

2024 Westpac Young Technologists Scholarship

Terms and Conditions

Overview

Westpac Young Technologists scholarship recipients join the Westpac 100 Scholars Network and gain access to ongoing collaboration, networking and life-long learning opportunities.

1. Eligibility requirements

To be eligible for the Westpac Young Technologists scholarship, applicants must meet all the following requirements:

- 1.1 must be graduating Year 12 in 2023 (or International Baccalaureate) **OR** have had no more than one gap year since graduating high school (or International Baccalaureate)
- 1.2 must achieve an ATAR of 90.0 or above (or International Baccalaureate equivalent). ATAR adjustment schemes are applicable in the assessment of these scholarships.
- 1.3 must be starting a university undergraduate degree for the first time
- 1.4 must nominate a QUT undergraduate degree as their first preference in the QTAC application process
- 1.5 must be an Australian citizen or permanent resident
- 1.6 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 Data Science](#)
 - a double degree including one of the above courses.

2. Value and payment of scholarships

This scholarship is valued at \$15,000 and,

- 2.1 The scholarship will be paid at \$5,000 per year for a full-time enrolment load for a maximum of three years. Payments are made on a semesterly basis (\$2,500 per semester) after each census date.
- 2.2 Payments will be subject to the scholarship conditions being met with payments being suspending in particular circumstances. Refer Section 4 *Conditions of the scholarship* below.
- 2.3 Students will receive scholarship payment by electronic transfer to their nominated bank account after the census date each semester.
- 2.4 While every care is taken to ensure direct payments of scholarship funds are correct, scholarship recipients are required to monitor payments and notify the [Faculty of Science](#) if any over or under payments occur. 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 three years based on full-time enrolment.
- 3.2 Scholarship recipients are not able to defer their scholarship offer.

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- 4.1 To retain this scholarship students must be enrolled full-time for the duration of their studies in the Bachelor of Information Technology OR Bachelor of Games and Interactive

- Environments OR Bachelor of Data Science OR a double degree including one of these degrees.
- 4.2 Students must achieve a minimum course (accumulative) grade point average (GPA) of 5 in any given semester to maintain the scholarship for the next study period.
 - 4.2.1 Students whose course GPA drops below 5 are issued a notification that they are in breach of their scholarship conditions but will continue to receive their payment for the next semester.
 - 4.2.2 If their course GPA remains below a 5 for the following semester, payment may be suspended until further notice.
 - 4.2.3 A third breach of the GPA condition may result in termination of the scholarship.
 - 4.3 Scholarship recipients are required to consent to any of their personal information collected by QUT to be provided to the Westpac Scholars Trust (or any third party engaged by the Trust pursuant to the scholarship) to be used by the Trust (or third party engaged by the Trust) for the purposes of:
 - 4.3.1 assessing scholarship applications
 - 4.3.2 maximising participation in activities associated with the scholarship
 - 4.3.3 promoting the Westpac Scholars Trust and its activities
 - 4.3.4 promoting the scholarship to potential applicants and the community, and
 - 4.3.5 communicating continued scholarship eligibility.
 - 4.4 Scholarship recipients will be required to attend the Westpac Scholars Summit in Sydney at the advised time in their first year (this will be modified as required according to COVID-19 restrictions in place at the time).
 - 4.5 Scholarship recipients will be required to actively engage as an alumnus of the Westpac Scholarship Program which includes a commitment, at least for the first 12 months after the scholarship, to actively share their experience, attend alumni events and participate in promotion of the scholarship.
 - 4.6 Scholarship recipients will be required to complete an in-depth report of their scholarship experience which can be used to promote the scholarship experience by the University, the Westpac Scholars Trust or any third party engaged by either entity.
 - 4.7 Students must remain admitted in their technology related single or double degree to receive their scholarship payment. Withdrawal from studies will result in the termination of the scholarship.
 - 4.8 Students are expected to remain enrolled full-time in the same course for which they were awarded the scholarship. Any variation to course enrolment or load may result in termination of the scholarship. If you believe you have special circumstances that will impact your course enrolment or load, you are advised to contact the Faculty of Science as soon as possible.
 - 4.9 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.
 - 4.10 Recipients of the Westpac Young Technologists Scholarship cannot concurrently receive another merit, cooperative, or industry scholarship, but are eligible to receive a Bursary, Prize, or Equity Scholarship.
 - 4.11 Scholarship recipients agree that under no circumstances will the Westpac Scholars Trust, Westpac Banking Corporation or any of its Related Bodies Corporate be liable or responsible for any loss or damage incurred by the recipients in relation to the scholarship, including (without limitation) any loss or damage incurred by activities pursued in connection with utilising the 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 contact the Faculty of Science before withdrawing from their course.
- 5.3 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 Westpac Young Technologists scholarships are administered by the Faculty of Science. For any scholarship related enquiries please contact ph (07) 3138 2004 or email science@qut.edu.au.