



2024 QUT Michael Roche Scholarship

Terms and Conditions

Overview

The QUT Michael Roche Scholarship is an application-based scholarship valued at \$20,000 offered to continuing students, this is provided to the student directly in the form of funds transfer to their nominated bank account.

This scholarship requires an application and is intended to cover costs associated with domestic or international travel for the purposes of attending or presenting at a conference.

Purpose

The QUT Michael Roche Scholarship was established to provide a life changing opportunity to the scholarship awardee to further their knowledge and increase their contribution to innovation in the areas of the environment, sustainability or climate change.

The gift will support an annual travel scholarship for a QUT student or QUT research fellow from any discipline (science, engineering, business, health, law, education or creative industries) who can demonstrate a passion for the environment, sustainability or climate change and a commitment to innovation in resources and renewables.

1. Eligibility requirements

To be eligible for the QUT Michael Roche Scholarship, applicants must be:

- 1.1 an Australian or New Zealand citizen OR a permanent resident OR hold a permanent humanitarian visa; AND
- 1.2 a domestic research student at QUT who is enrolled in one of:
 - Master of Philosophy (MPhil)
 - Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)
 - Professional doctorate; OR
 - an early career researcher at QUT (less than 5 years after completing a PhD) employed in a position with more than 60% research.

2. Application and selection criteria

The QUT Michael Roche Scholarship requires an application form. Due to the specific nature of the scholarship, you will need to:

- 2.1 provide an academic transcript for previous studies; AND
- 2.2 provide a statement of project objectives, project suitability, proposed use of funds, and applicant suitability.

3. Value and payment of scholarships

- 3.1 The scholarship is valued at \$20,000 and is paid after the census date of the enrolled teaching period.
- 3.2 Payments will be subject to the Terms and Conditions in Section (5) below. If students do not meet these conditions payments may be suspended.

- 3.3 Students will receive scholarship payment by electronic transfer to their nominated bank account the week after census date.
- 3.4 While every care is taken to ensure direct payments of scholarship funds are correct, scholarship recipients are required to monitor payments and notify scholarships@qut.edu.au of any over or under payments.
- 3.5 Where discrepancies in payment occur, students may be required to return the funds to the University.
- 3.6 **Tax implications**

QUT does not withhold PAYG tax from coursework scholarship payments. It is the recipient's responsibility to check the tax implications for your scholarship and personal circumstances. For advice on whether your scholarship is taxable, use the Australian Taxation Office's [scholarship decision tool](#). Additional tax information can be obtained via www.ato.gov.au/individuals.
- 3.7 **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.

4. Term of scholarship

- 4.1 The term of the scholarship is not determined by the student's enrolment load, either full-time or part-time. The scholarship paid as a once-off lump sum payment.
- 4.2 Students must remain admitted and enrolled in a course to receive their scholarship payment as per Conditions (5).

5. Conditions of scholarship

- 5.1 Special circumstances will be taken into consideration to support individual variation to the conditions of scholarship, supporting documentary evidence may be requested. Student are encouraged to discuss their special circumstance with QUT Scholarships by emailing scholarships@qut.edu.au or Counselling services.
- 5.2 Students must remain admitted and enrolled in a course to receive their scholarship payment.

6. Termination of scholarship

The University reserves the right to cease a scholarship in the following circumstances.

- 6.1 Failure to comply with the conditions of the scholarship (5)
- 6.2 Withdrawal from your course. Students are advised to access Counselling services or the Graduate Research Centre (hdr@qut.edu.au) before withdrawing from their course.
- 6.3 Failure to enrol into a course following the completion of the approved Leave of Absence period.
- 6.4 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 \(MOPP C/5.3\)](#), [QUT Code for responsible conduct of research \(MOPP D/2.6\)](#),
[Acceptable use of information technology resources \(MOPP F/1.11\)](#)

7 Grievances

- 7.1 Student may lodge a formal appeal arising from any scholarship matter through the Appeals Committee
- 7.2 Any grievances related to the administration of scholarship is governed by [E/9.2 Grievance resolution procedures for student related grievances, with QUT's Manual of Policy and Procedures](#).

8 Scholarship contact

QUT Michael Roche Scholarships are administered by Student Administration. For any scholarships related inquiries please contact scholarships@qut.edu.au.