QUT Jane Pitman Interior Architecture Scholarship

Terms and Conditions

Overview

The QUT Jane Pitman Interior Architecture scholarship is an industry scholarship valued at \$20,000, offered to continuing students. This is provided to the student directly in the form of funds transfer to their nominated back account.

These terms and conditions apply to students commencing in 2024. The scholarship requires an application and is offered from Semester 1, 2024.

Purpose

The purpose of the QUT Jane Pitman Interior Architecture scholarship is to support second year interior design students with their studies.

1 Eligibility requirements

To be eligible for the QUT Jane Pitman Interior Architecture, applicants must meet all the following requirements:

- 1.1 Must have a GPA (Grade Point Average) 5.5 or higher.
- 1.2 Must be entering second year of Bachelor of Design (Interior Architecture) or Bachelor of Built Environment (Honours) Interior Design.
- 1.3 Must be an Australian or New Zealand citizen OR a permanent resident OR hold a permanent humanitarian visa.
- 1.4 All QUT scholarships and bursaries are governed by concurrency conditions, detailed within the governing terms and conditions related to the applicable scholarship or bursary.

2 Application and selection criteria

- 2.1 The QUT Jane Pitman Interior Architecture scholarship requires an application form. Due to the specific nature of the scholarship, you must provide:
 - 2.1.1 a copy of your CV
 - 2.1.2 portfolio and statement of achievements in the interior architecture discipline

proposal outlining how you will use the scholarship to enhance your interior architecture skills and enable your transition into professional practice. Provide a statement of how you meet the selection criteria, which could include:

- academic merit
- ability to contribute and excel in the field of interior design and become commercially desirable
- commitment and passion to improving the future of interior design
- creativity
- innate style
- project delivery
- commercial awareness

• personal qualities i.e. relationship and listening skills, collaboration, integrity, energetic, hands on approach.

3 Value and payment of scholarship

- 3.1 Scholarships valued up to \$20,000 are paid at \$10,000 per year for a full-time enrolment load for a maximum of two years. Payments are made on a semesterly basis (\$5,000 per semester) and are disbursed the week after the census date of the enrolled semester/ teaching period.
- 3.2 Students 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.
- 3.3 Payment will be subject to the Conditions below. If students do not meet these Conditions (5) payment may be suspended.
- 3.4 Students will receive scholarship payment by electronic transfer to their nominated bank account the week after census date each semester.
- 3.5 Students enrolled in Exchange, Cross Institutional and BULA semester/ teaching periods will have different census dates. Payments will be made one week after the census date of the semester/ teaching periods.
- 3.6 While every care is taken to ensure direct payment of scholarship funds are correct, scholarship recipients are required to monitor payments and notify Faculty of Engineering scholarships@qut.edu.au of any over or under payments.
 - 3.6.1 Where discrepancies in payment occur, students may be required to return the funds to the University.

3.7 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 <u>scholarship</u> <u>decision tool</u>. Additional tax information can be obtained via <u>www.ato.gov.au/individuals</u>.

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 two years for the \$20,000 award, based on a full-time enrolment.
- 4.2 Students are not permitted to change to part-time enrolment and must remain enrolled as a full-time student at QUT for the duration of the studies to retain their scholarship.
- 4.3 Students must remain admitted and enrolled in a course to receive their scholarship payment as per Conditions.

4.3.1 Students 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

- 5.1 Students must achieve a minimum course (cumulative) Grade Point Average (GPA) of 5.5 in any given semester to maintain the scholarship for the next study 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. Students are encouraged to discuss their special circumstance with QUT Scholarships or Counselling services.

5.3 **Progression**

- 5.3.1 Students whose course (cumulative) GPA drops below 5.5 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.
- 5.3.2 If their course (cumulative) GPA remains below 5.5 for the following semester, payment may be suspended until further notice.
- 5.3.3 A third breach of the GPA condition may result in termination of the scholarship.
- 5.4 Students must remain admitted and enrolled in a course to receive their scholarship payment.
- 5.5 Scholarship payments are suspended whilst a student is on an approved <u>Leave of Absence</u>. After completing their first semester, students can apply for a Leave of Absence from their course without impacting their scholarship.
- 5.6 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 for the withdrawn units.
- 5.7 Students on the QUT Jane Pitman Interior Architecture scholarship cannot concurrently receive another merit, cooperative, or industry scholarship, but are eligible to receive a bursary, prize, or equity scholarship, while being an industry scholarship recipient.

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. Students are advised to contact QUT Scholarships scholarships@qut.edu.au or Counselling services before withdrawing from their course.
- 6.3 Failure to enrol into a course following the completion of the approved Leave of Absence period.
- 6.4 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).

7 Grievances

- 7.1 Students should initially contact the QUT Scholarship office to discuss their grievance to see if this can be resolved prior to lodging a formal appeal.
- 7.2 Student may lodge a formal appeal arising from any scholarship matter through the <u>Appeals</u> <u>Committee</u>.
- 7.3 Any grievances related to the administration of scholarships is governed by <u>E/9.2 Grievance</u> resolution procedures for student related grievances, with QUT's Manual of Policy and Procedures.

8 Scholarship contact

QUT Jane Pitman Interior Architecture scholarship is administered by QUT Scholarships. For any scholarships related inquiries please contact scholarships@qut.edu.au.