

2024 Faculty of Science Undergraduate Indigenous Australian Commencing Student Merit Scholarship

Terms and Conditions

Overview

A scholarship for future Indigenous Australian undergraduate students who want to study science, mathematics or information technology.

1 Eligibility requirements

To be eligible for a Faculty of Science Undergraduate Indigenous Australian Commencing Student Merit Scholarship, applicants must meet all the following requirements:

- 1.1 must be an Indigenous Australian commencing student
- 1.2 must be graduating Year 12 (or International Baccalaureate) OR have had no more than one gap year since graduating high school (or International Baccalaureate)
- 1.3 must achieve an adjusted ATAR of 90.0 or above
- 1.4 must be starting a university undergraduate degree for the first time in 2024
- 1.5 must nominate a QUT undergraduate degree as their first preference in the QTAC application process
- 1.6 must be an Australian or New Zealand citizen
- 1.7 must apply for admission, accept and enrol in one of the following courses:
 - [Bachelor of Information Technology](#)
 - [Bachelor of Games and Interactive Environments](#)
 - [Bachelor of Mathematics](#)
 - [Bachelor of Data Science](#)
 - [Bachelor of Science](#)
 - [Bachelor of Science Advanced \(Honours\)](#)
 - a double degree including one of the above courses.

2 Value and payment of scholarships

The scholarship is valued at \$7,500, and,

- 2.1 The scholarship will be paid in three instalments of \$2,500. Payments are made on an annual basis (\$2,500 per year) after Semester 1 census date based on standard, full-time equivalent enrolment.
- 2.2 Students enrolled on a part-time basis will receive 50% of the standard annual payment amount.
- 2.3 Payments will be subject to the scholarship conditions being met, with payments being suspended in circumstances set out in Section 4 *Conditions of the scholarship*.
- 2.4 Students will receive their scholarship payment by electronic transfer to their nominated bank account after the census date.
- 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 Scholarships Office if any over or under payments occur. Where discrepancies in payment occur a student may be required to return the funds to the university.

3 Term of scholarship

- 3.1 The term of the scholarship based on full-time enrolment is three years.
- 3.2 Students who change to 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 set out in Section 4 *Conditions of the scholarship*.
- 3.3 Scholarship recipients are not able to defer their scholarship offer.

4 Conditions of scholarship

- 4.1 Confirmation of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Descent (CATSID) with the Oodgeroo Unit is required to confirm eligibility.
- 4.2 To retain this scholarship students must be enrolled for the duration of their studies in one of the courses listed under Section 1 *Eligibility requirements*.
- 4.3 Students must achieve a minimum course (accumulative) grade point average (GPA) of 4 in any given semester to maintain the scholarship for the next study period.
 - 4.1.1 Students whose course GPA drops below 4 are issued a notification that they are in breach of their scholarship conditions but will continue to receive their payment for the next semester.
 - 4.1.2 If their course GPA remains below a 4 for the following semester, payment may be suspended until further notice.
 - 4.1.3 A third breach of the GPA condition may result in termination of the scholarship.
- 4.4 Students must remain admitted in an eligible degree to receive their scholarship payment. Withdrawal from studies will result in the termination of the scholarship.
- 4.5 Scholarship payments are suspended whilst a student is on 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.
- 4.6 Special circumstances will be taken into consideration to support individual variation to the conditions of scholarship, supporting documentary evidence may be requested. Student are advised to discuss their special circumstance with the Faculty of Science and/or Counselling services.
- 4.7 Scholarship recipients who withdraw from their studies prior to completion of the teaching period (i.e., no grades are recorded) may be required to return monies paid for the withdrawn units.
- 4.8 Recipients of a Faculty of Science Undergraduate Indigenous Australian Commencing Student Merit Scholarship cannot concurrently receive another merit, cooperative, or industry scholarship, but are eligible to receive a Bursary, Prize, or Equity Scholarship.

5 Termination of scholarship

A scholarship may be terminated in the following circumstances:

- 5.1 Failure to comply with the conditions of the scholarship (refer to Section 4).
- 5.2 Withdrawal from your course. Students are advised to access Counselling services or the Oodgeroo Unit before withdrawing from their course.
- 5.3 Failure to enrol into a course following the completion of an approved Leave of Absence period.
- 5.4 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 \(MOPP F/1.11\)](#).

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 Faculty of Science Undergraduate Indigenous Australian Commencing Student Merit scholarships are administered by the Faculty of Science. For any scholarship related enquiries please email scholarships@qut.edu.au.