Overview
The QUT-AIS Scholarship is a merit scholarship valued at $10,000, offered to commencing and continuing domestic students. This is provided to the student directly in the form funds transfer to their nominated bank account.

This scholarship requires an application and is offered in 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 be 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. Must successfully complete the application and selection process.
1.5. All QUT scholarships and bursaries are governed by concurrency conditions, detailed within the governing Terms and Conditions related to the applicable scholarship or bursary.

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 at up to $10,000, paid at $5,000 per year for a full-time enrolment load for a maximum of two years. Payments are made on a semesterly basis ($2,500 per semester) and are disbursed the week after the census date of the enrolled teaching period.
3.2. Students 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.
3.3. Students who are awarded the QUT-AIS Scholarship with less than four semesters of full-time study remaining in their course will not receive the full amount of the scholarship.
3.4. Students enrolled on a part-time (24 credit points or less) basis will receive 50% of the standard payment.
3.5. Payment will be subject to the Conditions in Section (5) below. If students do not meet these Conditions payment may be suspended.
3.6. Students will receive scholarship payment by electronic transfer to their nominated bank account the week after census date each semester.

3.7. Students enrolled in Exchange, Cross Institutional and BULA teaching periods will have different census dates. Payments will be made one week after the census date of these teaching periods.

3.8. 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 of any over or under payments.

3.8.1. Where discrepancies in payment occur, students may be required to return the funds to the University.

3.9. **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](https://www.ato.gov.au/individuals). Additional tax information can be obtained via [www.ato.gov.au/individuals](http://www.ato.gov.au/individuals).

3.10. **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.

4. **Term of scholarship**

4.1. The term of the scholarship is determined by the student’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. Students are permitted change to part-time enrolment if required. This may extend the terms of the scholarship.

4.3. Students must remain admitted and enrolled in a course to receive their scholarship payment as per Conditions (5).

4.3.1. Students 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.

5. **Conditions of scholarship**

5.1. Students must achieve a minimum course (cumulative) Grade Point Average (GPA) of 4.50 in any given semester to maintain the scholarship for the next study period.

5.2. **Progression**

5.2.1. Students whose course (cumulative) GPA drops below 4.50 are issued a notification that they are in breach of their scholarship condition but will continue to receive their payment for the next semester.

5.2.2. If their course (cumulative) GPA remains below 4.50 for the following semester, payment may be suspended until further notice.

5.2.3. A third breach of the GPA condition may result in termination of the scholarship.

5.3. Students must remain admitted and enrolled in a course to receive their scholarship payment.

5.4. Students are permitted to change their course and continue to receive this scholarship unless otherwise specified in the scholarship offer letter.

5.5. Scholarship payments are suspended whilst a student is on an approved Leave of Absence. After completing their first semester, students can apply for up to two years Leave of Absence from their course without impacting their scholarship.

5.6. Scholarship recipients who withdraw from their studies prior to completion of the teaching period (i.e., no grades are recorded) may be required to return monies paid for the withdrawn units.

5.7. Students must accept their scholarship offer by the acceptance deadline. Scholarship offers cannot be deferred.

5.8. Students must remain actively engaged in their sport to receive their scholarship payment.

5.9. Students 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. Students receiving the QUT-AIS Scholarship receive automatic entry into the Elite Athlete Program and College of Excellence.

5.11. Special circumstances will be taken into consideration to support individual variation to the Conditions of scholarship. Supporting documentary evidence may be requested. Students are encouraged to discuss their special circumstances with scholarships@qut.edu.au or Counselling services.

5.12. Students 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 merit 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 (5) of the scholarship.
6.2. Withdrawal from your course. Students are advised to contact 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. Student may lodge a formal appeal arising from any scholarship matter through the Appeals Committee.
7.2. 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.