

# QUT Elite Sport Scholarship

## Terms and Conditions

### Overview

The QUT Elite Sport Scholarship is a merit scholarship valued at \$10,000, offered to commencing and continuing domestic students. This is provided to the Participant directly in the form of funds transfer to their nominated bank account.

These terms and conditions apply to Participants commencing the Scholarship in 2025. The Scholarship requires an application and is offered from Semester 1, 2025.

### Purpose

The purpose of the QUT Elite Sport Scholarship is to support developing and elite athletes across a wide range of sports by offering sport scholarships annually for both new and existing domestic students.

Sport scholarships are spread over a number of categories to support athletes at all levels of performance. This includes talented sports people who are still developing and progressing in their chosen sport all the way through to high-performance level athletes representing Australia at national and international levels.

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<p>1. Eligibility Requirements</p>	<p>To be eligible for the QUT Elite Sport Scholarship, Participants must meet all of these requirements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Must be starting a university undergraduate degree for the first time OR be a continuing QUT student.</li> <li>2. Must be an Australian citizen.</li> <li>3. Must be currently progressing and achieving in a funded and nationally recognised sport:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Must be a nationally categorised athlete, verified by your National Sporting Organisation (NSO).</li> <li>b. Must be representing either an Australian State or NSO in a sport recognised within Olympic/Paralympic Games, and/or Commonwealth Games, and/or professional player leagues (e.g., Australian Football League; National Rugby League, etc.).</li> <li>c. Must be either:                   <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. A current 'Emerging' Athlete Categorisation with written verification from your National Sporting Organisation (NSO), State Institute/State Academy support network (SIS/SAS) or National Institute Network (NIN) to support your application; OR</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> </ol>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ii. A minimum of Talent 4 (T4) Athlete Categorisation level within Sport Australia’s FTEM framework.</li> <li>4. Must have no anti-doping rule violations or match fixing offences at any time.</li> <li>5. All QUT scholarships and bursaries are governed by concurrency conditions, detailed within the governing terms and conditions related to the applicable scholarship or bursary.</li> </ul>
<p>2. Application and selection criteria</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The QUT Elite Sport Scholarship requires an application form. Due to the specific nature of the Scholarship, you must provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. A Sporting Curriculum Vitae (CV) providing an overview of sporting achievements over the past 24 months (including event placing and results). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. An overview of events should be listed in reverse chronological order (e.g., 2024, 2023, 2022, etc.).</li> </ul> </li> <li>b. Two written references or contact information for two referees from your Australian State and/or NSO who can verify your CV.</li> <li>c. A copy of your team selection letters on the official letterhead.</li> <li>d. Any webpage evidence of sporting achievements.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. QUT has discretion with any decisions made, in connection with this scholarship process. To the extent permitted by law QUT has no liability to any student for decisions made in relation to the Scholarship.</li> </ul>
<p>3. Value and payment of scholarship</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Scholarships valued up to \$10,000 are paid at \$5,000 per year for a full-time enrolment load for a maximum of two (2) years. Payments are made on a half-yearly basis of \$2,500 per semester/teaching period and are disbursed the week after the census date of the enrolled semester/teaching period. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Participants who are awarded the QUT Elite Sport Scholarship with less than four semesters of full-time study remaining in their course will not receive the full amount of the Scholarship.</li> <li>b. Participants of the QUT Elite Sport Scholarship will receive automatic entry into the Elite Athlete Program and College of Excellence.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. For Participants 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.</li> <li>3. Participants enrolled on a part-time (24 credit points or less) basis will receive 50% of the standard payment.</li> <li>4. Payment will be subject to the Conditions below. If the Participants do not meet these Conditions payment may be suspended.</li> <li>5. Participants will receive scholarship payment by electronic transfer to their nominated bank account after census date each semester/teaching period.</li> <li>6. Participants enrolled in exchange, cross institutional and BULA semesters/semester/teaching periods will have different census</li> </ul>

