

HDR Annual Scholarship Round - Applicant's Guide 2021

QUT awards scholarships to students who provide evidence of exceptional research potential and who are undertaking, or applying to undertake, a higher degree by research.

Our research scholarships provide funding to help you with general living costs while you focus on your research studies. We also have top-up scholarships to supplement living costs and sponsorships to cover tuition fees.

Scholarship availability is limited and QUT conducts one highly competitive scholarship round per year, called the Annual Scholarship Round.

Visit our [Annual Scholarship Round](#) website for more information, and for full scholarship details, including eligibility and terms and conditions.

How and when to apply

<p>New applicants (from 17 August 2020)</p>	<p>New applicants are encouraged to start their two-part application process in the QUT Application Portal via our How to apply website, from 17 August 2020.</p> <p>Applications can be submitted throughout the year, however, to be considered in the scholarship round, you must complete the two-part application process as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Submit your Application Part 1 - Expression of Interest (EOI) by 11:59pm Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST) on 20 September 2020; 2. If your EOI is successful you will be invited to complete Application Part 2 - Final, which must be submitted, along with all supporting documentation, by 11:59pm (AEST) on 30 October 2020. Ensure you indicate you want to be considered for a QUT scholarship.
<p>New applicants who applied prior to 17 August 2020</p>	<p>New applicants who submitted an application prior to 17 August 2020 will be considered in the Annual Scholarship Round if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • you indicated you wanted to be considered for a QUT Scholarship in your application; and • you have sent all your supporting documentation to the Graduate Research Centre by 11:59pm (AEST) on 30 October 2020.
<p>Current QUT research students</p>	<p>Currently enrolled QUT research students will be sent an email early September requesting they confirm by 20 September 2020, if they want to be considered in the Annual Scholarship Round.</p>
<p>Information session 3 September 2020</p>	<p>Information session for scholarship applicants and QUT staff. This will be held via Zoom and recorded. Registration will be required. Details will be released mid-August on the Annual Scholarship Round website.</p>
<p>When will I know the outcome?</p>	<p>QUT will start releasing scholarship outcomes via email to applicants in mid-December 2020. Your outcome correspondence will explain how to accept your offer and any conditions.</p>

<p>When do I need to accept my scholarship offer?</p>	<p>Current QUT research students will need to accept to their scholarship offer and provide all required details by 14 December 2020. This will enable scholarship payments to begin by mid to late January.</p> <p>Commencing students will need to accept to their scholarship offer by 29 January 2021. Payment start date will depend on your course start date, and your submission of bank and taxation details to QUT.</p>
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QUT Agents: In recognition of high workloads for QUT’s registered agent representatives around application due dates, the following applies to QUT agents only. Where an agent has received complete details from their client by the above deadlines, they may submit the client’s application via the QUT Agent Portal by 11:59 AEST on the following dates:

1. **23 September 2020:** Application Part 1 – EOI
2. **4 November 2020:** Application Part 2 - Final

Eligibility for consideration in the annual scholarship round

New students:

To be considered in the Annual Scholarship Round, **new applicants** must:

- have indicated they want to be considered for a QUT scholarship in their completed and on-time application for admission;
- be determined by QUT as eligible for an offer of admission to a QUT research degree;
- have met English Language Proficiency requirements by 30 October 2020;
- be applying to study full-time and on a QUT campus (internal study mode);
- **not** have secured an external sponsorship (e.g. from government, other funding body or current employer);
- **not** have secured an internally funded scholarship (e.g. scholarship from supervisor, school, or faculty) unless it has been explicitly identified as a bridging scholarship.

Current students:

To be considered in the Annual Scholarship Round, **currently enrolled QUT research students** must:

- have indicated they want to be considered for a QUT scholarship via their completed and on-time scholarship application;
- be studying full-time and on a QUT campus (internal study mode) unless exceptional circumstances have been recorded and approved;
- if a doctoral student, have a projected consumed Equivalent Full Time Standard Load (EFTSL) **of less than 2.500** (2.5 years) at 1 January 2021.
- if a Master of Philosophy student, have a projected consumed EFTSL **of less than 1.000** (1 year) at 1 January 2021.
- **not** be receiving a scholarship or sponsorship (excluding bridging scholarships).

