



QUT Excellence Scholarship (Elite Visual and Performing Arts)

Terms and Conditions

Overview

The QUT Excellence Scholarship (Elite Visual and Performing Arts) is a merit scholarship valued at up to \$30,000, offered to commencing domestic and international students. This is provided to the student directly in the form funds transfer to their nominated bank account.

These terms and conditions apply to students commencing in 2024. The scholarship does not require an application and is offered from Semester 1, 2024.

Purpose

The purpose of the QUT Excellence Scholarship (Elite Visual and Performing Arts) is to acknowledge the most highly ranked students who apply for eligible Creative Industries courses. These merit-based scholarships recognise excellence in creative pursuits and aim to attract the best students to the creative industries disciplines.

1 Eligibility requirements

To be eligible for the QUT Excellence Scholarship (Elite Visual and Performing Arts), applicants must meet all the following requirements:

- 1.1 Must be starting a university undergraduate degree for the first time.
- 1.2 Must fall into one of the categories below:
 - 1.2.1 An Australian or New Zealand citizen OR a permanent resident OR hold a permanent humanitarian visa
 - 1.2.2 An international student who has completed high school in Australia OR completed Australian curriculum (or International Baccalaureate) offshore.
- 1.3 Must nominate a QUT undergraduate degree in Creative Industries as their first preference in the QTAC application process. For the purposes of these terms and conditions, a QUT undergraduate degree in Creative Industries is defined as either of the following:
 - 1.3.1 Bachelor of Fine Arts (Acting)
 - 1.3.2 Bachelor of Fine Arts (Dance)
 - 1.3.3 Bachelor of Fine Arts (Music)
 - 1.3.4 Bachelor of Fine Arts (Visual Arts).
- 1.4 All QUT scholarships and bursaries are governed by concurrency conditions, detailed within the governing terms and conditions related to the applicable scholarship or bursary.

2 Application and selection criteria

- 2.1 The QUT Excellence Scholarship (Elite Visual and Performing Arts) requires no application form. Students will receive this scholarship based on academic merit and/or other specific requirements, assessed on student's ATAR or equivalent (overseas qualification), audition, and/or creative excellence during your school studies. Please review Eligibility requirements (1) above.
- 2.2 You may be invited to participate in an audition at QUT:
 - 2.2.1 Students applying for a degree in the Acting discipline will be assessed based on acting audition.
 - 2.2.2 Students applying for a degree in the Dance, Music, and/or Visual Arts disciplines will be assessed based on academic merit and creative excellence experience.
- 2.3 The QUT Excellence Scholarship (Elite Visual and Performing Arts) will provision one scholarship for each eligible study area to be awarded to the highest ranked Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander applicant who meets the minimum additional entry requirements.

3 Value and payment of scholarship

- 3.1 Scholarships valued up to \$30,000 are paid at \$10,000 per year for a full-time enrolment load for a maximum of three years. Payments are made on a semesterly basis (\$5,000 per semester/teaching period) and are disbursed the week after the census date of the enrolled teaching period.

- 3.2 Students who complete their study in accelerated mode (or before the terms of the scholarships lapse) the remaining balance of the scholarship funds will be forfeited and will not be paid to the student.
 - 3.3 Payment will be subject to the Conditions below. If students do not meet these Conditions payment may be suspended.
 - 3.4 Students will receive scholarship payment by electronic transfer to their nominated bank account the week after census date each semester/teaching period.
 - 3.5 While every care is taken to ensure direct payment of scholarship funds are correct, scholarship recipients are required to monitor payments and notify scholarships@qut.edu.au of any over or under payments.
 - 3.5.1 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 determined by the student's full-time enrolment load (e.g., three years for the \$30,000 award, based on a full-time enrolment).
 - 4.2 Students must remain admitted and enrolled full-time in a course to receive their scholarship payment as per Conditions.
 - 4.2.1 Students who complete their study in accelerated mode before the term of the scholarship ends the remaining balance of the scholarship funds will be forfeited and will **not** be paid to the student.
 - 4.3 Deferment of the scholarship *offer* is not available to commencing students.
 - 4.3.1 Subject to the above, students who do proceed in deferring their course offer will be considered for the QUT Excellence Scholarship (Elite Visual and Performing Arts) the following year, provided that the student has not commenced or undertaken any higher education studies, whether at QUT or external to QUT, during this period of deferment.
- 5 **Conditions of scholarship**
- 5.1 Students must achieve a minimum course (cumulative) Grade Point Average (GPA) of 5.00/7.00 in any given semester/teaching period to maintain the scholarship for the next study period.
 - 5.2 Special circumstances will be taken into consideration to support individual variation to the Conditions of scholarship. Supporting documentary evidence may be requested. Students are encouraged to discuss their special circumstance with scholarships@qut.edu.au or Counselling services.
 - 5.3 **Progression**
 - 5.3.1 Students whose course (cumulative) GPA drops below 5.00/7.00 are issued a notification that they are in breach of their scholarship condition but will continue to receive their payment for the currently enrolled teaching period.
 - 5.3.2 If their course (cumulative) GPA remains below 5.00/7.00 for the following semester/teaching period, payment may be suspended until further notice.
 - 5.3.3 A third breach of the GPA condition may result in termination of the scholarship.
 - 5.4 Students must remain admitted and enrolled full-time in a course to receive their scholarship payment.
 - 5.5 Students are permitted to change their course and continue to receive this scholarship unless otherwise specified in the scholarship offer letter.
 - 5.6 Scholarship payments are suspended whilst a student is on an approved Leave of Absence. After completing their first semester/teaching period, students can apply for up to two years Leave of Absence from their course without impacting their scholarship.

- 5.7 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.
- 5.8 Students on the QUT Excellence Scholarship (Elite Visual and Performing Arts) cannot concurrently receive another merit, cooperative, or industry scholarship, but are eligible to receive a bursary, prize, or equity scholarship, while being a merit scholarship recipient.

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.
- 6.2 Withdrawal from your course. Students are advised to contact scholarships@qut.edu.au or Counselling services before withdrawing from their course.
- 6.3 Students who commence a degree at another university will not be eligible for the scholarship upon their return from deferment.
- 6.4 Failure to enrol into a course following the completion of the approved Leave of Absence period.
- 6.5 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 \(MOPP F/1.11\)](#).

7 Grievances

- 7.1 Students should initially contact the QUT Scholarship office to discuss their grievance to see if this can be resolved prior to lodging a formal appeal.
- 7.2 Student may lodge a formal appeal arising from any scholarship matter through the [Appeals Committee](#).
- 7.3 Any grievances related to the administration of scholarships 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 Excellence Scholarships (Elite Visual and Performing Arts) are administered by Student Administration. For any scholarships related inquiries please contact scholarships@qut.edu.au.