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	<p>dates. Payments will be made one week after the census date of these semester/teaching periods.</p> <p>7. While every care is taken to ensure direct payment of scholarship funds are correct, Participants are required to monitor payments and notify QUT Scholarships <a href="mailto:scholarships@qut.edu.au">scholarships@qut.edu.au</a> of any over or under payments.</p> <p>8. Overpayments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If an overpayment occurs at any time and for any reason QUT may issue the Participant with a written notice requiring repayment of the amount overpaid (“Overpayment Notice”).</li> <li>The student must pay to QUT the amount of the overpayment specified in the overpayment notice within ten (10) business days of the date of the notice.</li> <li>QUT may, at its sole discretion, recover the overpayment specified in the overpayment notice from the student by offsetting that overpayment against any amount subsequently due to the student as part of their scholarship.</li> </ol> <p>9. Tax implications: QUT does not withhold PAYG tax from coursework scholarships payments. It is the Participant’s responsibility to check the tax implications for your scholarship and personal circumstances. For advice on whether your scholarship is taxable, use the <a href="#">Australian Taxation Office’s scholarship decision tool</a>. Additional tax information can be obtained via <a href="http://www.ato.gov.au/individuals">www.ato.gov.au/individuals</a>.</p> <p>10. 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.</p>
4. Term of scholarship	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The term of the Scholarship is determined by the student’s enrolment load, either full-time or part-time (e.g., two (2) years for the \$10,000 award, based on a full-time enrolment).</li> <li>Participants are permitted to change to part-time enrolment if required. This may extend the terms of the Scholarship.</li> <li>Participants must remain admitted and enrolled in a course to receive their scholarship payment as per Conditions.</li> <li>For Participants 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.</li> </ol>
5. Conditions of Scholarship	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participants must achieve a minimum course (cumulative) Grade Point Average (GPA) of 4.00/7.00 in any given semester/teaching period to maintain the Scholarship for the next study period.</li> <li>Special circumstances will be taken into consideration to support individual variation to the Conditions of scholarship. Supporting documentary evidence may be requested. Participants are encouraged to discuss their special circumstance with QUT Scholarships <a href="mailto:scholarships@qut.edu.au">scholarships@qut.edu.au</a> or Counselling services.</li> </ol>

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	<p>3. Progression:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Participants 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.</li> <li>b. If their course (cumulative) GPA remains below 4.00 for the following semester/teaching period, payment may be suspended until further notice.</li> <li>c. A third breach of the GPA condition may result in termination of the Scholarship.</li> </ul> <p>4. Participants must remain admitted and enrolled in a course to receive their scholarship payment.</p> <p>5. Participants are permitted to change their course and continue to receive this scholarship unless otherwise specified in the Scholarship offer letter.</p> <p>6. Deferment of the Scholarship offer is not permitted.</p> <p>7. Participants must remain active in their sport for the duration of the scholarship.</p> <p>8. Scholarship payments are suspended whilst a student is on an approved Leave of Absence. After completing their first semester/teaching period, Participants can apply for up to two years Leave of Absence from their course without impacting their scholarship.</p> <p>9. Participants 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.</p> <p>10. Participants on the QUT Elite Sport Scholarship cannot concurrently receive another merit, cooperative, or industry scholarship, but are eligible to receive a bursary, prize, or equity scholarship, while being merit Participant.</p> <p>11. Participants must engage with QUT Sport where key opportunities exist, for a minimum of two engagements per year. QUT Sport will provide numerous opportunities for engagements for Participants.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. This may include, but is not limited to, speaking at QUT Sport events, contesting the National University Championships (if your sport is contested), participating in research studies and engaging in other campus events.</li> </ul> <p>12. Unsuccessful Participants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>d. QUT's decision in the awarding of a scholarship will be final.</li> <li>e. QUT is not liable for any: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. indirect or consequential loss; and</li> <li>ii. any loss of revenue, loss of profit or loss of business opportunities, suffered by the student in connection with the Scholarship process whether under contract, tort (including negligence) or otherwise.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>13. The Participant accepts the Scholarship by doing the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>f. Accept the Scholarship offer and agree to the declaration and Terms and Conditions in the online scholarship offer</li> </ul>