Conditional scholarship offers

A scholarship may be offered subject to the recipient meeting one or more of the following conditions:

- Applicant must provide evidence by 31 March 2021 of completion of study which was ongoing at the time of application, to meet academic eligibility;
- Applicant must change enrolment from part-time to full-time;
- Applicant must change study mode from external to internal.

Available scholarships

Find all scholarships available for QUT research students at our [scholarships](#) website.

The below scholarships are awarded during the Annual Scholarship Round, review the eligibility criteria and details by following the scholarship link:

Domestic students:

- [Research Training Program Stipend \(RTPSD\) – Domestic](#)
- [QUT Postgraduate Research Award \(QUTPRA\) – Domestic](#)

International students:

- [Research Training Program Stipend \(RTPSI\) – International](#)
- [QUT Postgraduate Research Award \(QUTPRA\) – International](#)

The following Indigenous scholarship is awarded throughout the year and during the Annual Scholarship Round as well:

Australian Indigenous students:

- [Indigenous Postgraduate Research Award \(IPRA\)](#)

Master of Philosophy international students from specific countries:

- [QUT Master of Philosophy Development Scholarships](#)

Faculty scholarship criteria

RTP Stipend and QUTPRA applicants will be scored and ranked based on Faculty competitive scoring models approved by QUT's Research Degrees Committee. Application ranking is necessary as there are fewer scholarships to offer than the number of scholarship applications received.

Creative Industries Faculty

Criteria 1	Academic record reflecting outstanding performance
Criteria 2	Quality of the research project proposal
Criteria 3	Strategic alignment to Faculty priority areas
Criteria 4	Research environment and supervisory team

Faculty of Education

Criteria 1	Academic record reflecting outstanding performance
Criteria 2	Demonstrated research aptitude and achievement – relevant to opportunity
Criteria 3	Strategic alignment with Faculty research strengths and priorities
Criteria 4	Professional experience relevant to the proposed project
Criteria 5	Quality of the Research Proposal

Faculty of Health

Criteria 1	Academic record and research achievement—relative to opportunity
Criteria 2	Research environment and supervisory team
Criteria 3	Research project and strategic alignment—relative to stage of candidature

Faculty of Law

Criteria 1	Academic excellence exceeding the minimum required for entry
Criteria 2	Research or professional experience reflecting outstanding research skills and/or high-quality publications
Criteria 3	Quality of research proposal
Criteria 4	Strategic alignment with faculty research strengths and priorities

QUT Business School

Criteria 1	A high GPA
Criteria 2	Demonstration of a high level of research aptitude and/or skill, beyond the minimum standard required for entry
Criteria 3	Strategic alignment with faculty research strengths and priorities
Criteria 4	Submission of a high-quality research proposal

Science and Engineering Faculty

Criteria 1	GPA of at least 6
Criteria 2	Publications and conference/journal/patents
Criteria 3	Research, lab field and professional experience
Criteria 4	Strategic alignment with faculty research strengths, priorities and values
Criteria 5	School and supervisor support
Criteria 6	English language proficiency level: Benchmarked and ranked against an overall score higher than QUT’s minimum English test requirements or a comparison for approved QUT English equivalence

Research degrees committee approvals and appeals

A list of successful scholarship applicants is presented to the Research Degrees Committee (RDC) for approval and, following scholarship ratification, offers are issued.

Applicants have the right to request a review of the outcome of their scholarship application if they believe there has been an error in process (e.g. a submitted document has not been correctly or fully considered).

Appeals will be reviewed by the RDC or its delegate and can only be heard against process issues and not against committee decisions or assessment ratings and comments.

Appeals must be submitted via email to research.scholarships@qut.edu.au within ten working days of the application outcome date.

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