

QIC Indigenous Tertiary Scholarship

Terms and Conditions

Overview

The QIC Indigenous Tertiary Scholarship is an industry scholarship valued at \$10,000, offered to commencing or continuing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. This is provided to the scholarship recipient directly in the form of funds transfer to their nominated bank account.

These terms and conditions apply to students commencing in 2024. The scholarship requires an application and is offered from Semester 1, 2024.

Purpose

The QIC Indigenous Tertiary Scholarship is a key component of QIC's Reconciliation Action Plan's focus on employment and the talent pipeline. This scholarship is aimed at supporting and enabling Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students enrolling in and continuing their university education.

1 Eligibility requirements

To be eligible for QIC Indigenous Tertiary Scholarship, applicants must meet all the following requirements:

- 1.1 Must be an Australian or New Zealand citizen OR a permanent resident
- 1.2 Must be of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent
- 1.3 Must be studying full-time at QUT (minimum of 36 credit points per semester/teaching period), either externally or on campus
- 1.4 Must be enrolled at QUT in an undergraduate course at the census date
- 1.5 Must not have historically received the QIC Indigenous Tertiary Scholarship
- 1.6 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 QIC Indigenous Tertiary Scholarship requires an application form. Due to the specific nature of the scholarship, you must provide:
 - 2.1.1 Proof of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent status
 - 2.1.2 Copy of 2024 QIC Indigenous Tertiary Scholarship application form
 - 2.1.3 A written submission (500 words or less per question) addressing, in your own words:
 - 2.1.3.1 Examples of your academic ability and potential to achieve at university,
 - 2.1.3.2 Your personal attributes, e.g., community involvement, career aspirations, interests, drive, ability to overcome adversity,
 - 2.1.3.3 How the QIC Indigenous Tertiary Scholarship will help you achieve your current and future career goals.

3 Value and payment of scholarship

- 3.1 Scholarships valued up to \$10,000 are paid in two instalments per year for a full-time enrolment load for a maximum of three years. Payments are made on a half-yearly basis (approximately \$1,700 per semester/teaching period) and are disbursed the week after the census date of the enrolled teaching period.
- 3.2 Payment will be subject to the Conditions below. If the scholarship recipient does not meet these Conditions payment may be suspended.
- 3.3 Scholarship recipients will receive scholarship payment by electronic transfer to their nominated bank account the week after census date each semester/teaching period.
- 3.4 Scholarship recipients enrolled in Exchange, Cross Institutional and BULA semester/teaching periods will have different census dates. Payments will be made one week after the census date of these semester/teaching periods.
- 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 the Oodgeroo Unit (scholarships.odgeroo@qut.edu.au) of any over or under payments.

- 3.5.1 Where discrepancies in payment occur, scholarship recipients 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 \$10,000 award, based on a full-time enrolment). If a student has less than three years remaining in their award course, the term of the scholarship and payments will be adjusted proportionally according to the student's remaining credit points in their award course.
- 4.2 Scholarship recipients are not permitted change to part-time enrolment.
- 4.3 Scholarship recipients must remain admitted and enrolled in a course to receive their scholarship payment as per Conditions.
- 4.4 Deferment of the scholarship offer is not available to scholarship recipients.
- 5 **Conditions of scholarship**
- 5.1 Scholarship recipients must achieve a minimum course (cumulative) Grade Point Average (GPA) of 4.00 in any given semester/teaching period to maintain the scholarship for the next semester/teaching 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. Scholarship recipients are encouraged to discuss their special circumstance with the Oodgeroo Unit (scholarships.oodgeroo@qut.edu.au) or Counselling services.
- 5.3 **Progression**
- 5.3.1 Scholarship recipients whose course (cumulative) GPA drops below 4.00 are issued a notification that they are in breach of their scholarship condition but will continue to receive their payment for the currently enrolled semester/teaching period.
- 5.3.2 If their course (cumulative) GPA remains below 4.00 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 Scholarship recipients must remain admitted and enrolled in a course to receive their scholarship payment.
- 5.5 Scholarship recipients 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 scholarship recipient is on an approved Leave of Absence. After completing their first semester/teaching period, scholarship recipients 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 semester/teaching period (i.e., no grades are recorded) may be required to return monies paid for the withdrawn units.
- 5.8 Scholarship recipients must agree to be allocated a QIC Mentor, who will support and assist the scholarship recipient in their academic and professional career success.
- 5.9 Students are required to maintain active communication with the Oodgeroo Unit. This includes providing feedback to the Oodgeroo Unit, if requested.
- 5.10 Students must attend the official scholarship presentation ceremony.
- 5.11 Students must consent to photographs being taken for the purposes of promotional activities including media and webpage(s), by the Oodgeroo Unit, QUT, and QIC Limited.

- 5.12 Scholarship recipients on the QIC Indigenous Tertiary Scholarship cannot concurrently receive another merit, cooperative, or industry scholarship, but are eligible to receive a bursary, prize, or equity scholarship, while being an industry 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. Scholarship recipients are advised to contact the Oodgeroo Unit (scholarships.odgeroo@qut.edu.au) or Counselling services before withdrawing from their course.
- 6.3 Failure to enrol into a course following the completion of the approved Leave of Absence period.
- 6.4 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 \(MOPP F/1.11\)](#).

7 Grievances

- 7.1 Scholarship recipients should initially contact the QUT Scholarships office to discuss their grievance to see if this can be resolved prior to lodging a formal appeal.
- 7.2 Scholarship recipient 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

The QIC Indigenous Tertiary Scholarship is administered by the Oodgeroo Unit. For any scholarships related inquiries please contact scholarships.odgeroo@qut.edu.au.