



## 2019 Vice-Chancellor's Elite Athlete \$30,000 Scholarship

### STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS

#### OFFERING OVERVIEW

- 8 scholarships available valued at \$30,000 each
- Applications close 11.59pm, 16 November 2018. Late applications are not accepted under any circumstances.

#### ELIGIBILITY

##### 1. ACADEMIC

Applicants must be a commencing QUT student and meet the following criteria:

- be graduating Year 12 in 2018 or graduated Year 12 in 2017
- be starting university for the first time

##### 2. CITIZENSHIP

Applicants must be an Australian citizen. International students applying based on representing their home country will not be considered for this award.

##### 3. SPORT

Applicants must meet one of the sporting achievements listed below. Applicants are required to nominate the highest level of competition and achievement attained that can be evidenced by official selection advice and/or results by the relevant governing authority.

###### Tier 1 – International medallist

To qualify for this tier you must be able to demonstrate one of the following:

- Olympic event medallist
- Olympic event
- Commonwealth event medallist
- Commonwealth event

###### Tier 2 – Senior national team

To qualify for this tier you must be able to demonstrate one of the following:

- be a finalist in an individual sport at an international event
- finish in the top 6 in a team sport at an international event
- have been selected onto a national senior team/squad
- Competed at senior international event.

###### Tier 3 – Junior national team

To qualify for this tier you must be able to demonstrate one of the following:

- be a finalist in an individual sport at an international event
- finish in the top 6 in a team sport at an international event
- have been selected onto a national junior team/squad
- Competed at a junior international event.

###### Tier 4 – National titles or national league

To qualify for this tier you must be able to demonstrate that:

- You are a current member of a team or individual competing in a national competition.

An applicant does not qualify as a QUT elite athlete if competing in a competition that requires training a couple of sessions per week and giving up part of the weekend to compete.

#### SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

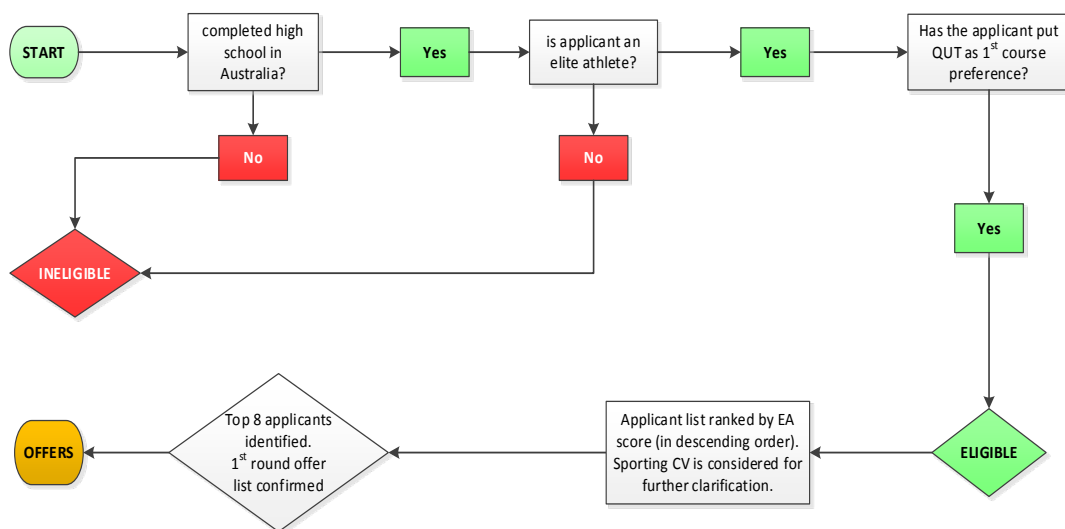
4. Applicants must submit via the online application a **sporting CV** detailing in reverse chronological order (2018 & 2017) sporting representation and highest achievement attained within the last three years aligning with the tier structure selected in the online application. Applicants who fail to provide a sporting CV by the application close date will have their application deemed as 'incomplete' and removed from consideration in the scholarship assessment process.
5. Applicants must attach to their sporting CV selection advice from the governing sporting body or authority that clearly demonstrates selection and/or results that correspond with the level of sporting recognition self-selected in tier structure above.

**SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION**

6. A QUT Elite Athlete Selection Committee is convened to determine the final list of elite athletes to be offered this scholarship as governed by the aforementioned sporting tiers. The committee will consist of the Sports Coordinator, Elite Athlete Program Manager, Elite Athlete Program Coordinator and QUT Scholarships Coordinator.
7. In the event that the final list of qualified applicants extends beyond the stated quota of twelve scholarships available, the QUT Athlete Committee Selection Panel Chair reserves the right to apply a final rank order with a view to producing a final scholarship offer list. To reach a decision on elite athlete status, the Chair will employ an assessment of governing factors including sporting attainment and validation, depth of sporting activity, depth of sporting representation and any intended participation in competitions and meets in the foreseeable future.

