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## 2025 Program Guidelines

### Introduction

The College of Excellence is a community of motivated, high-performing students. As a member, you'll have access to unique and exclusive personal and professional development opportunities tailored to meet your specific needs at each stage of your university journey. You'll be a part of a supportive community and have access to a dedicated team who provide guidance and support to pursue your goals.

### Opportunities

The College of Excellence offers meaningful opportunities, including courses, innovative learning experiences, and networking events. These opportunities are designed to promote personal growth, professional development, global leadership, innovation, and research pathways. As a member, you'll enjoy priority access to these opportunities, both at QUT and within the community, such as grants and sponsorships to attend conferences.

### Membership

Membership applications are assessed twice a year. Applications open on the date results are released from the previous semester and close at the end of week one. By setting specific application dates, we ensure that all students joining the College of Excellence can fully benefit from the semester's offerings.

You can apply for membership using the College of Excellence membership [application form](#). Once your application is approved, you will receive an email notification of your acceptance into the College. You will then gain immediate access to the College of Excellence's resources, including invitations to join our Facebook Group and Canvas platform.

### Application Dates:

Assessment round	Applications open (release of results)	Applications close (Week of Orientation)	Outcome notified (at the latest)
Semester one	Early December (previous year)	Late February	End of Week 1
Semester two	Early July	Late July	End of Week 1

\* Academic calendar available [here](#).

### Application Guidelines

To join the College of Excellence, you are required to complete an application that evaluates your academic performance. If you have been awarded a [QUT Excellence Scholarship](#), you will be exempt from this assessment and gain automatic entry into the College.

QUT Excellence Scholarship	Faculty
Excellence Scholarship (Academic)	All Study Areas
Excellence Scholarship (Creative Arts)	Creative Industries
Corporate Partners in Excellence	Business/Law
Faculty of Business and Law Excellence Scholarship	Business/Law
Faculty of Science Indigenous Australian Scholarship	Science
Westpac Young Technologists	Science
Faculty of Science Scholarship for Women and Non-Binary People	Science
Adeline Arts and Science Scholarship for Women in Mathematics	Science
Women in Engineering Scholarship	Engineering
Sport Scholarship (Elite Athlete, AIS & QAS)	Sport
ESport Scholarship	Sport

If you are not a recipient of the scholarships above but have achieved an accumulative GPA of 6 or above, we encourage you to submit a College of Excellence [membership application](#). There is no requirement to maintain a specific GPA to remain a member of the College community.

## Leadership Opportunities:

### Become a Student Leader

Each year, members who feel that they have engaged and contributed to the College in an exceptional way may apply for one of up to ten prestigious student leader positions. Student Leaders are rewarded with a personal mentorship as well as financial support for external professional and personal development.

This leadership is a way of recognising the outstanding contribution that students make to the College of Excellence community and its members. It is an opportunity for recipients to further their professional and personal capabilities through mentoring and sponsorship to developmental activities.

The College of Excellence undertakes recruitment of student leaders twice per year. Five leaders are recruited in November for the period of January - December of the following year. Five leaders are recruited in May for the period of July - June. This model ensures that handovers to successors are streamlined and effective.

Each semester, the College recruits the following student leaders:

- One first year student
- One second year student
- One third year student
- Up to two additional students (any year level)

Each leader will receive:

- \$1,000 stipend to attend conferences or other personal / professional development opportunities
- 6 hours of dedicated time with the Student Excellence Program Coordinator to discuss

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professional and personal development opportunities, mentorship and extra-curricular experiences.

Leaders are expected to assume leadership roles within the College of Excellence and are responsible for various activities throughout their term, such as:

- Assist with planning and facilitating activities for the annual first-year camp.
- Design and facilitate community-building activities among first-year students and other members.
- Help promote professional development initiatives and opportunities for members to engage with the QUT community and industry.
- Create opportunities for QUT leadership, industry, alumni, and members to engage and connect at College of Excellence events.
- Attend regular meetings with the Program Student Leader and Coordinator.
- Providing feedback and suggestions to help continually improve the College experience to meet changing student needs.

## Eligibility

Applicants must:

- have been a member of the College for at least two full semesters (one semester for first year applicants)
- be enrolled full time at QUT (both undergraduates and postgraduates are eligible)
- must be enrolled at QUT for the entire duration of the Student Leadership (must not be planning to study abroad for either semester)
- have at least one semester remaining at the end of the Ambassadorship program
- not have been a Student Leader in the previous year

## Selection Process

- Students may apply as many times as they wish (one application per year)
- The number of times a student applies will not have any bearing on the selection process
- Selected applicants will be asked to attend an in-person (or online) interview with a selection panel consisting of the Student Excellence Program Coordinator, Program Ambassador and Student Leader/s
- The selection panel's decision is final

## Selection Criteria

- Demonstrated commitment to the College of Excellence community
- Capacity to plan and facilitate community building events
- The ability to work collaboratively as part of a team
- Demonstrated communication skills, including interpersonal, public speaking and facilitation skills
- Have strong organisation skills

## Terms and Conditions

- The student leadership Stipend will be provided in kind, meaning leaders will receive a one-time financial payment of \$1,000. This stipend is paid by the College of Excellence following six months of the leadership commitment.
- The College of Excellence retains the right to determine the appropriateness and

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subsequent financial support of all professional and personal development proposals wishing to be considered for College of Excellence leader status.

- The leadership remains current up until the end of two consecutive semester periods.
- The College of Excellence retains the right to relinquish a leadership position in its entirety should it be determined that a student leader has brought the College of Excellence and/or QUT into disrepute.

## **Become a Program Ambassador**

Past Student Leaders are encouraged to apply annually for the College of Excellence Program Ambassador position. This role is offered as a casual employment opportunity with QUT Student Engagement and spans a term of up to 12 months. More information about this position will become available during the recruitment process in semester two.

# **Experiential Development Fund**

## **Overview**

As a College of Excellence member, you are eligible to apply for an Experiential Development (ED) grant. These grants support your unique learning journey by alleviating financial barriers, allowing you to take initiative and shape your own experiences. You can receive up to \$1,000 to cover costs such as travel, accommodation, and event participation. Eligible activities for the grant include attending conferences, both local and international, participating in social change initiatives, competing in case competitions, and engaging in global development programs. When applying, detail the specific opportunities you wish to pursue and explain how they will contribute to your growth and engagement within the QUT community.

## **Information for Applicants**

For information about grant application dates, timelines and eligibility criteria, please visit the QUT Professional Development Funding page [here](#).

For more information, please email [collegeofexcellence@qut.edu.au](mailto:collegeofexcellence@qut.edu.au).