2020 QUT Sport Scholarships

STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS

QUT is proud to support developing and elite athletes across a wide range of sports by offering Sport Scholarships annually for both commencing and existing students who are representing in sports that are recognised by Sport Australia. QUT utilises Sport Australia’s FTEM Framework to assess athlete development and categorisation.

Sport Scholarship categories include:

- Sport Development Scholarships (up to 12 valued between $5000 and $10,000)
- Elite Sport Scholarships (up to 7 valued between $10,000 and $20,000)

Applications close 15 November 2019. Late applications will not be accepted under any circumstances.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Applicants must meet the following eligibility criteria:

   - be an Australian citizen; and
   - be representing either an Australian State, National Sporting Organisation or Professional Player League sport. Applicants must be athletes who have competed in at least one event or been invited in to a representative team. And;
   - be an athlete who’s currently progressing and achieving within a sport that is recognised by Sport Australia; and
   - be able to demonstrate a minimum of Talent 4 (T4) categorisation within Sport Australia’s FTEM framework and/or provide adequate verification from the relevant National / State Sporting Organisation of development and achieving at a high level.

   n.b. For more information regarding the FTEM Framework (athlete categorisation in sport), please visit the Sport Australia website.

APPLICATION

2. To successfully submit an application students must:

   - submit an online QUT Sport application.
   - submit a sporting CV detailing, in reverse chronological order (e.g. 2019, 2018, and 2017), sporting representation and highest achievement obtained within the last three years, aligning with the criteria.
   - be able to verify selection and/or results that correspond with the level of sporting recognition self-selected from the criteria with supporting documentation.

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

3. A QUT elite athlete selection committee will convene to assess applications and determine the final list of athletes to be offered scholarships. The committee will consist of the Sport Coordinator, Sport Officer (Performance), QUT Scholarship Coordinator and two independent selectors.

4. The selection committee will use a ranking system to produce a final scholarship offer list. Ranking will be based on the athlete’s level of development and progression within Australia’s FTEM Sporting framework and QUT’s strategic sport priorities.

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

Please see below table for examples of representative categories.
TABLE 1

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<th>Scholarship Category</th>
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| **SPORT SCHOLARSHIP** | Elite Sport ($10,000 - $20,000) | Mastery Phase | • Podium success at major International event level (initial & ongoing)  
Examples include:  
• Olympic medallist, Brownlow medallist or club Medallist of Honour, AFL Grand Final Winner  
• World Championship podium or World Cup Champion  
• Commonwealth Games representation  
• AFL Player, Cricket Australia team member |
|                      | Elite Sport ($10,000 - $20,000) | Elite Phase | • Representation at National or International open events  
• Professional player drafting  
Examples include:  
• World Championship Representation  
• Australian Open Champion  
• World Cup team selection  
• World Cup Podium |
|                      | Sport Development ($5000 - $10,000) | Pre-Elite Phase | • National Podium Results  
• Demonstrated potential to progress into open International or National Professional Player League competition  
• Esports – League of Legends talent and willingness to contest the Oceanic Challenge Series  
Examples include:  
• Australian champion,  
• Queensland Champion  
• Queensland Netball Team with Firebirds training access etc. |

RETAINING THE SCHOLARSHIP

6. 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.

7. Recipients are required to represent QUT Sport at selected sporting events on a maximum of two occasions per annum and/or assist QUT with key programs and/or sports functions. The QUT Sport team will provide recipients with the selected representative opportunities at the beginning of each Semester to ensure appearances do not impact on training, competition or academic schedules.

In circumstances where athletes are competing within their sport and are unable to fulfill this requirement, sufficient evidence will be required and representation at a subsequent event within the same year will be compulsory. QUT reserves the right to assess and revoke scholarships on a case-by-case basis where athletes choose not to fulfill representative...
requirements.

8. 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.

9. Students wishing to take a break from study must apply for, and be granted, a Leave of Absence. After the first semester, students can take up to two years of leave from their course. Scholarship payments are suspended whilst a student is on approved leave.

10. 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**

11. Scholarships valued at $20,000 are paid at $10,000 per year ($5,000 per semester) based on standard, full-time equivalent enrolment over the first four semesters of the nominated undergraduate course of study. Payments for students who enrol in a part time study load will be adjusted accordingly.

12. Scholarships valued at $10,000 are paid at $5,000 per year ($2,500 per semester) based on standard, full-time equivalent enrolment over the first four semesters of the nominated undergraduate course of study. Payments for students who enrol in a part time study load will be adjusted accordingly.

   Example: A two subject enrolment is considered 50% of a full time load and therefore 50% of a full time scholarship payment would be paid to reflect the enrolment load.

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. 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**

16. 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.