



2018 Vice-Chancellor's Elite Athlete \$10,000 Scholarship

STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS

OFFERING OVERVIEW

- 12 scholarships available valued at \$10,000 each
- Applications close 11.59pm, 16 November 2018. Late applications are not accepted under any circumstances.

ELIBILITY

1. ACADEMIC

Applicants must be a continuing QUT student.

2. CITIZENSHIP

Applicants must be an Australian citizen. International students applying based on representing their home country will not be considered for this award.

3. SPORT

Applicants must meet one of the sporting achievements listed below. Applicants are required to nominate the highest level of competition and achievement attained that can be evidenced by official selection advice and/or results by the relevant governing authority.

Tier 1 – International medallist

To qualify for this tier you must be able to demonstrate one of the following:

- Olympic event medallist
- Olympic event
- Commonwealth event medallist
- Commonwealth event

Tier 2 – Senior national team

To qualify for this tier you must be able to demonstrate one of the following:

- be a finalist in an individual sport at an international event
- finish in the top 6 in a team sport at an international event
- have been selected onto a national senior team/squad
- Competed at senior international event.

Tier 3 – Junior national team

To qualify for this tier you must be able to demonstrate one of the following:

- be a finalist in an individual sport at an international event
- finish in the top 6 in a team sport at an international event
- have been selected onto a national junior team/squad
- Competed at a junior international event.

Tier 4 – National titles or national league

To qualify for this tier you must be able to demonstrate that

- You are a current member of a team or individual competing in a national competition.

An applicant does not qualify as a QUT elite athlete if competing in a competition that requires training a couple of sessions per week and giving up part of the weekend to compete.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

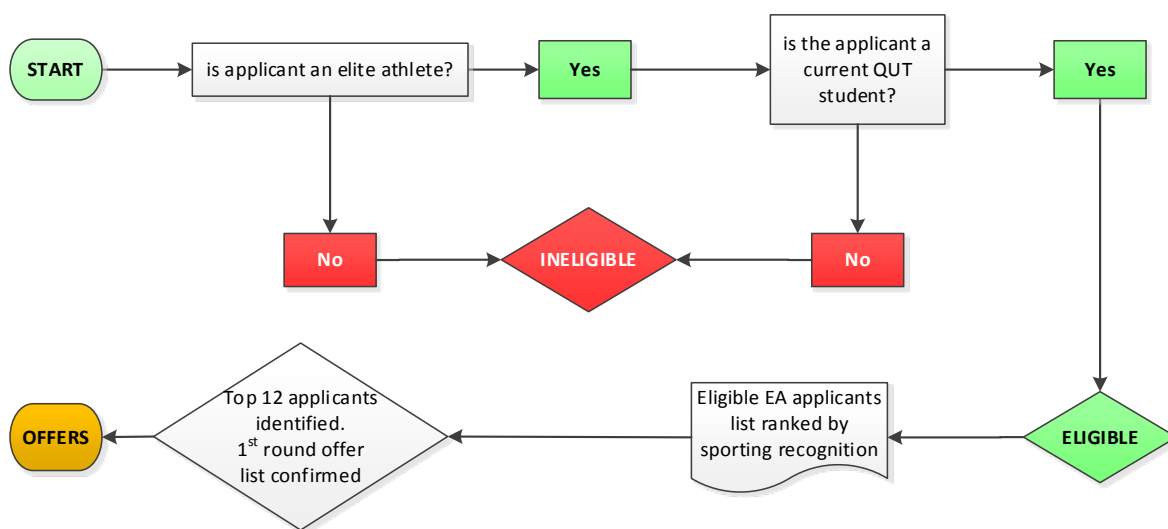
4. Applicants must submit via the online application a sporting CV detailing in reverse chronological order (2018 & 2017) sporting representation and highest achievement attained within the last three years aligning with the tier structure selected in the online application. Applicants who fail to provide a sporting CV by the application close date will have their application deemed as 'incomplete' and removed from consideration in the scholarship assessment process.
5. Applicants must attach to their sporting CV selection advice from the governing sporting body or authority that clearly demonstrates selection that corresponds with the level of sporting recognition self-selected in tier structure above.

SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION

- 6. A QUT Elite Athlete Selection Committee is convened to determine the final list of elite athletes to be offered this scholarship as governed by the aforementioned sporting tiers. The committee will consist of the Sports Coordinator, Elite Athlete Program Manager, Elite Athlete Program Coordinator and QUT Scholarships Coordinator.
- 7. In the event that the final list of qualified applicants extends beyond the stated quota of twelve scholarships available, the QUT Athlete Committee Selection Panel Chair reserves the right to apply a final rank order with a view to producing a final scholarship offer list. To reach a decision on elite athlete status, the Chair will employ an assessment of governing factors including sporting attainment and validation, depth of sporting activity, depth of sporting representation and any intended participation in competitions and meets in the foreseeable future.

ASSESSMENT, RANKING AND OFFERS

- 8. ASSESSMENT - Applicants receive an elite athlete score based on the information provided substantiating the level of their sporting elite level attained at the time of application. This scoring aligns with advice provided by Australian University Sport.
- 9. RANKING - Eligible applicants are ranked by elite athlete score to determine preliminary scholarship offer list. The final offer list is determined by athletes who are currently active as demonstrated by their most recent representative duties.



OFFERS	KEY DATES	ACTION
Round 1 Offers	14 Dec 2018	Phone call from QUT followed by email scholarship offer
Round 1 Acceptances due	2 Jan 2019	Student accepts scholarship offer via online acceptance form
Round 2 Offers (if required)	4 Jan 2019	Phone call from QUT followed by email scholarship offer
Round 2 Acceptances due	11 Jan 2019	Students accepts scholarship offer via online acceptance form
Elite Athlete Scholars Confirmed	18 Jan 2019	

SCHOLARSHIP PAYMENT

- 10. This scholarship is valued at **\$10,000** and is paid in \$2,500 instalments per semester for four semesters or until graduation; whichever occurs first.
- 11. Payments are made after the HECS census date governing the semester payment is due.
- 12. Holders of this scholarship must be enrolled as a QUT student to be eligible for payment.
- 13. In the event of graduation occurring before the scholarship is fully expended, the balance will be relinquished back to QUT.
- 14. While every care is taken to ensure direct payments of scholarship funds are correct, scholarships recipients are required to monitor payments and notify QUT if any over or under payments occur. If under payments occur, the balance will be paid to the student immediately. If over payments occur the scholarship recipient is required to advise QUT immediately and repay the overpaid amount.

RETAINING THE SCHOLARSHIP

15. All holders of this scholarship must maintain a course grade point average (GPA) of 4.50 or greater in any given semester to maintain the scholarship for the next study period. Failure to maintain this condition may result in the scholarship being terminated.
16. After first semester, students are able to take approved Leave of Absence for up to 12 months (in accordance with QUT Student Rules) and still retain the scholarship. Scholarship payments will not be made to the scholar while on an approved Leave of Absence.

OTHER INFORMATION

17. This scholarship cannot be deferred.
18. A QUT student is normally only permitted to hold more than one QUT merit scholarship at any one time however students may be eligible to hold a Vice-Chancellor's Scholarship and an Equity Scholarship concurrently.
19. This scholarship is bound by a Scholarship Concurrency Policy that determines whether certain scholarship combinations can be held concurrently at any one time by a student. For the purpose of this policy, the Vice-Chancellor's Elite Athlete Scholarship is classed as a **merit** scholarship.

QUT SCHOLARSHIPS CONCURRENCY TABLE

Locate Scholarship Type A on the X axis and Scholarship Type B on the Y axis then slide down and across simultaneously until you reach the concurrency decision for that scholarship combination. The scholarship type can be located on the respective terms and conditions.

Scholarship Type A									
Scholarship B		Equity	Merit	Non-Academic	Co-operative	Industry	Bursary	Prize	
	Equity	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Merit	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Non-Academic	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Co-operative	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Industry	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	n/a	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Bursary	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Prize	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

20. This scholarship is viewed by the ATO as not taxable income. Note however that Centrelink may include this scholarship entitlement in any means testing as a result of an application for commonwealth assistance. Refer to Centrelink for a ruling on this issue when applying for commonwealth assistance.

NOTE: Merit-based scholarships up to the value of \$7,710 are now exempt from being treated as assessable income by Centrelink. Scholarship amounts in excess of this value will continue to be subject to means testing. More information about exempt income for Centrelink can be found here <http://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/enablers/income/#a5>

GRIEVANCES

21. Any grievances arising from the administration of this scholarship is governed by [E/9.2 Grievance resolution procedures for student related grievances](#) found in QUT's [Manual of Policy and Procedures](#).
22. Any entitlement grievances of this scholarship are governed by [E/1.2 Appeals Committee](#) found in QUT's [Manual of Policy and Procedures](#).