2023 QUT Sport Scholarships

Terms and Conditions

Overview

QUT Sport provides scholarships to developing and elite athletes across a wide range of sports by offering Rising Sports Scholarship ($5,000) and Elite Sport Scholarship ($10,000) to commencing and continuing students. These merit-based scholarships recognise excellence in sporting pursuits and enable recipients continued success at university through membership into the Elite Athlete program and into the College of Excellence.

QUT Sport utilises Sport Australia’s FTEM framework to assist in identifying athletes and their level of development. We also work collaboratively with the Queensland Academy of Sport and Australian Institute of Sport as a member of the Elite Athlete Education Network (EAEN) and align our selection processes with industry athlete categorisation standards. We recognise the endeavours of new and emerging opportunities for students across sport and esport through the Rising Sports Scholarship.

1. Eligibility requirements

To be eligible for a QUT Rising Sports Scholarship, applicants must meet the following requirements:

1.1. be an Australian citizen
1.2. be a commencing or continuing QUT student
1.3. be representing either an Australian State or National Sporting Organisation in a sport recognised by Sport Australia, or Professional Player League in an Internationally recognised esports game discipline
1.4. submit a Sporting Curriculum Vitae providing an overview of sporting achievements over the past 24 months (including event placing and results). Esport applicants should include their League of Legends account name, rank and results from previous tournaments contested to verify their level of in-game competitiveness.
1.5. Esports applicants will be required to attend and complete a trial at QUT Esports Arena, Gardens Point Campus with the successful outcome of admittance to the QUT Esports Academy
1.6. Provide confirmation of performance level:

If Sports:

provide a letter from the relevant sporting body verifying your performance is equal to or above ONE of the following.

1.8.1 A level of performance development equal to a Talent 4 (T4) Athlete Categorisation utilising Sport Australia’s FTEM framework

**Note:** For more information regarding the FTEM Framework (athlete categorisation in sport), or the National Categorisation Framework, please visit the Sport Australia website or contact your relevant sporting body.

1.8.2 A minimum of a current ‘Emerging’ Athlete Categorisation with written verification from your National Sporting Organisation (NSO), State Institute/State Academy support network (SIS/SAS) or National Institute Network (NIN).
1.8.3 Written confirmation of representation at national or international level in an emerging or recognised sport that can be unfunded in the National Sporting Model

If Esports,

1.8.4 Achieve a minimum of Rank Gold League of Legends.

1.4 To be eligible for a QUT Elite Sport Scholarship, applicants must meet the following requirements,

1.5 be representing either an Australian State, National Sporting Organisation in a sport recognised within Olympic/Paralympic, Commonwealth Games

1.6 submit a Sporting Curriculum Vitae providing an overview of sporting achievements over the past 24 months (including event placing and results)

1.7 be an Australian citizen

1.8 provide confirmation of performance level by supplying a letter from the relevant sporting body verifying your performance is equal to or above ONE of the following;

1.8.1 A level of performance development equal to a Talent 4 (T4) Athlete Categorisation utilising Sport Australia’s FTEM framework

Note: For more information regarding the FTEM Framework (athlete categorisation in sport), or National Categorisation Framework, please visit the Sport Australia website or contact your relevant sporting body.

1.8.2 A minimum of a current ‘Emerging’ Athlete Categorisation with written verification from your National Sporting Organisation (NSO), State Institute/State Academy support network (SIS/SAS) or National Institute Network (NIN).

2 Value and payment of scholarships

There are two types of QUT Sport Scholarships available.

2.1 The QUT Elite Sport Scholarship valued at $10,000 is paid at $5,000 per year ($2,500 per semester) based on standard, full-time equivalent enrolment over the four semesters of the nominated course.

2.2 The QUT Rising Sports Scholarship valued at $5,000 is paid at $2,500 per year ($1,250 per semester) based on standard, full-time equivalent enrolment over the four semesters of the nominated course.

2.3 Students who are awarded the QUT Elite Sport Scholarship or the QUT Rising Sports Scholarship with less than 4 semesters of full-time study remaining in their course will not receive the full amount of the scholarship.

2.4 Students enrolled on a part-time basis will receive 50% of the standard semester payment amount.

2.5 Payments will be subject to Section 4 - Conditions of the scholarship being met.

2.6 Students will receive scholarship payment by electronic transfer to their nominated bank account after the census date each semester.

2.7 While every care is taken to ensure direct payments of scholarship funds are correct, scholarship recipients are required to monitor payments and notify QUT Scholarships by emailing scholarships@qut.edu.au if any over or under payments occur. Where discrepancies in payment occur, students may be required to return the funds to the university.
3 Term of scholarship
3.1 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 scholarship, based on a full-time enrolment).
3.2 Students who change to a part-time enrolment will extend the term of the scholarship and will continue to be entitled to their scholarship until the full value of their scholarship is exhausted, subject to the conditions contained in Section 4 - Conditions of scholarship below.

4 Conditions of scholarship
4.1 Students must accept their scholarship offer by the acceptance deadline. Scholarship offers cannot be deferred.
4.2 Esports applicants must attend and complete a trial at QUT Esports Arena, Gardens Point Campus with the successful outcome of admittance to the QUT Esports Academy.
4.3 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.
   4.3.1 Students whose course 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.
   4.3.2 If their course GPA remains below a 4.50 for the following semester, payment may be suspended until further notice.
   4.3.3 A third breach of the GPA condition may result in termination of the scholarship.
4.4 Students must remain admitted and enrolled in a QUT course to receive their scholarship payment.
4.5 Students must remain actively engaged in their sport or esport to receive their scholarship payment.
4.6 Students are permitted to change their course and continue to receive this scholarship unless otherwise specified in the scholarship offer letter.
4.7 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.
4.8 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.
4.9 Special circumstances will be taken into consideration to support individual variation to the conditions of scholarship, supporting documentary evidence may be requested. Student are encouraged to discuss their special circumstance with QUT Sport and/or Counselling services.
4.10 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.
4.11 Students on the QUT Sport Scholarships cannot concurrently receive another merit, cooperative, or industry scholarship, but are eligible to receive a Bursary, Prize, or Equity Scholarship.
4.12 Students receiving any of the QUT Sport Scholarships receive automatic entry into the Elite Athlete Program and College of Excellence.

5 Termination of scholarship
A scholarship may be terminated in the following circumstances,

5.1 Failure to comply with Section 4 - Conditions of scholarship
5.2 Withdrawal from your course. Students are advised to access Counselling services or discuss their circumstances with QUT Sport before withdrawing from their course.

5.3 Failure to enrol following the completion of the approved Leave of Absence period.

5.4 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)

6 Miscellaneous

6.1 Grievances

Student may lodge a formal appeal arising from any scholarship matter through the Appeals Committee

Any grievances related to the administration of scholarship is governed by E/9.2 Grievance resolution procedures for student related grievances, with QUT’s Manual of Policy and Procedures.

6.2 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.

6.3 Centrelink

Please also note that Centrelink may include this scholarship entitlement in any means testing in relation to applications made for commonwealth assistance. Please check the Centrelink site for information regarding exempt scholarships.

6.4 Scholarship contact

QUT Sport Scholarships are administered by Student Engagement. For any scholarship payment related inquiries please contact scholarships@qut.edu.au