

QUT Tuition Fee Sponsorship (TFS) Conditions

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1. BACKGROUND

Tuition Fee Sponsorships are funded by QUT.

A Tuition Fee Sponsorship is used to extinguish the liability of an international student to pay tuition fees. It cannot be converted into another type of benefit or payment.

2. ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS

- Candidates must enrol in a QUT research degree
- International students must be in receipt of:
 - a stipend scholarship awarded by QUT; or
 - a stipend scholarship funded by an organisation with which QUT has an external agreement to sponsor fees for this student or relevant cohort of students.
- Candidates will NOT be eligible if they receive another tuition fee sponsorship or fees offset from any source, including QUT
- QUT may consider a QUT Tuition Fee Sponsorship in compassionate and/or compelling circumstances

1. BENEFITS

1.1. QUT Tuition Fee Sponsorship

The value of the Tuition Fee Sponsorship is the estimated annual course cost, as determined by QUT in accordance with the [Higher Education Support Act 2003](#), for the standard duration of the research degree.

The Tuition Fee Sponsorship will only be used to extinguish the liability to pay tuition fees and cannot be converted into another type of benefit or payment.

The maximum duration of the Tuition Fee Sponsorship is up to four years full-time equivalent for candidates of a Research Doctorate degree, or up to two years for candidates of a Research Masters degree.

The duration of the Tuition Fee Sponsorship will be reduced by any prior periods of prior enrolment in a previous research degree from which you transfer into your current degree.

2. LEAVE ENTITLEMENTS AND CONDITIONS

Any period of approved leave which extends milestones will not count towards consumption of the recipient's Tuition Fee Sponsorship duration.

Any period of approved leave which does not extend milestones will count towards consumption of the recipient's Tuition Fee Sponsorship duration.

3. FURTHER CONDITIONS

3.1 Subject to change

These conditions may be updated from time to time. Recipients will be notified in writing if the conditions are significantly changed. Recipients are responsible to abide by the current published conditions.

3.2 Acknowledgement of the fees offset

Recipients must acknowledge QUT's contribution in relation to the Tuition Fee Sponsorship. Acknowledgment must include the mention of the recipient's support through a "QUT Tuition Fee Sponsorship".

3.3 Arrangements for development activities as part of an HDR program

If opportunities for optional industry placements, research internships, professional practice activities or other similar development activities undertaken as part of an HDR program are available, the Graduate Research Centre should be consulted regarding any impact on the Tuition Fee Sponsorship.

4. TRANSFERS AND RETURNING TO PREVIOUS STUDIES

Unless otherwise specified in the offer, the below conditions apply to transferring degrees.

4.1 Transfer within QUT

Candidates may apply to convert from a Research Masters degree to a Research Doctorate degree or from a Research Doctorate degree to a Research Masters or other Doctorate degree, and, if approved, will continue to receive the Tuition Fee Sponsorship.

Candidates approved to convert degrees may continue to receive the fees offset provided there is no pause between the two degrees, or that such a pause is covered by an approved period of leave or suspension.

The maximum duration of a converted fees offset becomes that for the new research degree minus periods of study undertaken towards the initial degree prior to the conversion.

4.2 Returning to prior QUT studies

If a candidate withdraws from an HDR degree at QUT and then wishes to return (after any period of time) to the project they were originally doing, they may receive a new Tuition Fee Sponsorship if they meet the eligibility conditions required, and if successful, the duration of the Tuition Fee Sponsorship will be reduced by any:

- a. previous enrolment in the course of study prior to taking up the award
- b. credit received for previous study towards the current degree

4.3 Transfer to another institution

The Tuition Fee Sponsorship is only for study at QUT and cannot be transferred.

5. TERMINATION OF ENTITLEMENTS

A candidate's entitlements are terminated if a candidate:

- a. has their candidature suspended, discontinued or terminated;
- b. withdraws from the degree;
- c. ceases to be enrolled and has not requested a period of leave;
- d. completes the course of study (lodges their thesis for examination);

- e. exhausts the maximum period of entitlement;
- f. does not resume study at the conclusion of a period of leave or does not make arrangements to extend that period of leave;
- g. deliberately provides incorrect, inaccurate, fraudulent or misleading information in order to gain or retain a fees offset; or
- h. if QUT determines that the candidate has not complied with these conditions, or that the candidate has committed serious misconduct.

6. GRIEVANCE AND REVIEW PROCEDURES

Candidates have the right to request a review of the decisions made by QUT in relation to their scholarship application outcome. This will be managed as per [QUT – MOPP – E/9.2 Grievance resolution procedures for student related grievances](#).

7. CONTACT

This scholarship is administered by QUT's Graduate Research Centre who can be contacted by telephone on +61 7 3138 7200; by email: hdr@qut.edu.au, and via our website: www.qut.edu.au