

## Terms and Conditions

### Overview

The QUT-AIS Scholarship is a merit scholarship valued at \$10,000, offered to commencing or continuing domestic students. This is provided to the scholarship recipient directly in the form 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 Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) leads and enables a united and collaborative high performance sport system that supports Australian athletes to achieve international podium success. Through this elite partnership, AIS and QUT aim to enhance the student-athlete experience and enable career-best outcomes in both academic and sporting arenas.

### 1 Eligibility requirements

To be eligible for the QUT-AIS Scholarship, applicants must meet all the following requirements:

- 1.1 Must be starting a university undergraduate degree for the first time OR be a continuing QUT student.
- 1.2 Must be an Australian citizen.
- 1.3 Must be currently progressing and achieving in a funded and nationally recognised sport.
  - 1.3.1 Must be a nationally categorised athlete, verified by your National Sporting Organisation (NSO).
  - 1.3.2 Must have a current 'Achieving and Maintaining Elite Performance' Athlete Categorisation with written verification from your NSO, State Institute/State Academy support network (SIS/SAS) or National Institute Network (NIN) to support your application.
  - 1.3.3 Must have no anti-doping rule violations or match fixing offences at any time.
- 1.4 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 QUT-AIS Scholarship requires an application form. Due to the specific nature of the scholarship, you must provide:
  - 2.1.1 A sporting Curriculum Vitae (CV) providing an overview of sporting achievements over the past 24 months (including event placing and results)
    - 2.1.1.1 An overview of events should be listed in reverse chronological order (e.g., 2023, 2022, 2021, etc.).

### 3 Value and payment of scholarship

- 3.1 Scholarships valued up to \$10,000 are paid at \$5,000 per year for a full-time enrolment load for a maximum of two years. Payments are made on a half-yearly basis (\$2,500 amount per semester/teaching period) and are disbursed the week after the census date of the enrolled semester/teaching period.
  - 3.1.1 Scholarship recipients awarded the QUT-AIS Scholarship with less than four semesters/teaching periods remaining in their award course will not receive the full value of the scholarship (i.e., \$10,000).
- 3.2 Scholarship recipients enrolled on a part-time (24 credit points or less) basis will receive 50% of the standard payment.
- 3.3 Payment will be subject to the Conditions below. If the scholarship recipient does not meet these Conditions payment may be suspended.
- 3.4 Scholarship recipients will receive scholarship payment by electronic transfer to their nominated bank account the week after census date each semester/teaching period.

- 3.5 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.
- 3.6 Scholarship recipients receive automatic entry into the Elite Athlete Program and College of Excellence.
- 3.7 While every care is taken to ensure direct payment of scholarship funds are correct, scholarship recipients are required to monitor payments and notify [scholarships@qut.edu.au](mailto:scholarships@qut.edu.au) of any over or under payments.
  - 3.7.1 Where discrepancies in payment occur, scholarship recipients may be required to return the funds to the University.
- 3.8 **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](http://www.ato.gov.au/individuals).
- 3.9 **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 scholarship recipient's enrolment load, either full-time or part-time (e.g., two years for the \$10,000 award, based on a full-time enrolment).
  - 4.2 Scholarship recipients are permitted change to part-time enrolment if required. This may extend the terms of the scholarship.
  - 4.3 Scholarship recipients must remain admitted and enrolled in a course to receive their scholarship payment as per Conditions.
    - 4.3.1 Scholarship recipients 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 scholarship recipient.
- 5 **Conditions of scholarship**
  - 5.1 Scholarship recipients must achieve a minimum course (cumulative) Grade Point Average (GPA) of 4.50/7.00 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 [scholarships@qut.edu.au](mailto:scholarships@qut.edu.au) or Counselling services.
  - 5.3 **Progression**
    - 5.3.1 Scholarship recipients whose course (cumulative) GPA drops below 4.50/7.00 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 4.50/7.00 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 remain actively engaged in their sport to receive their scholarship payments.
- 5.9 Scholarship recipients must represent QUT Sport where key opportunities exist, up to a maximum of two engagements per year. QUT Sport will provide numerous opportunities for engagement for students.
  - 5.9.1 This may include, but is not limited to, speaking at QUT Sport events, contesting the National University Championships (if your sport is contested), and participating in other campus events.
- 5.10 Deferment of the scholarship *offer* is not available to any scholarship recipient.
- 5.11 Scholarship recipients on the QUT-AIS Scholarship cannot concurrently receive another merit, cooperative, or industry scholarship, but are eligible to receive a bursary, prize, or equity scholarship, while being a QUT-AIS 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 [scholarships@qut.edu.au](mailto:scholarships@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

QUT-AIS Scholarships are administered by Student Administration. For any scholarships related inquiries please contact [scholarships@qut.edu.au](mailto:scholarships@qut.edu.au).