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	<p>acceptance form by the date specified.</p> <p>g. Provide QUT with bank details.</p> <p>14. If the Participant does not accept the Scholarship by the date specified in the offer letter, the Participant will forfeit the Scholarship and QUT reserves the right to allocate the Scholarship to someone else.</p>
6. Under 18	<p>1. If the Participant is under the age of 18 years, the Participant will be deemed to have obtained the permission of the Participant's parent or legal guardian to participate in the Scholarship application process and the Scholarship award and to be bound by these terms.</p>
7. General requirements for application terms	<p>Where an application is required:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. All applications become the property of QUT upon submission, upload or otherwise.</li> <li>2. Applications must be received by QUT during the application period.</li> <li>3. A student claiming to be a Participant must provide proof of identity, if required by QUT.</li> <li>4. Each Participant may be required to sign a document indicating they have received their scholarship payment at the time of payment.</li> <li>5. Any decision of QUT, the Scholarship sponsor or donor, in respect of all matters arising out of, or in connection with, the Scholarship is final, and binding and no correspondence will be entered into. See Grievances (9) below for information on appeals.</li> <li>6. Each Participant is responsible for notifying QUT of any change to the Participants contact details during the application process and after the Scholarship has been awarded.</li> <li>7. If this scholarship process is interfered with in any way or is not capable of being conducted as anticipated due to any reason beyond reasonable control of QUT, QUT reserves the right, in its sole discretion to modify, suspend, terminate, or cancel the Scholarship, as appropriate.</li> <li>8. This scholarship and these terms are governed by the laws of Queensland.</li> </ol>
8. Termination of scholarship	<p>The university reserves the right to cease a scholarship in the following circumstances:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Failure to comply with the Conditions (5) of the Scholarship.</li> <li>2. Withdrawal from your course. Participants are advised to contact <a href="mailto:scholarships@qut.edu.au">scholarships@qut.edu.au</a>, Faculty, or Counselling services before withdrawing from their course.</li> <li>3. Failure to enrol into a course following the completion of the approved deferral period.</li> <li>4. Participants who commence a degree at another university will not be eligible for the Scholarship upon their return from deferment.</li> <li>5. Failure to enrol into a course following the completion of the approved Leave of Absence period.</li> </ol>

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	<p>6. 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 <a href="#">Academic integrity (MOPP C/5.3)</a>, <a href="#">QUT Code for responsible conduct of research (MOPP D/2.6)</a>, <a href="#">Acceptable use of information technology resources (MOPP F/1.11)</a>.</p>
9. Grievances	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Participants should initially contact the Scholarships team to see if they can resolve any issues before lodging a formal appeal. Contact the team at <a href="mailto:scholarships@qut.edu.au">scholarships@qut.edu.au</a>.</li> <li>2. Participants may lodge a formal appeal arising from any scholarship matter through the Appeals Committee.</li> <li>3. Any grievances related to the administration of scholarships are governed by <a href="#">E/9.2 Grievance resolution procedures for student related grievances</a>, with QUT's Manual of Policy and Procedures.</li> </ol>
10. Privacy	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. By applying for the Scholarship, you are providing permission for your details to be shared with the selection panel. QUT collects the personal information on the Scholarship application form to assess your scholarship/bursary application and for other university purposes upon enrolment. The collection is authorised under the QUT Student Rules. Information explaining how QUT manages Participants' personal information and our practices for disclosure can be found at <a href="http://www.governance.qut.edu.au/compliance/privacy/">www.governance.qut.edu.au/compliance/privacy/</a></li> <li>2. QUT is bound by the Information Privacy Act 2009 (Qld) ("IPA"), and the QUT privacy policy is available at <a href="https://www.qut.edu.au/additional/privacy">https://www.qut.edu.au/additional/privacy</a> and <a href="http://www.mopp.qut.edu.au/F/F_06_02.jsp">http://www.mopp.qut.edu.au/F/F_06_02.jsp</a></li> <li>3. QUT will collect and use the participants' personal information for the purposes of administering and carrying out the Scholarship and may share information with nominated third parties who require the information for the management of the Scholarship. This information will not be used for promotion and marketing purposes.</li> </ol>
11. Reserving the right to amend	<p>Without limiting any part of the Scholarship terms QUT may:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Amend or replace these terms and conditions, or any scholarship rules or procedures, at any time and for any reason.</li> <li>2. Extend, suspend, or terminate the Scholarship/scholarship process at any time before it is awarded.</li> <li>3. Accept applications after the due date.</li> <li>4. At any time prior to award, disqualify any student from participating or exclude its offer from further consideration.</li> <li>5. Commence a new process for calling applications on a similar or different basis to that outlined in these terms.</li> <li>6. Use non QUT personnel in assessing applications.</li> <li>7. Amend the terms of the Scholarship at any time in any way.</li> </ol>

**Contact:**

The QUT Elite Sport Scholarship are administered by Student Administration. For any scholarships related inquiries please contact [scholarships@qut.edu.au](mailto:scholarships@qut.edu.au).