



QUT Indigenous Australian Accommodation Scholarship

Terms and Conditions

Overview

The QUT Indigenous Australian Accommodation Scholarship (IAAS) is an accommodation-based scholarship offered to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander commencing students. This scholarship is provided to the student in the form of subsidised accommodation at [Student One Elizabeth Street](#) (university student accommodation) for the first academic year of study.

These terms and conditions apply to students commencing in Semester 1 2024. The scholarship requires an application form, an interview, evidence of relocation from rural, regional, or interstate, a resume, and letters of recommendation. The scholarship is offered from Semester 1 2024.

This scholarship has three different offerings available:

1. 1 x full scholarship for a Queen Apartment (i.e., one bedroom apartment for a single person)
2. 2 x full scholarships for Premium Apartments (i.e., one bedroom studio apartment for a single person)
3. 19 x partial scholarships for Shared Apartments (i.e., shared accommodation, a bedroom for a single person in a 4- or 5-bedroom apartment).

Students applying through the [Centralised Assessment and Selection Program](#) (CASP), who meet the eligibility criteria for the IAAS, will be considered for this scholarship.

Purpose

The purpose of IAAS is to provide a twelve-month transition support program to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students who are relocating from regional, remote, or interstate to QUT for their first year of study or fall into one of the priority areas below. The scholarship is for young adults (approximately 17–23-year-old students), providing subsidised accommodation at [Student One Elizabeth Street](#). The IAAS ensures participants have access to pastoral care, social, cultural, and life skills opportunities aimed at strengthening students' academic, cultural, and personal development while building connections within the QUT community.

This scholarship will prioritise:

- Remote, Regional, or Interstate students as per the [Modified Monash Model](#)
- Out-of-home care (OOHC) students (e.g., SILS, Foster care, Kinship care)
- At-risk students (i.e., where the act of remaining at current residence is not conducive to learning).

1 Eligibility requirements

To be eligible for the IAAS, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- 1.1 Confirm their Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent through the provision of documentary evidence demonstrating that they meet all of the following criteria:
 - 1.1.1 They are of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent
 - 1.1.2 They identify as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
 - 1.1.3 They are accepted as such by the community in which they live or have lived. Documentary evidence is set out in QUT's [Manual of Policies and Procedures \(MOPP\)](#), [E/3.4 Confirmation of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent](#).
- 1.2 Must be starting a university undergraduate degree for the first time at QUT.
- 1.3 Must nominate a QUT undergraduate degree as preference 1-3 in the QTAC application process.
- 1.4 Academic merit will be considered as part of your application, this includes studies such as senior schooling (e.g., ATAR subjects), TAFE studies (Certificate IV and above).
- 1.5 Must be an Australian citizen.

2 Application and selection criteria

- 2.1 The IAAS requires an application form. Due to the specific nature of the scholarship, you must provide:
 - 2.1.1 A completed scholarship application with written responses addressing all questions.

- 2.1.2 Confirmation of Aboriginality and/or Torres Strait Islander Descent (CATSID).
- 2.1.3 Evidence of relocation from a remote, regional, or interstate area to undertake QUT study. Applicants must provide one of the following:
 - 2.1.3.1 A letter from the following: your school, university, workplace, health care professional (e.g., doctor, dentist, community service etc.), pharmacist, Centrelink, Medicare, vehicle registration, Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander organisation or Elders group, utility bills, boarding school documentation, bank statement, PAYG or Notice of Assessment from ATO, rental agreement, which details the following:
 - 2.1.3.1.1 Your name/your parents/carers name
 - 2.1.3.1.2 Your residential address during the period of enrolment, employment, or engagement in that service
 - 2.1.3.1.3 You may provide several letters from different organisations to verify your claim if required (e.g., If you lived in different towns or suburbs, or changed providers)
 - 2.1.3.1.4 The letter must be dated, signed and on the letterhead of the organisation providing the letter.
- 2.1.4 Scholarship recommendation letter from education provider if currently completing schooling, or a letter from employer. Education recommendation letter should be from a teacher or principal that speaks to the students' academic preparedness for university study, it should also speak to their character and maturity in being ready for this next big step. Employer's recommendation letter should speak to the applicant's character and maturity in being ready for this next step.
- 2.1.5 Community recommendation letter. The letter should be from a member of the community that holds a position in community, including Elders. This letter should highlight the student's engagements and development of their character including their strengths and supports the student's application to the scholarship and relocation to pursue university study. These recommendation letters must include contact details (email and phone number).
- 2.1.6 Work experience history to date, volunteering, community engagement, schooling or other studies, achievements, or notable accomplishments.
- 2.1.7 Academic transcript/report cards for previous studies e.g., report cards from year 11 and year 12 and/or academic transcripts and completion certificate from your highest TAFE or other studies.
- 2.2 You may be invited to attend/ participate in an interview at QUT:
 - 2.2.1 Interview is conducted by the Oodgeroo Unit including the IAAS Coordinator.
 - 2.2.2 The interview panel will ask questions in relation to any highlights of scholarship recipient's resume, recommendation letters, and application response questions.
 - 2.2.3 Interviews will be conducted with the interview panel and the applicant. No additional people will be admitted into the interview unless there are special circumstances.
 - 2.2.4 The interview allows the panel to judge the suitability of the candidate for this prestigious scholarship.