**ASSESSMENT, RANKING AND OFFERS**

8. **ASSESSMENT and RANKING**  
 Applicants receive an elite athlete score based on the information provided substantiating the level of their sporting elite level attained at the time of application. This scoring aligns with advice provided by Australian University Sport. Eligible applicants are ranked by elite athlete score to determine preliminary scholarship offer list. The final offer list is determined by athletes who are currently active as demonstrated by their most recent representative duties.
9. **SCHOLARSHIP OFFER**  
 Applicants who have nominated QUT as first course preference will be considered in the first round of scholarship offers. There may be up to three offer rounds if required.



PLEASE NOTE: Due to the operational complexities governing scholarship assessment and award, timings stated below are indicative only. These timings are subject to change to reflect the most recent developments governing operational impacts closer to the time of application processing.

OFFER ROUNDS	KEY DATES	ACTION
<b>Round 1 Offers</b>	<b>14 Dec 2018</b>	<b>Phone call from QUT followed by email scholarship offer</b>
Round 1 Acceptances due	2 Jan 2019	Student accepts scholarship offer via online acceptance form
<b>Round 2 Offers</b>	<b>4 Jan 2019</b>	<b>Phone call from QUT followed by email scholarship offer</b>
Round 2 Acceptances due	11 Jan 2019	Student accepts scholarship offer via online acceptance form
<b>Round 3 Offers (if required)</b>	<b>tbc</b>	<b>Phone call from QUT followed by email scholarship offer</b>
Round 3 Acceptances due	tbc	Student accepts scholarship offer via online acceptance form
<b>2018 Elite Athlete Scholars confirmed</b>	<b>18 Jan 2019</b>	

**SCHOLARSHIP PAYMENT**

10. This scholarship is valued at **\$30,000** and is paid in \$3,750 instalments each semester for the standard duration of the nominated undergraduate QUT course of study OR up to a maximum of four years; whichever comes first.
11. Payments are made after the HECS census date governing the semester payment is due.
12. Holders of this scholarship must be enrolled as a QUT student to be eligible for payment.

13. Elite Athlete scholarship holders are permitted to reduce their study load to part time with the permission of the Elite Athlete Coordinators support. In cases such as these scholarship payments will be paid pro-rata in accordance with subject load.

*Example*

*A two subject enrolment is considered 50% of a full time load therefore 50% of a full time scholarship payment would be paid to reflect the enrolment load.*

14. While every care is taken to ensure direct payments of scholarship funds are correct, scholarships recipients are required to monitor payments and notify QUT if any over or under payments occur. If under payments occur, the balance will be paid to the student immediately. If overpayments occur the scholarship recipient is required to advise QUT immediately and repay the overpaid amount.

**RETAINING THE SCHOLARSHIP**

15. All Vice-Chancellor’s scholarship recipients must maintain a course grade point average (GPA) of 4.50 or greater in any given semester to maintain the scholarship for the next study period. Failure to maintain this condition may result in the scholarship being terminated.
16. After first semester, students are able to take approved Leave of Absence for no longer than a total 12 months (in accordance with QUT Student Rules) and still retain the scholarship. Scholarship payments will not be made to the scholar while on an approved Leave of Absence.

**OTHER INFORMATION**

17. This scholarship cannot be deferred. Recipients must accept a QUT course offer to receive this scholarship.
18. This scholarship is bound by the Scholarship Concurrency Policy that determines whether certain scholarship combinations can be held concurrently by a student. The Vice-Chancellor’s Elite Athlete Scholarship is classed as a **merit** scholarship. Refer to the concurrency table below to determine scholarship combinations permitted by the University.

*Directions: Locate Scholarship Type A on the X axis and Scholarship Type B on the Y axis then slide down and across simultaneously until you reach the concurrency decision for that scholarship combination. The scholarship type can be located on the respective terms and condition.*

Scholarship Type A								
		Equity	Merit	Non-Academic	Co-operative	Industry	Bursary	Prize
Scholarship B	Equity	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Merit	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Non-Academic	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Co-operative	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes
	Industry	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	n/a	Yes	Yes
	Bursary	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Prize	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

19. This scholarship is viewed by the ATO as not taxable income. Please note however that Centrelink may include this scholarship entitlement in any means testing as a result of application made for commonwealth assistance. Please check with Centrelink for a ruling on this issue when applying for commonwealth assistance.

**GRIEVANCES**

20. Any grievances arising from the administration of this scholarship is governed by [E/9.2 Grievance resolution procedures for student related grievances](#) found in QUT’s [Manual of Policy and Procedures](#).
21. Any entitlement grievances of this scholarship are governed by [E/1.2 Appeals Committee](#) found in QUT’s [Manual of Policy and Procedures](#).