

QUT Rising Sport Scholarship

Terms and Conditions

Overview

The QUT Rising Sport Scholarship is a merit scholarship valued at \$5,000, offered to commencing and continuing domestic students. This is provided to the Participant directly in the form of funds transfer to their nominated bank account.

These terms and conditions apply to Participants commencing the Scholarship in 2025. The Scholarship requires an application and is offered from Semester 1, 2025.

Purpose

The purpose of the QUT Rising Sport Scholarship is to support developing and elite athletes across a wide range of categories by offering sport scholarships annually for both new and existing QUT students. This includes talented sports and esports athletes who are still developing and progressing in their chosen sport through to high-performance level athletes representing Australia at national and international levels.

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<p>1. Eligibility Requirements</p>	<p>To be eligible for the QUT Rising Sport Scholarship, Participants must meet all of these requirements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Must be starting a university undergraduate degree for the first time OR be a continuing QUT student. 2. Must be an Australian citizen. 3. Must be either representing an Australian State or National Sporting Organisation (NSO) in a sport recognised by Sport Australia OR Professional Player League in an internationally recognised esports. 4. Must be either: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. A current 'Emerging' 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; OR b. A minimum of Talent 4 (T4) athlete categorisation level within Sport Australia's FTEM framework; OR c. Written confirmation of representation at national or international level in an emerging or recognised sport that can be unfunded in the National Sporting Model. 5. Must have no anti-doping rule violations or match fixing offences at any time. 6. All QUT scholarships and bursaries are governed by concurrency

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	<p>conditions, detailed within the governing terms and conditions related to the applicable scholarship or bursary.</p>
<p>2. Application and selection criteria</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The QUT Rising Sport Scholarship requires an application form. Due to the specific nature of the Scholarship, you must provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. A Sporting Curriculum Vitae (CV) providing an overview of sporting achievements undertaken at any point in time. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. An overview of events should be listed in reverse chronological order (e.g., 2023, 2022, 2021, etc.). b. Any placing or ranking information (esports only). c. Two written references or contact information for two referees from your Australian State and/or NSO who can verify your CV (if applicable). d. A copy of your team selection letters on the official letterhead. e. Any webpage evidence of sporting achievements. 2. Esports Participants will be invited to attend and complete a trial at QUT Esports Arena, Gardens Point Campus, with the successful outcome of admittance to the QUT Esports Academy. 3. QUT has discretion with any decisions made, in connection with this scholarship process. To the extent permitted by law QUT has no liability to any student for decisions made in relation to the Scholarship.
<p>3. Value and payment of scholarship</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Scholarships valued up to \$5,000 are paid at \$2,500 per year for a full-time enrolment load for a maximum of two (2) years. Payments are made on a half-yearly basis of \$1,250 per semester/teaching period and are disbursed the week after the census date of the enrolled semester/teaching period. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Participants who are awarded the QUT Rising Sport Scholarship with less than four semesters of full-time study remaining in their course will not receive the full amount of the Scholarship. 2. For Participants 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. Participants enrolled on a part-time (24 credit points or less) basis will receive 50% of the standard payment. 4. Payment will be subject to the Conditions below. If the Participants do not meet these Conditions payment may be suspended. 5. Participants will receive scholarship payment by electronic transfer to their nominated bank account after census date each semester/teaching period. 6. Participants enrolled in exchange, cross institutional and BULA semesters/semester/teaching periods will have different census dates. Payments will be made one week after the census date of these semester/teaching periods. 7. While every care is taken to ensure direct payment of scholarship

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	<p>funds are correct, Participants are required to monitor payments and notify QUT Scholarships scholarships@qut.edu.au of any over or under payments.</p> <p>8. Overpayments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If an overpayment occurs at any time and for any reason QUT may issue the Participant with a written notice requiring repayment of the amount overpaid (“Overpayment Notice”). b. The student must pay to QUT the amount of the overpayment specified in the overpayment notice within ten (10) business days of the date of the notice. c. QUT may, at its sole discretion, recover the overpayment specified in the overpayment notice from the student by offsetting that overpayment against any amount subsequently due to the student as part of their scholarship. <p>9. Tax implications: QUT does not withhold PAYG tax from coursework scholarships payments. It is the Participant’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.</p> <p>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.</p>
4. Term of scholarship	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The term of the Scholarship is determined by the student’s enrolment load, either full-time or part-time (e.g., two (2) years for the \$5,000 award, based on a full-time enrolment). 2. Participants are permitted to change to part-time enrolment if required. This may extend the terms of the Scholarship. 3. Participants must remain admitted and enrolled in a course to receive their scholarship payment as per Conditions. 4. For Participants 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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Participants must achieve a minimum course (cumulative) Grade Point Average (GPA) of 4.00/7.00 in any given semester/teaching period to maintain the Scholarship for the next study period. 2. Special circumstances will be taken into consideration to support individual variation to the Conditions of scholarship. Supporting documentary evidence may be requested. Participants are encouraged to discuss their special circumstance with QUT Scholarships scholarships@qut.edu.au or Counselling services. 3. Progression: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Participants whose course (cumulative) GPA drops below 4.00

