



2021 Science and Engineering Financial Hardship Scholarship Terms and Conditions

1. **Purpose:** The purpose of the SEF Financial Hardship Scholarship (“the scholarship”) is to help support a student who is from a low-income background or faces significant financial barriers to studying at university and is undertaking an eligible undergraduate course at Queensland University of Technology (QUT).
2. **Duration of scholarship:** The scholarship is tenable for one year from Semester 1, 2021 to Semester 2, 2021 and cannot be deferred or applied to a different course.
3. **Academic requirements:** Receipt of the scholarship is subject at all times to the recipient:
 - a. remaining enrolled in the course;
 - b. maintaining a minimum enrolment of 36 credit points in each semester for the duration of the scholarship; and
 - c. achieve a grade of 4 or above for all units in the first semester, to retain the scholarship for the second semester.
4. **Scholarship value:** The total value of the one-year scholarship is \$5,000.
5. **Payment to recipient:** Two equal payments of \$2,500 will be paid by way of direct debit into the recipient’s bank account after each semester census date. An email request for your bank account details will be sent to your student email account in the coming weeks. The recipient must provide and keep provided to QUT accurate bank details to ensure payments are processed correctly.
6. **Termination of scholarship:** QUT reserves the right in its sole discretion to terminate the scholarship if the recipient does not comply with the requirements set out in clause 3 (**Academic requirements**) and/or if the recipient has committed misconduct. If the scholarship is terminated in accordance with this clause 7, no further payments will be made to the recipient and QUT may request the recipient to refund any monies paid by QUT to the recipient in the semester in which the scholarship is terminated in accordance with this clause 7. QUT’s decision to terminate the scholarship is final and there is no right of appeal.
7. While every care is taken to ensure direct payments of scholarship funds are correct, scholarships 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 over-payments occur the scholarship recipient is required to advise QUT immediately and repay the overpaid amount.
8. Although QUT does not take any tax off the award amount, QUT is not authorised to deem this scholarship tax exempt. Ultimate determination regarding the tax status of the scholarship will be made by the Australian Taxation Office. Please retain this statement with your tax documentation. Additional tax information can be obtained at <http://www.ato.gov.au/individuals/>
9. Equity and merit-based scholarships and bursaries up to the value of \$7,710 are exempt from being treated as assessable income by Centrelink. Scholarship and bursary amounts in excess of this value will continue to be subject to means testing.

10. This scholarship is bound by the Scholarship Concurrency Policy. The QUT Scholarships Concurrency Policy determines whether certain scholarship combinations can be held by a student concurrently. Refer to the table on the next page.

QUT SCHOLARSHIPS CONCURRENCY TABLE

Scholarship Type A									
Scholarship B		Equity	Merit	Non-Academic	Co-operative	Industry	Bursary	Prize	
	Equity	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Merit	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Non-Academic	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Co-operative	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Industry	Yes	No	Yes	No	n/a	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Bursary	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Prize	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Directions: Locate Scholarship Type A on the X axis and Scholarship Type B on the Y axis then slide down and across simultaneously until you reach the concurrency decision for that scholarship combination. The scholarship type can be located on the respective terms and condition of the scholarship in question.

11. 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 - http://www.mopp.qut.edu.au/E/E_09_02.jsp