



2022 QUT Esports Scholarship

Terms and Conditions

Overview

QUT Esport Scholarships are awarded to competitive players contesting the 'League of Legends' game and are high achieving school leavers who are commencing a relevant undergraduate degree at QUT. This merit-based scholarship rewards high achievers and enables their continued success at university through membership into the College of Excellence, QUT's Esport Academy, and the Elite Athlete Program.

1. Eligibility requirements

To be eligible for the Esports Scholarship, applicants must meet all the following requirements,

- 1.1 provide their League of Legends account name, rank and results from previous tournaments contested to verify their level of in-game competitiveness.
- 1.2 Achieve a minimum of Rank Gold League of Legends.
- 1.3 submit a Curriculum Vitae providing an overview of events completed at in reverse chronological order (e.g.2021, 2020, 2019 etc) stating placing and ranking, including copies of team selection letters on official letter head with references from professional sporting teams.
- 1.4 successfully completed selection trials at QUT.
- 1.5 must be graduating Year 12 (or International Baccalaureate) **OR** have had no more than one gap year since graduating high school (or International Baccalaureate).
- 1.6 must be starting a university undergraduate degree for the first time or be a current QUT student.
- 1.7 must nominate a QUT undergraduate degree as their first preference in the QTAC application process.
- 1.8 must be an Australian Citizen.

2 Value and payment of scholarships

QUT Esport Scholarships are valued at \$5,000.

- 2.1 These scholarships are paid over one year based on a full-time enrolment load each semester. Payments are made on a semesterly basis (\$2,500 per semester) after the census date, between week 6 and 7.
- 2.2 Student enrolled on a part-time basis will receive 50% of the standard payment.
- 2.3 Payments will be subject to *Section 4 - Conditions of scholarship* being met with payments being suspended in circumstances set out in *Section 4* below.
- 2.4 Students will receive scholarship payment by electronic transfer to their nominated bank account after the census date each semester.
- 2.5 While every care is taken to ensure direct payments of scholarship funds are correct, scholarship recipients are required to monitor payments and notify the [Student Excellence Coordinator](#) if any over or under payments occur.
 - 2.5.1 Where discrepancies in payment occur, students may be required to return the funds to the university.

3 Term of scholarship

- 3.1 The term of the scholarship is determined by the student's enrolment load, either full-time or part-time (e.g. one year for the \$5,000 award based on a full-time enrolment).
- 3.2 Students who change to a part-time enrolment will extend the term of the scholarship and will continue to be entitled to their scholarship until the full value of their scholarship is exhausted, and subject to the conditions contained in *Section 4 - Conditions of scholarship* below.

4 Conditions of scholarship

- 4.1 Students must attend regular training sessions as a member of the Esports Academy
- 4.2 Students must comply with QUT's player performance and behavioural standards, in addition to RIOT Games' Code of Conduct.
- 4.3 Students must achieve a minimum course (accumulative) grade point average (GPA) of 4.50 in any given semester to maintain the scholarship for the next study period.
 - 4.3.1 Students whose course GPA drops below 4.50 are issued a notification that they are in breach of their scholarship condition but will continue to receive their payment for the next semester.
 - 4.3.2 If their course GPA remains below a 4.50 for the following semester, payment may be suspended until further notice.
 - 4.3.3 A third breach of the GPA condition may result in termination of the scholarship.
- 4.4 Students must be enrolled full time for the duration of studies to retain this scholarship. Students enrolled part-time in a semester may retain the scholarship with prior written approval from the Student Excellence Coordinator.
- 4.5 Students must remain admitted and enrolled in a course to receive their scholarship payment.
- 4.6 Students are permitted to change their course and continue to receive this scholarship unless otherwise specified in the scholarship offer letter.
- 4.7 Scholarship payments are suspended whilst a student is on an approved Leave of Absence. After completing their first semester, students can apply for up to two years leave of absence from their course without impacting their scholarship.
- 4.8 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 the [Student Excellence Coordinator](#) and/or [Student Counselling](#).
- 4.9 Scholarship recipients who withdraw from their studies prior to completion of the teaching period (ie. no grades are recorded) may be required to return monies paid for the withdrawn units.
- 4.10 Students on Excellence Scholarships cannot concurrently receive another merit, cooperative, or industry scholarships, but are eligible to receive a Bursary, Prize, or Equity Scholarship, while being an Excellence Scholarship recipient.

5 Termination of scholarship

A scholarship may be terminated in the following circumstances,

- 5.1 Failure to comply with the *Conditions of Scholarship* (Section 4).
- 5.2 Withdrawal from your course. Students are advised to access [Student Counselling](#) or the [Student Excellence Coordinator](#) before withdrawing from their course.
- 5.3 Students cannot defer their scholarship offer.

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- 5.4 Failure to enrol into a course following the completion of the approved Leave of Absence period.
- 5.5 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 \(MOPP F/1.11\)](#)

6 Miscellaneous

6.1 Grievances

- 6.1.1 Student may lodge a formal appeal arising from any scholarship matter through the Appeals Committee
- 6.1.2 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.

6.2 Tax implications

- 6.2.1 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.

6.3 Centrelink

- 6.3.1 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.

6.4 Scholarship contact

- 6.4.1 QUT Excellence Scholarships are administered by Student Engagement and Sport. For any scholarships related inquiries please contact ph (07) 313 87624 or scholarships@qut.edu.au