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	<p>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.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="614 360 1404 465">b. If their course (cumulative) GPA remains below 4.00 for the following semester/teaching period, payment may be suspended until further notice. <li data-bbox="614 477 1420 546">c. A third breach of the GPA condition may result in termination of the Scholarship. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="518 557 1433 624">4. Participants must remain admitted and enrolled in a course to receive their scholarship payment. <li data-bbox="518 636 1430 741">5. Participants are permitted to change their course and continue to receive this scholarship unless otherwise specified in the Scholarship offer letter. <li data-bbox="518 752 1203 786">6. Deferment of the Scholarship offer is not permitted. <li data-bbox="518 797 1410 864">7. Participants must remain actively engaged in their sport or esports to receive their scholarship payment. <li data-bbox="518 875 1417 1048">8. Scholarship payments are suspended whilst a student is on an approved Leave of Absence. After completing their first semester/teaching period, Participants can apply for up to two years Leave of Absence from their course without impacting their scholarship. <li data-bbox="518 1059 1441 1205">9. Participants on the QUT Rising Sport 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 Participant. <li data-bbox="518 1216 1436 1321">10. Participants 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. <li data-bbox="518 1332 1391 1438">11. Participants must engage with QUT Sport where key opportunities exist, for a minimum of two engagements per year. QUT Sport will provide numerous opportunities for engagements for Participants. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="614 1449 1431 1594">a. This may include, but is not limited to, speaking at QUT Sport events, contesting the National University Championships (if your sport is contested), participating in research studies and engaging in other campus events. <li data-bbox="518 1606 896 1639">12. Unsuccessful Participants: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="614 1650 1412 1684">a. QUT's decision in the awarding of a scholarship will be final. <li data-bbox="614 1695 1423 1912">b. QUT is not liable for any: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="710 1729 1184 1762">i. indirect or consequential loss; and <li data-bbox="710 1774 1417 1912">ii. any loss of revenue, loss of profit or loss of business opportunities, suffered by the student in connection with the Scholarship process whether under contract, tort (including negligence) or otherwise. <li data-bbox="518 1924 1350 1957">13. The Participant accepts the Scholarship by doing the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="614 1968 1430 2031">d. Accept the Scholarship offer and agree to the declaration and Terms and Conditions in the online scholarship offer

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	<p>acceptance form by the date specified.</p> <p>e. Provide QUT with bank details.</p> <p>14. If the Participant does not accept the Scholarship by the date specified in the offer letter, the Participant will forfeit the Scholarship and QUT reserves the right to allocate the Scholarship to someone else.</p>
6. Under 18	<p>1. If the Participant is under the age of 18 years, the Participant will be deemed to have obtained the permission of their parent or legal guardian to participate in the Scholarship application process and the Scholarship award and to be bound by these terms.</p>
7. General requirements for application terms	<p>Where an application is required:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All applications become the property of QUT upon submission, upload or otherwise. 2. Applications must be received by QUT during the application period. 3. A student claiming to be a Participant must provide proof of identity, if required by QUT. 4. Each Participant may be required to sign a document indicating they have received their scholarship payment at the time of payment. 5. Any decision of QUT, the Scholarship sponsor or donor, in respect of all matters arising out of, or in connection with, the Scholarship is final and binding and no correspondence will be entered into. See Grievances (9) below for information on appeals. 6. Each Participant is responsible for notifying QUT of any change to the Participants contact details during the application process and after the Scholarship has been awarded. 7. If this scholarship process is interfered with in any way or is not capable of being conducted as anticipated due to any reason beyond reasonable control of QUT, QUT reserves the right, in its sole discretion to modify, suspend, terminate, or cancel the Scholarship, as appropriate. 8. This scholarship and these terms are governed by the laws of Queensland.
8. Termination of scholarship	<p>The university reserves the right to cease a scholarship in the following circumstances:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Failure to comply with the Conditions (5) of the Scholarship. 2. Withdrawal from your course. Participants are advised to contact scholarships@qut.edu.au, Faculty, or Counselling services before withdrawing from their course. 3. Failure to enrol into a course following the completion of the approved deferral period. 4. Participants who commence a degree at another university will not be eligible for the Scholarship upon their return from deferment. 5. Failure to enrol into a course following the completion of the approved Leave of Absence period. 6. Student behaviour that breaches the QUT Student Code of Conduct, where if proven would be regarded as student misconduct. The

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	<p>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).</p>
9. Grievances	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Participants should initially contact the QUT Scholarships team to see if they can resolve any issues before lodging a formal appeal. Contact the team at scholarships@qut.edu.au. 2. Participants may lodge a formal appeal arising from any scholarship matter through the Appeals Committee. 3. Any grievances related to the administration of scholarships are governed by E/9.2 Grievance resolution procedures for student related grievances, with QUT's Manual of Policy and Procedures.
10. Privacy	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. By applying for the Scholarship, you are providing permission for your details to be shared with the selection panel. QUT collects the personal information on the Scholarship application form to assess your scholarship/bursary application and for other university purposes upon enrolment. The collection is authorised under the QUT Student Rules. Information explaining how QUT manages Participants' personal information and our practices for disclosure can be found at www.governance.qut.edu.au/compliance/privacy/ 2. QUT is bound by the Information Privacy Act 2009 (Qld) ("IPA"), and the QUT privacy policy is available at https://www.qut.edu.au/additional/privacy and http://www.mopp.qut.edu.au/F/F_06_02.jsp 3. QUT will collect and use the participants' personal information for the purposes of administering and carrying out the Scholarship and may share information with nominated third parties who require the information for the management of the Scholarship. This information will not be used for promotion and marketing purposes.
11. Reserving the right to amend	<p>Without limiting any part of the Scholarship terms QUT may:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Amend or replace these terms and conditions, or any scholarship rules or procedures, at any time and for any reason. 2. Extend, suspend, or terminate the Scholarship/scholarship process at any time before it is awarded. 3. Accept applications after the due date. 4. At any time prior to award, disqualify any student from participating or exclude its offer from further consideration. 5. Commence a new process for calling applications on a similar or different basis to that outlined in these terms. 6. Use non QUT personnel in assessing applications.

Contact:

The QUT Rising Sport Scholarships are administered by Student Administration. For any scholarships related inquiries please contact scholarships@qut.edu.au.