Westpac Tech Futures Scholarship

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Overview

Valued at $20,000 per scholar, the Westpac Tech Futures Scholarship ('the Scholarship') includes $15,000 in leadership development and immersive technology experiences, alongside $5,000 in fully flexible funding for the Participants' final year of study. As part of the program, Participants will attend the Westpac Scholars Summit and join the W100 Scholars Network, a lifelong community of scholars.

These terms and conditions apply to Participants commencing the Scholarship in 2027. The Scholarship requires an application and is offered from Semester 1, 2027.

Purpose

The Westpac Tech Futures Scholarship is an immersive technology leadership experience for outstanding final-year STEM students who are curious about the future and motivated to make a positive contribution through technology.

Participants of the Scholarship join the Westpac 100 Scholars Network and gain access to ongoing collaboration, networking and life-long learning opportunities.

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Eligibility Requirements	To be eligible for the Scholarship, Participants must meet all of these requirements: 1. Must be an Australian citizen or permanent resident. 2. Must have completed secondary education (Year 12 or equivalent) between 1 January 2021 and 31 December 2024. 3. Must be enrolled in their final year or honours year of their first undergraduate degree at QUT. 4. Must be studying in a STEM discipline, including (but not limited to): a. Information technology, computer science, data science b. Software engineering, cyber security, AI or related fields c. Biomedical science, health technology or medical science 5. Must have a grade point average (GPA) of 5.5 or above. 6. Must demonstrate a commitment to a career in technology or tech-enabled impact aligned to one of the Trust's impact areas: a. Innovation for Impact b. Connected and Stronger Society c. Sustainable Futures d. Asia-Pacific Leadership 7. Must show leadership potential and a commitment to making a positive contribution to Australia's future. 8. Must be available to participate fully in the scholarship and

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	leadership programs, including: a. Westpac Scholars Summit (28-29 April 2027) b. Two Leadership Program Residentials (July and September TBC) 9. Must provide an academic reference (template provided in application). 10. Must not be a current or previous Westpac Scholars recipient. 11. Comply with QUT's concurrency conditions.
Application and Selection Criteria	1. The Scholarship requires an application. Applications are managed by the Westpac Scholars Trust. 2. Participants may be invited to attend an interview at QUT which may include representatives from the Westpac Scholars Trust. 3. Applications must: a. Be submitted by the closing date b. Include any and all supporting documentation in the correct form c. Be written in the English language. 4. By applying for the Scholarship, the Participant warrants that they have read, understood, and agree to be bound by these terms and conditions. 5. 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 Participant for decisions made in relation to the Scholarship.
Value and Payment of Scholarship	1. Scholarships are paid at $5,000 for one year for a full-time enrolment load. Payments are made in a single instalment of $5,000, which will be disbursed after the Semester 1 census date. 2. Scholars must be available to participate fully in the program, including the Westpac Scholars Summit in Sydney, two leadership residentials planned for July and September 2027, and online learning between in-person sessions. Financial support for attendance at the Westpac Scholars Summit and two leadership residentials is included within the $15,000 contribution. 3. Payment will be subject to the Conditions of Scholarship. If the Participant does not meet the Conditions of Scholarship, payment may be suspended or terminated. 4. Participants will receive payment by electronic transfer to their nominated bank account after the respective census date. 5. Whilst every care is taken to ensure direct payment of funds are correct, Participants are required to monitor payments and notify the Scholarships team (scholarships@qut.edu.au) of any over or under payments. 6. Overpayments: 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') b. The Participant must pay to QUT the amount of the

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	overpayment specified in the overpayment notice within ten (10) business days of the date of the notice c. QUT may, at its sole discretion, recover the overpayment specified in the overpayment notice from the Participant by offsetting that overpayment against any amount subsequently due to the Participant as part of their Scholarship. 7. Taxation: QUT does not withhold PAYG tax from coursework scholarship, bursary, or prize payments. It is the Participant's responsibility to check the tax implications for their scholarship, bursary, or prize and personal circumstances. For advice on whether your scholarship, bursary, or prize is taxable, use the Australian Taxation Office's scholarship decision tool. Additional tax information can be obtained via www.ato.gov.au/individuals. 8. Centrelink: Centrelink may include scholarship, bursary, or prize entitlements in any means testing for applications made for Commonwealth assistance. Please check the Centrelink site for information regarding exempt scholarships, bursaries, or prizes.
Term of Scholarship	1. The term of the Scholarship is one (1) year based on a standard full-time enrolment load.
Conditions of Scholarship	1. Participants must remain admitted and enrolled full-time in a course listed under Eligibility Requirements for the duration of their studies. Withdrawal from studies will result in the termination of the Scholarship. 2. Participants are expected to remain in the same course and study discipline for which they were awarded the Scholarship. Any variation to enrolment or load may result in termination of the Scholarship. Participants who believe they have special circumstances that will impact their course enrolment or load are advised to contact the Faculty as soon as possible. 3. Participants must achieve a minimum cumulative (course) GPA of 5.5 to maintain the Scholarship for the next semester/teaching period. 4. Progression: a. Participants whose course (cumulative) GPA drops below 5.5 are issued a notification that they are in breach of the Conditions of Scholarship but will continue to receive their payment for the currently enrolled year. b. If their course (cumulative) GPA remains below 5.5 for the following semester/teaching period, payment may be suspended until further notice. c. A third breach of the GPA progression requirement may result in termination of the Scholarship. 5. Deferment of the Scholarship offer is not permitted. 6. 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 to QUT.

