of Science Indigenous Australian Scholarship does not require an application form. Participants will receive this Scholarship based on academic merit and/or other specific requirements, assessed on ATAR or equivalent overseas qualification. See Eligibility Requirements above.</li> <li>2. QUT has discretion with any decisions made, in connection with this scholarship process. To the extent permitted by law QUT has no liability to any Student for decisions made in relation to the scholarship.</li> </ul>
<p>3. Value and payment of scholarship</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Scholarships valued up to \$7,500 are paid at \$2,500 per year for a full-time enrolment load for a maximum of three (3) years. Payments are made on a yearly basis and are disbursed the week after Semester 1 census date.</li> <li>2. For Participants 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 student.</li> <li>3. Participants enrolled on a part-time (24 credit points or less) basis will receive 50% of the standard payment.</li> <li>4. Payment will be subject to the Conditions below. If the Participants do not meet these Conditions payment may be suspended.</li> <li>5. Participants will receive scholarship payment by electronic transfer to their nominated bank account after census date each semester/teaching period.</li> <li>6. Participants enrolled in Exchange, Cross Institutional and BULA semesters/semester/teaching periods will have different census dates. Payments will be made one week after the census date of these semester/teaching periods.</li> <li>7. While every care is taken to ensure direct payment of scholarship funds are correct, Participants are required to monitor payments and notify QUT Scholarships <a href="mailto:scholarships@qut.edu.au">scholarships@qut.edu.au</a> of any over or under payments.</li> <li>8. Overpayments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. If an overpayment occurs at any time and for any reason QUT may issue the Participant with a written notice requiring repayment of the amount overpaid (“Overpayment Notice”).</li> <li>b. The student must pay to QUT the amount of the overpayment specified in the Overpayment Notice within ten (10) business days of the date of the notice.</li> <li>c. QUT may, at its sole discretion, recover the overpayment</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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	<p>specified in the Overpayment Notice from the student by offsetting that overpayment against any amount subsequently due to the student as part of their scholarship.</p> <p>9. Tax implications: QUT does not withhold PAYG tax from coursework scholarships payments. It is the Participant's responsibility to check the tax implications for your scholarship and personal circumstances. For advice on whether your scholarship is taxable, use the <a href="#">Australian Taxation Office's scholarship decision tool</a>. Additional tax information can be obtained via <a href="http://www.ato.gov.au/individuals">www.ato.gov.au/individuals</a>.</p> <p>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.</p>
4. Term of scholarship	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The term of the Scholarship is determined by the student's enrolment load, either full-time or part-time (e.g., three (3) years for the \$7,500 award, based on a full-time enrolment).</li> <li>2. Participants are permitted to change to part-time enrolment if required. This may extend the term of the Scholarship.</li> <li>3. For Participants 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 student.</li> </ol>
5. Conditions of Scholarship	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Confirmation of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Descent (CATSID) with the Oodgeroo Unit is required to confirm eligibility.</li> <li>2. Participants 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 study period.</li> <li>3. Special circumstances will be taken into consideration to support individual variation to the Conditions of the Scholarship. Supporting documentary evidence may be requested. Participants are encouraged to discuss their special circumstance with the Faculty of Science or Counselling services.</li> <li>4. Progression: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Participants 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.</li> <li>b. If their course (cumulative) GPA remains below 4.00 for the following semester/teaching period, payment may be suspended until further notice.</li> <li>c. A third breach of the GPA condition may result in termination of the Scholarship.</li> </ol> </li> <li>5. Participants must remain admitted and enrolled in a course listed under Section 1 Eligibility Requirements to receive their scholarship payment.</li> <li>6. Deferment of the Scholarship offer is not permitted.</li> </ol>

