

2021 QUT Esport Scholarships

STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The QUT Gardens Point campus is home to our state-of-the-art Esports Arena which brings together the esports community and is home to the QUT Tigers competitive team. QUT Sport is proud to support aspiring League of Legends players by offering Esport Scholarships annually for both commencing and existing students.

QUT Sport utilises both qualitative and quantitative criteria to assist in identifying esport athletes and their level of development. We also work collaboratively with the Queensland Academy of Sport and Australian Institute of Sport as a member of the Elite Athlete Education Network (EAEN) and align our selection processes with industry athlete categorisation standards.

QUT Offers:

- **10 x Esport Scholarships (valued at \$5,000 and paid over one year)**

Applications close 20 November 2020. Late applications will not be accepted under any circumstances.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- be an Australian citizen; and
- meet academic and eligibility requirements of the course applied for;
- be either a commencing or continuing QUT student;
- be able to demonstrate abilities to perform and progress within an online esports game environment, specifically within the League of Legends game;
- have not received at QUT Esport or QUT Sport Scholarship previously.

APPLICATION

To successfully submit an application applicants must:

- submit an online QUT Esport application.
- submit a sporting CV verifying selection and/or results and achievements. The CV should provide an overview of events competed at in reverse chronological order (e.g. 2020, 2019, 2018) and include placing/ranking information, copies of team selection letters (on official letterhead), references from High School Tiger Development Program team and professional esports teams (if applicable).
- As part of the scholarship selection process for Esport players, shortlisted applicants must participate in the QUT Performance trial, which will be held in early February 2021. Trials will be held within the League of Legends game only. More information, including trial dates will be distributed in the last quarter of 2020.

Note: Applications submitted without a sporting CV or supporting documentation will not be considered in the scholarship assessment process.

The QUT Tigers Academy selection committee will convene to assess applications and short list of athletes will be invited to contest at a trial at the commencement of the calendar year.

QUT Esport ensures a transparent selection process for scholarship applicants. A three-phased approach is used for selection which encompasses:

- Phase 1: Initial data collection – the University will assess performance levels (rankings and insights within the League of Legends game) in addition to scholarship documentation (curriculum vitae, and submission questions). Successful applicants out of this initial phase will be asked to take part in phase 2.
- Phase 2: Psychometric and team culture assessment – shortlisted applicants will be asked specific questions regarding their gaming and (if applicable to the applicant) sporting experience.
- Phase 3: Top ranking applicants will be invited to participate in an Academy trial which is held at the QUT Gardens Point Esport Arena. Trials run over 2-4 days and the top ranked players will be offered a scholarship and membership to the Tigers Academy.

This scholarship cannot be deferred. Recipients must accept a QUT course offer and be enrolled in Semester one to be eligible for payment.

Please see below table for examples of representative categories.

TABLE 1

Category Title	Achievements
Esport (\$5,000)	<p>Athletes identified within a valid and reliable talent identification program and have demonstrated potential to or have recently confirmed talent and/or ability within a set time frame stipulated by State/National Institutes or Academies.</p> <p>Examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Worlds</i> • <i>OPL</i> • <i>Oceanic Challenger series (OCS)</i> • <i>University Games</i> • <i>Intervarsity Competitions</i>

RETAINING THE SCHOLARSHIP

1. Scholarship recipients must maintain a minimum course grade average (GPA) of 4.50 each semester. Students who fail to maintain this condition will be placed on scholarship probation in the following semester. If a recipient's GPA remains below 4.50 in the probationary semester, the scholarship will be terminated.
2. QUT is proud to support aspiring esports players and provides academic support through our Elite Athlete Program. As a member of the Academy, players can apply for special consideration for assessments and class timetabling to ensure players can manage their study loads and achieve in both academic and esports environments.
3. Selected applicants are required to become a member of the Tigers Academy Program which involves actively participating in regular training, trial, and competition environments.
4. If selected, recipients may be required to represent QUT in the Oceanic Challenger Series team in 2021, and/or Intervarsity, National and International representative teams.
5. Scholarship recipients are expected to comply with the QUT Student Code of Conduct (E/2.1). Any breach of the QUT Student code of Conduct may lead to termination of the scholarship.
6. Recipients must also comply with our player performance and behavioural standards as set by QUT, RIOT Games and/or professional game developers.
7. As a member of the Tigers Academy, recipients will be required to attend weekly fitness sessions in QUT gyms to ensure that physical health is in optimum condition to support gaming scrimms and competitions.
8. Successful applicants will be required to maintain an academic relationship with QUT through research participation, particularly where the focus is on improvement in health performance of Esport athletes.
9. Successful applicants will be expected to engage in the QUT Sport community by attending events, outreach programs representing QUT, or in a leadership capacity. Representative requirements will be negotiated between the applicant and QUT Sport. QUT reserves the right to assess and revoke scholarships on a case-by-case basis where athletes choose not to fulfill representative requirements.
10. Scholarship holders are permitted to reduce study load to a part time basis following consultation with the Elite Athlete Officer. In this case, scholarships will be paid pro-rata in accordance with enrolment load. Recipients must remain admitted in a course to retain this scholarship. Withdrawal from studies will result in the termination of the scholarship.

11. In the event of special circumstances occurring while in the receipt of this scholarship. Students must contact either the University Scholarships Coordinator (scholarships@qut.edu.au) or QUT Sport (sports@qut.edu.au). Special circumstances will be taken into consideration to support individual variation to the scholarship retention requirements (supporting documentary evidence may be requested).

SCHOLARSHIP PAYMENT

12. Scholarships are valued at up to \$5,000 are paid over one year (\$2,500 per semester) and are subject to students meeting the terms and conditions.
13. Students will receive direct scholarship payment by electronic transfer to a nominated bank account after the HECS census date each semester (subject to retention criteria being met). Payments are made up to three weeks after the census date governing the semester payment is due.
14. While every care is taken to ensure direct payments of scholarship funds are correct, scholarship 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 overpayment occur the scholarship recipient is required to advise QUT immediately and repay the overpaid amount.
15. Scholarship recipients who withdraw from studies prior to completion of the teaching period (i.e. no grade recorded) may be required to return monies paid for the withdrawn unit.
16. This scholarship is considered a MERIT scholarship. QUT scholarship holders are only permitted to hold one merit scholarship at any one time. Please consider this condition in the event multiple QUT Merit scholarship offers are made as only one can be accepted.

GRIEVANCES

17. 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](#).