3 Value and payment of scholarship

- 3.1 **Queen Apartment full scholarship:** the current rental market value of this accommodation package is \$31,100.
- 3.2 **Premium Apartment full scholarship:** the current rental market value of this accommodation package is \$30,100.
- 3.3 **Shared Apartment partial scholarship:** the rental market value of this accommodation package is \$20,700. The amount awarded to scholarship recipients is \$18,500. Scholarship recipients on a partial scholarship are required to contribute \$130 per week toward their accommodation, paid fortnightly over the course of the 2nd Semester. The weekly contribution for this scholarship may still apply if a scholarship recipient leaves early.
- 3.4 These scholarships are accommodation packages and are not redeemable for cash.
- 3.5 The scholarships will be subject to the Conditions below. If the scholarship recipient does not meet these Conditions the scholarship may be terminated.

3.6 Scholarship recipients will receive scholarship payment in the form of subsidised accommodation.

3.7 **Tax implications**

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.

3.8 **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 for one year (i.e., Semester 1, 2024 plus Semester 2, 2024). This may include extensions of stay for internships, summer semester or deferred assessments, as negotiated with the IAAS Coordinator.

4.2 Scholarship recipients must remain admitted and enrolled in a QUT course, enrolled in a minimum of three units (delivered face to face) each semester, to receive their scholarship as per Conditions.

5 **Conditions of scholarship**

5.1 Scholarship recipients must achieve a minimum course (cumulative) Grade Point Average (GPA) of 4.00 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 the Oodgeroo Unit (scholarships.oodgeroo@qut.edu.au) or Counselling services.

5.3 **Progression**

5.3.1 Scholarship recipients whose course (cumulative) GPA drops below 4.00 at the end of their first semester/teaching period in their first year, must participate in an academic progression plan outlined by the IAAS Coordinator, to receive their scholarship for the currently enrolled semester/teaching period.

5.3.2 If their cumulative GPA remains below a 4.00 for the following semester/teaching period, the scholarship recipient will be ineligible to apply for the 'Second Year IAAS' offering.

5.4 Scholarship recipients must remain admitted and enrolled in their QUT course, in at least three units (delivered face to face) to receive their scholarship.

5.5 Scholarship recipients must register and participate in the Oodgeroo Tutoring Program.

5.6 Scholarship recipients must complete the IAAS Scholarship Agreement.

5.7 Scholarship recipients must adhere to the Student One Residence Rules, the QUT Student Code of Conduct, and the IAAS Behaviour and Conduct Agreement.

5.8 Scholarship recipients are permitted to change their course and continue to receive this scholarship unless otherwise specified in the scholarship offer letter.

5.9 Due to the nature of the scholarship, recipients are not permitted to take a Leave of Absence from their studies and scholarship unless there are extenuating circumstances, and the Leave of Absence has been negotiated with the IAAS Coordinator.

5.10 Due to the nature of the scholarship, recipients are not able to defer their scholarship. Scholarship recipients will need to re-apply when they wish to commence studies at QUT.

5.11 Scholarship recipients must attend all lectures and tutorials.

5.12 Scholarship recipients studying the Undergraduate Certificate in Nursing need to articulate to the bachelor's degree immediately on completion of the Undergraduate Certificate.

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 the Oodgeroo Unit (scholarships.oodgeroo@qut.edu.au) 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 contained within [QUT MOPP, E/2.1 Code of conduct – student](#).
- 6.4 Student behaviour that breaches the IAAS Behaviour and Conduct Agreement.
- 6.5 Student behaviour that breaches the Student One Residence Rules.

7 Grievances

- 7.1 Scholarship recipients should initially follow to the Grievance process as per the IAAS student handbook. Please see contact information in the handbook.
- 7.2 Scholarship recipients 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 Indigenous Australian Accommodation Scholarships are administered by the Oodgeroo Unit. For any scholarships related inquiries please contact the IAAS Coordinator at accom.oodgeroo@qut.edu.au.