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	7. Participants are required to consent to any of their personal information collected by QUT to be provided to the Westpac Scholars Trust (or any third party engaged by the Trust pursuant to the Scholarship) to be used by the Trust (or any third party engaged by the Trust) for the purposes of: a. Assessing Scholarship applications b. Maximising participation in activities associated with the Scholarship c. Promoting the Trust and its activities d. Promoting the Scholarship to potential applicants and the community e. Communicating continued Scholarship eligibility. 8. Participants will be required to actively engage as an alumnus of the Westpac Scholarship Program which includes a commitment, at least for the first 12 months after the Scholarship, to actively share their experience, attend alumni events, and participate in promotion of the Scholarship. 9. Participants will be required to complete an in-depth report on their Scholarship experience which can be used to promote the Scholarship experience by QUT, the Westpac Scholars Trust, or any third party engaged by either entity. 10. Participants on the Scholarship cannot concurrently receive another merit, cooperative, or industry scholarship, but are eligible to receive a bursary, prize, or equity scholarship, whilst in receipt of the Scholarship. 11. Special circumstances will be taken into consideration to support individual variation to the Conditions of Scholarship. Supporting documentary evidence may be requested. Participants are encouraged to discuss their special circumstance with the Faculty or Counselling services. 12. Unsuccessful applications: a. QUT's decision in the awarding of a Scholarship will be final b. QUT, the Westpac Scholars Trust, or any of its Related Bodies Corporate is not liable for any: i. indirect or consequential loss ii. any loss of revenue, loss of profit or loss of business opportunities, suffered by the Participant in connection with the Scholarship process whether under contract, tort (including negligence) or otherwise. 13. The Participant accepts the Scholarship by doing the following: 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 b. Provide QUT with bank details. 14. 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 another person.

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Under 18	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 and conditions.
General Requirements for Application Terms	Where an application is required: 1. All applications become the property of QUT upon submission, upload or otherwise. 2. Applications must be received by QUT during the application period. 3. An individual claiming to be a Participant must provide proof of identity, if required by QUT. 4. Each Participant may be required to sign a document indicating they have received their Scholarship payment at the time of payment. 5. Any decision of QUT, the Scholarship sponsor, or donor, in respect of all matters arising out of, or in connection with, the Scholarship is final and binding and no correspondence will be entered into. See Grievances below for information on appeals. 6. Each Participant is responsible for notifying QUT of any change to the Participant's contact details during the application process and after the Scholarship has been awarded. 7. If this Scholarship process is interfered with in any way or is not capable of being conducted as anticipated due to any reason beyond reasonable control of QUT, QUT reserves the right, in its sole discretion to modify, suspend, terminate, or cancel the Scholarship, as appropriate. 8. This Scholarship and these terms and conditions are governed by the laws of Queensland.
Termination of Scholarship	QUT reserves the right to cease the Scholarship in the following circumstances: 1. Failure to comply with the Conditions of Scholarship. 2. Withdrawal from your course. Participants are advised to contact the Scholarships team (scholarships@qut.edu.au), Faculty, or Counselling services before withdrawing from their course. 3. 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 Policy, QUT Code for Responsible Conduct of Research, and the Acceptable Use of Information and Communications Technology Resources Policy, as contained within QUT's Manual of Policies and Procedures (MOPP).
Grievances	1. Participants should initially contact the Scholarships team (scholarships@qut.edu.au) to undertake informal grievance resolution prior to lodging a formal appeal. 2. If unsatisfied with the decision provided through informal grievance resolution procedures, the Participant may lodge a formal appeal arising from any matter through the Appeals Committee.

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	3. Any grievances related to the administration of scholarships, bursaries, or prizes are governed by the Grievance Resolution Procedures for Student Related Grievances, as contained within QUT's MOPP.
Privacy	1. By applying for the Scholarship, you are providing permission for your details to be shared with the selection panel. QUT collects the personal information on the Scholarship application form to assess your application and for other university purposes upon enrolment. The collection is authorised under the QUT Student Rules. Information explaining how QUT manages personal information and our practices for disclosure can be found at www.governance.qut.edu.au/compliance/privacy/. 2. QUT is bound by the Information Privacy Act 2009 (Qld) ('IPA'), and the QUT privacy policy is available at https://www.qut.edu.au/additional/privacy and http://www.mopp.qut.edu.au/F/F_06_02.jsp. 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, unless otherwise stated under Conditions of Scholarship.
Reserving the Right to Amend	Without limiting any part of the Scholarship terms and conditions QUT may: 1. Amend or replace these terms and conditions, or any Scholarship rules or procedures, at any time and for any reason. 2. Extend, suspend, or terminate the Scholarship/application process at any time before it is awarded. 3. Accept applications after the due date. 4. At any time prior to award, disqualify any participant from participating or exclude its offer from further consideration. 5. Commence a new process for calling applications on a similar or different basis to that outlined in these terms and conditions. 6. Use non-QUT personnel in assessing applications. 7. Amend the terms and conditions of the Scholarship at any time in any way.

Contact:

The Scholarship is administered by the Faculty of Science. For any related inquiries please contact engage.science@qut.edu.au.