

# 2024 Morgans Financial Ltd Regional and Rural Teaching Bursary

### Terms and Conditions

#### Overview

The Morgans Financial Ltd Regional and Rural Teaching Bursary is an industry award valued at \$5,000, offered to current students. This is provided to the recipient directly in the form funds transfer to their nominated back account.

This bursary requires an application and is offered in Semester 2, 2024.

### **Purpose**

The purpose of the Morgans Financial Ltd Regional and Rural Teaching Bursary is to support students undertaking their professional experience placement in regional or rural locations.

### 1 Eligibility requirements

To be eligible for the Morgans Financial Ltd Regional and Rural Teaching Bursary, applicants must meet all the following requirements:

- 1.1 A full-time or part-time student enrolled in any of the following courses:
  - 1.1.1 Final year Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood, Primary or Secondary)
  - 1.1.2 Final year Master of Teaching (Early Childhood, Primary or Secondary).
- 1.2 Enrolling in first attempt at second last professional experience (PEX) placement in Semester 2, 2024
  - 1.2.1 Consideration will be given to students out of step in their study program and enrolling in the final PEX placement in Semester 2, 2024.
- 1.3 Undertaking your PEX placement within 200 kilometres of any of the following regional locations:
  - Bundaberg
  - Gladstone
  - Rockhampton
  - Mackay
  - Townsville
  - Cairns

The placement must not be at your usual place or residence.

- 1.4 Fall into one of the categories below:
  - 1.4.1 an Australian or New Zealand citizen OR a permanent resident OR hold a permanent humanitarian visa;
  - 1.4.2 an international student who has completed high school in Australia OR completed Australian curriculum (or International Baccalaureate) offshore.
- 1.5 Currently achieving a minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) 5.0

All QUT scholarships and bursaries are governed by concurrency conditions, detailed within the governing terms and conditions related to the applicable Bursary or bursary.

### 2 Application and selection criteria

- 2.1 The Morgans Financial Ltd Regional and Rural Teaching Bursary requires an application form. Due to the specific nature of the Bursary, you must provide:
  - 2.1.1 a CV/ Resume
  - 2.1.2 your previous PEX placement reports.
  - 2.1.3 a copy of your academic history including your GPA
  - 2.1.4 a personal statement outlining your reasons for undertaking a professional experience placement in a regional or rural location and how this will contribute to your career aspirations.
  - 2.1.4.1. include any equity circumstances such as financial or social impact in undertaking your placement and/or please advise if you have an equity plan with QUT.
  - 2.1.4.2. include information on any other funding you have sort to assist with your placement.
- 2.2 You will be invited to attend in an interview at QUT in relation to your application.

### 3 Value and payment of Bursary

- 3.1 The Bursary valued at \$5,000 will be paid upon written confirmation from the Professional Experience Placement Coordinator of your acceptance to the placement within the regional or rural guidelines noted in the eligibility section.
- 3.2 Payment will be subject to the Conditions (5) below. If students do not meet these Conditions (5) payment may be suspended.
- 3.3 Students will receive Bursary payment by electronic transfer to their nominated bank account.
- 3.4 While every care is taken to ensure direct payment of Bursary funds are correct, Bursary recipients are required to monitor payments and notify the Faculty of Creative Industries, Education and Social Justice of any over or under payments.
  - 3.4.1 Where discrepancies in payment occur, students may be required to return the funds to the University.

## 3.5 Tax implications

QUT does not withhold PAYG tax from coursework Bursary payments. It is the recipient's responsibility to check the tax implications for your Bursary and personal circumstances. For advice on whether your Bursary is taxable, use the Australian Taxation Office's <u>Bursary decision tool</u>. Additional tax information can be obtained via <u>www.ato.gov.au/individuals</u>.

### 3.6 Centrelink

Please also note that Centrelink may include this Bursary entitlement in any means testing as a result of applications made for Commonwealth assistance. Please check the Centrelink site for information regarding exempt Bursarys.

### 4 Term of Bursary

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

### 5 Conditions of Bursary

- 5.1 Special circumstances will be taken into consideration to support individual variation to the Conditions of Bursary. Supporting documentary evidence may be requested. Students are encouraged to discuss their special circumstance with the Faculty of Creative Industries, Education and Social Justice or Counselling services.
- 5.2 Students must remain admitted and enrolled in a course to receive their Bursary payment.
- 5.3 Bursary 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 Bursary.
- 5.4 Bursary 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.
- 5.5 Students on the Morgans Financial Ltd Regional and Rural Teaching Bursary cannot concurrently receive another merit, cooperative, or industry Bursary, but are eligible to receive a bursary, prize, or equity Bursary, while being an industry Bursary recipient.

### 6 Termination of Bursary

The University reserves the right to cease a Bursary in the following circumstances:

- 6.1 Failure to comply with the Conditions (5) of the Bursary.
- 6.2 Withdrawal from your course. Students are advised to contact the Faculty of Creative Industries, Education and Social Justice or Counselling services before withdrawing from their course.
- 6.3 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 Bursary matter through the <u>Appeals Committee</u>.
- 7.2 Any grievances related to the administration of Bursarys is governed by <u>E/9.2 Grievance resolution</u> procedures for student related grievances, with QUT's Manual of Policy and Procedures.

### 8 Bursary contact

The Morgans Financial Ltd Regional and Rural Teaching Bursaries are administered by the Faculty of Creative Industries, Education and Social Justice.

For any related inquiries please contact <a href="mailto:ci.scholarships@qut.edu.au">ci.scholarships@qut.edu.au</a>.