



QUT CS Energy Indigenous Scholarship

Terms and Conditions

Overview

The QUT CS Energy Indigenous Scholarship is an industry scholarship valued at \$5,000 amount, offered to commencing or continuing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. This is provided to the recipient directly in the form funds transfer to their nominated bank 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 QUT CS Energy Indigenous Scholarship is a joint initiative between the Oodgeroo Unit, Queensland University of Technology (QUT) and CS Energy. CS Energy is providing university scholarships to assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to attend and complete university.

1 Eligibility requirements

To be eligible for the QUT CS Energy Indigenous Scholarship, applicants must meet all the following requirements:

- 1.1 Must be of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent
- 1.2 Must be enrolled at QUT by the course census date, either part-time or full-time, and either externally or on-campus
- 1.3 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 CS Energy Indigenous Scholarship requires an application form. Due to the specific nature of the scholarship, you must provide:
 - 2.1.1 Your completed 2024 CS Energy Indigenous Scholarship application form; and provide a Confirmation of Aboriginality and/or Torres Strait Islander heritage status (if not already provided to the Oodgeroo Unit, QUT)
 - 2.1.2 A written submission of 500 words or less answering the following questions in their own words:
 - 2.1.2.1 How have you demonstrated your academic potential in the past and your potential now within the university context? How will this scholarship further support your academic goals? (40% weighting)
 - 2.1.2.2 Please describe your personal attributes e.g., community involvement, career aspiration, interests and what drives you. (40% weighting)
 - 2.1.2.3 What specific personal circumstances and equity needs would you like the panel to consider that may impact on achieving success within you chosen course? How will the scholarship assist in overcoming these? (20% weighting).
 - 2.1.3 Academic transcripts (from high school, TAFE and/or current/previous study)
 - 2.1.4 Academic transcript if a continuing QUT student (please attach a copy of your academic record from QUT Virtual)
 - 2.1.5 Certified copy of documentation supporting Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander heritage (if not already provided to the Oodgeroo Unit, QUT)
 - 2.1.6 A current resume/curriculum vitae.

Value and payment of scholarship

- 3.1 Scholarships valued up to \$5,000 are paid at \$5,000 per year for a full-time enrolment load for a maximum of one year. Payments are made on a half-yearly basis (\$2,500 amount per

- semester/teaching period) and are disbursed the week after the census date of the enrolled semester/teaching period.
- 3.2 Scholarship recipients 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 scholarship recipient.
 - 3.3 Scholarship recipients enrolled on a part-time (24 credit points or less) basis will receive 50% of the standard payment.
 - 3.4 Payment will be subject to the Conditions below. If the scholarship recipient does not meet these Conditions payment may be suspended.
 - 3.5 Scholarship recipients will receive scholarship payment by electronic transfer to their nominated bank account the week after census date each semester/teaching period.
 - 3.6 Scholarship recipients 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 these semester/teaching periods.
 - 3.7 While every care is taken to ensure direct payment of scholarship funds are correct, scholarship recipients are required to monitor payments and notify the Oodgeroo Unit (scholarships.odgeroo@qut.edu.au) of any over or under payments.
 - 3.7.1 Where discrepancies in payment occur, scholarship recipients may be required to return the funds to the University.
 - 3.8 **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.
 - 3.9 **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 determined by the scholarship recipient's full-time enrolment load, either full-time or part-time (e.g., one year for the \$5,000 award, based on a full-time enrolment).
 - 4.2 Scholarship recipients are permitted change to part-time enrolment if required. This may extend the terms of the scholarship.
 - 4.3 Scholarship recipients must remain admitted and enrolled in a course to receive their scholarship payment as per Conditions.
 - 4.3.1 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 scholarship recipient.
- 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.odgeroo@qut.edu.au) or Counselling services.
 - 5.3 **Progression**
 - 5.3.1 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.
 - 5.3.2 If their course (cumulative) GPA remains below 4.00 for the following semester/teaching period, 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 Scholarship recipients must submit results and confirmation of continued enrolment property at the end of each semester/teaching period to the Oodgeroo Unit (scholarships.odgeroo@qut.edu.au).

- 5.5 Scholarship recipients must remain admitted and enrolled in a course to receive their scholarship payment.
- 5.6 Scholarship recipients must maintain active communication with the Oodgeroo Unit and participate in information sharing with other scholarship recipients.
- 5.7 Scholarship recipients must attend the official scholarship presentation ceremony.
- 5.8 Scholarship recipients must consent to photographs being taken for the purposes of promotional activities including media and webpage(s), by the Oodgeroo Unit, QUT, and CS Energy.
- 5.9 Scholarship recipients are permitted to change their course and continue to receive this scholarship unless otherwise specified in the scholarship offer letter.
- 5.10 Scholarship payments are suspended whilst a scholarship recipient is on an approved Leave of Absence. After completing their first semester/teaching period, scholarship recipients can apply for up to two years Leave of Absence from their course without impacting their scholarship.
- 5.11 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.
- 5.12 Scholarship recipients on the QUT CS Energy Indigenous 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. Scholarship recipients are advised to contact the Oodgeroo Unit (scholarships.oodgeroo@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 deferral period. Deferment of the scholarship *offer* is only available to commencing students.
- 6.4 Scholarship recipients who commence a degree at another university will not be eligible for the scholarship upon their return from deferment.
- 6.5 Failure to enrol into a course following the completion of the approved Leave of Absence period.
- 6.6 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 Scholarship recipients should initially contact the QUT Scholarships office to discuss their grievance to see if this can be resolved prior to lodging a formal appeal.
- 7.2 Scholarship recipient 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 CS Energy Indigenous Scholarships are administered by the Oodgeroo Unit. For any scholarships related inquiries please contact scholarships.oodgeroo@qut.edu.au.