

QUT Asylum Seeker Tuition Fee Scholarship

Terms and Conditions

Overview

The QUT **Asylum Seeker Tuition Fee Scholarship** is a full Tuition Fee Waiver for the duration of undergraduate degree, offered to a commencing international student holding one of the specified visa classes. Successful students will also receive a guaranteed minimum QUT Equity Scholarship of \$2100 for Semester 1/2024 and an Equity Computer on commencement at QUT.

These terms and conditions apply to Scholarship recipients commencing the scholarship in Semester 2, 2024. The scholarship requires an application to be completed and is offered for Semester 2, 2024.

Purpose

The purpose of the QUT Asylum Seeker Tuition Fee Scholarship is to support students who are holders of a Bridging Visa E, Temporary Protection Visa, or Safe Haven Enterprise Visa, experiencing significant financial barriers and receive an offer to study an undergraduate degree full-time or part-time at QUT in Semester 2, 2024.

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<p>1. Eligibility Requirements</p>	<p>To be eligible for the Asylum Seeker Tuition Fee Scholarships applicants must meet all these requirements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Must be starting a university undergraduate degree for the first time. 2. Must fall into one of the categories below: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Holder of a Bridging Visa E (subclass 050) b. Holder of a Temporary Protection Visa (subclass 785) c. Holder of Safe Haven Enterprise Visa (subclass 790) 3. Must apply to study a QUT undergraduate degree at QUT and be successful in entering their chosen course. 4. All QUT scholarships and bursaries are governed by concurrency conditions, detailed within the governing terms and conditions related to the applicable scholarship or bursary.
<p>2. Application and selection criteria</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The QUT Asylum Seeker Tuition Fee Scholarship requires an application form. Due to the specific nature of the scholarship, you must provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Evidence of your visa status b. Evidence of your individual and family's financial situation as requested in the application form

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. Financial impact statement as part of your application form <p>2. Applications must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Be submitted by the Closing Date b. Include any and all supporting documentation in the correct form c. Written in the English language <p>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>
<p>3. Value and payment of scholarship</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This Scholarship is paid as a Tuition Fee Waiver and is applied directly to your tuition fees. The value is for the duration of the undergraduate degree, either studying full time or part time. 2. The Scholarship recipient will receive a guaranteed Equity Scholarship to the value of \$2100 for Semester 2, 2024. Payments are disbursed after the census date of the enrolled semester/teaching period. 3. Payment will be subject to the Conditions below. If the scholarship recipient does not meet these Conditions payment may be suspended. 4. Scholarship recipients 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. 5. While every care is taken to ensure direct payment of scholarship funds are correct, scholarship recipients are required to monitor payments and notify equity.scholarships@qut.edu.au of any over or under payments. 6. Overpayments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. If an overpayment occurs at any time and for any reason QUT may issue the Scholarship recipient 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. 7. Tax implications: QUT does not withhold PAYG tax from coursework scholarships 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. 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

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	information regarding exempt scholarships.
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. 2. Scholarship recipients are permitted to change to part-time enrolment if required under their visa conditions. This may extend the terms of the scholarship. 3. Scholarship recipients must remain admitted and enrolled in a course to receive their scholarship payment as per Conditions. 4. For scholarship recipients 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. Scholarship recipients should achieve a minimum course (cumulative) Grade Point Average (GPA) of 4.0 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. Scholarship recipients are encouraged to discuss their special circumstance with equity.scholarships@qut.edu.au or Counselling services. 3. Progression: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Scholarship recipients whose course (cumulative) GPA drops below 4.00 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. b. If their course (cumulative) GPA remains below 4.00 for the following semester/teaching period, payment may be suspended until further notice. c. A third breach of the GPA condition may result in termination of the scholarship. 4. Scholarship recipients must remain admitted and enrolled in a course to receive their scholarship payment. 5. Scholarship recipients are permitted to change their course and continue to receive this scholarship unless otherwise specified in the scholarship offer letter. 6. Deferral of the scholarship offer is not permitted. 7. Scholarship recipients 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. 8. Scholarship recipients on the QUT Asylum Seeker Tuition Fee Scholarship are eligible to receive another merit, cooperative, or industry scholarship, in conjunction with the Asylum Seeker Tuition fee scholarship 9. Unsuccessful applicants: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. QUT's decision in the awarding of a scholarship will be final b. QUT is not liable for any: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. indirect or consequential loss; and

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	<p>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.</p> <p>10. The applicant/recipient accepts the scholarship by doing the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Accept the scholarship offer and agree to the declaration and terms and conditions in the online scholarship offer acceptance form by the date specified b. Provide QUT with bank details <p>11. If the applicant/recipient does not accept the scholarship by the date specified in the offer letter, the applicant/recipient will forfeit the scholarship and QUT reserves the right to allocate the scholarship to someone else.</p> <p>12. The recipient agrees to meet regularly with a QUT Support and Wellbeing advisors around personal and academic progress as required.</p>
6. Under 18	1. If the Scholarship Applicant/ Recipient is under the age of 18 years, the recipient will be deemed to have obtained the permission of the recipient's parent or legal guardian to participate in the scholarship application process and the scholarship award and to be bound by these terms.
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 scholarship recipient must provide proof of identity, if required by QUT. 4. Each Scholarship recipient 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 applicant/recipient is responsible for notifying QUT of any change to the applicant's/recipients 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.

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9. Grievances	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recipients should initially contact Student Administration (scholarships@qut.edu.au) to undertake informal grievance resolution prior to lodging a formal appeal. 2. If unsatisfied with the decision provided through informal grievance resolution procedures, the Recipient may lodge a formal appeal arising from any matter through the Appeals Committee. 3. Any grievances related to the administration of scholarships, bursaries, or prizes are governed by the Grievance Resolution Procedures for Student Related Grievances, as contained within the University's MOPP.
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 Scholarship recipients' 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.

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="469 248 1426 315">4. At any time prior to award, disqualify any student from participating or exclude its Offer from further consideration.<li data-bbox="469 322 1362 389">5. Commence a new process for calling applications on a similar or different basis to that outlined in these terms.<li data-bbox="469 396 1177 430">6. Use non QUT personnel in assessing applications.<li data-bbox="469 436 1294 470">7. Amend the terms of the Scholarship at any time in any way.

Contact:

QUT Asylum Seeker Tuition Fee Scholarships are administered by QUT Scholarships, Student Administration, Student Services & Wellbeing, Division of Administrative Services. For any scholarship related inquiries please contact scholarships@qut.edu.au.