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	<p>7. Scholarship payments are suspended whilst a student is on an approved Leave of Absence. After completing their first semester/teaching period, Participants can apply for up to two years Leave of Absence from their course without impacting their scholarship.</p> <p>8. Participants 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.</p> <p>9. Participants on the Faculty of Science Indigenous Australian Scholarship 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 Participant.</p> <p>10. Unsuccessful Participants:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. QUT's decision in the awarding of a scholarship will be final.</li> <li>b. QUT is not liable for any: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. indirect or consequential loss; and</li> <li>ii. any loss of revenue, loss of profit or loss of business opportunities, suffered by the student in connection with the Scholarship process whether under contract, tort (including negligence) or otherwise.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p>11. The Participant accepts the Scholarship by doing the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Accept the Scholarship offer and agree to the declaration and terms and conditions in the online scholarship offer acceptance form by the date specified.</li> <li>b. Provide QUT with bank details.</li> </ol> <p>12. If the Participant does not accept the Scholarship by the date specified in the offer letter, the Participant will forfeit the Scholarship and QUT reserves the right to allocate the Scholarship to someone else.</p>
6. Under 18	<p>1. If the Participant is under the age of 18 years, the Participant will be deemed to have obtained the permission of the Participant's parent or legal guardian to participate in the Scholarship application process and the Scholarship award and to be bound by these terms.</p>
7. Termination of scholarship	<p>The university reserves the right to cease a scholarship in the following circumstances:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Failure to comply with the Conditions (5) of the Scholarship.</li> <li>2. Withdrawal from your course. Participants are advised to contact <a href="mailto:scholarships@qut.edu.au">scholarships@qut.edu.au</a>, Faculty, or Counselling services before withdrawing from their course.</li> <li>3. Failure to enrol into a course following the completion of the approved deferral period.</li> <li>4. Participants who commence a degree at another university will not be eligible for the Scholarship upon their return from deferment.</li> <li>5. Failure to enrol into a course following the completion of the approved Leave of Absence period.</li> <li>6. Student behaviour that breaches the QUT Student Code of</li> </ol>

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	Conduct, where if proven would be regarded as student misconduct. The required standards of behaviour relate to policies regarding <a href="#">Academic integrity (MOPP C/5.3)</a> , <a href="#">QUT Code for responsible conduct of research (MOPP D/2.6)</a> , <a href="#">Acceptable use of information technology resources (MOPP F/1.11)</a> .
8. Grievances	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Participants should initially contact the Scholarships team to see if they can resolve any issues before lodging a formal appeal. Contact the team at <a href="mailto:scholarships@qut.edu.au">scholarships@qut.edu.au</a></li> <li>2. Participants may lodge a formal appeal arising from any scholarship matter through the Appeals Committee.</li> <li>3. Any grievances related to the administration of scholarships are governed by <a href="#">E/9.2 Grievance resolution procedures for student related grievances</a>, with QUT's Manual of Policy and Procedures</li> </ol>
9. Privacy	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Information explaining how QUT manages Participants' personal information and our practices for disclosure can be found at <a href="http://www.governance.qut.edu.au/compliance/privacy/">www.governance.qut.edu.au/compliance/privacy/</a></li> <li>2. QUT is bound by the Information Privacy Act 2009 (Qld) ("IPA"), and the QUT privacy policy is available at <a href="https://www.qut.edu.au/additional/privacy">https://www.qut.edu.au/additional/privacy</a> and <a href="http://www.mopp.qut.edu.au/F/F_06_02.jsp">http://www.mopp.qut.edu.au/F/F_06_02.jsp</a></li> <li>3. QUT will collect and use the Participants' personal information for the purposes of administering and carrying out the Scholarship and may share information with nominated third parties who require the information for the management of the Scholarship. This information will not be used for promotion and marketing purposes.</li> </ol>
10. Reserving the right to amend	<p>Without limiting any part of the Scholarship terms QUT may:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Amend or replace these Terms and Conditions, or any Scholarship rules or procedures, at any time and for any reason.</li> <li>2. Extend, suspend, or terminate the Scholarship/Scholarship Process at any time before it is awarded.</li> <li>3. Accept applications after the due date.</li> <li>4. At any time prior to award, disqualify any student from participating or exclude its Offer from further consideration.</li> <li>5. Commence a new process for calling applications on a similar or different basis to that outlined in these terms.</li> <li>6. Use non QUT personnel in assessing applications.</li> </ol>

**Contact:**

The Faculty of Science Indigenous Australian Scholarships are administered by QUT Scholarships. For any scholarships related inquiries please contact [scholarships@qut.edu.au](mailto:scholarships@qut.edu.au).