



The Jack and Merleen Sheedy Scholarship

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Closing date: 4/2/2024

Late applications will **not** be accepted.

Scholarship Offerings	Available	Value	Type
The Jack and Merleen Sheedy Scholarship	Amount per semester	\$2,500.00	Scholarship

APPLICATION

Submit an application providing:

- evidence of previous academic performance.
- your career and family background to date.
- reasons for wanting to become an early childhood educator and any barriers, current or potential, in transitioning to study.
- any community or military service.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Recipients must be.
 - Commencing either a Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood) or Master of Teaching (Early Childhood) course
 - Commencing either course for the first time
 - Qualify as a domestic student.
 - Aged over 25 at the time of application.
 - Not sponsored by an external organisation to undertake the course.

Recipients may also be one of the following:

- Served in the armed forces or demonstrated community service.

SCHOLARSHIP OFFERS AND ACCEPTANCES

2. Recipients must accept and enroll in one of the above QUT courses to receive this scholarship.
3. This Scholarship cannot be deferred.

RETAINING THE SCHOLARSHIP

4. Recipients are expected to enrol full-time for the duration of their studies to retain this scholarship. Should a student change to part-time enrolment, the scholarship payments will be pro rata.
5. Recipients must maintain a minimum course grade point average (GPA) of 4.50 or greater in any given semester to maintain the Scholarship for the next study period. Students who fail to maintain this condition will be placed on Scholarship probation in the following semester.
6. Recipients wishing to take a break from study must apply for, and be granted, a Leave of Absence. After completing the first semester, students can take up to two years of approved leave from their course. Scholarship payments are suspended whilst students are on an approved Leave of Absence.
7. In the event of special circumstances occurring while in the receipt of this scholarship, students must contact the Scholarships Coordinator to discuss their situation (ci.scholarships@qut.edu.au). Special circumstances will be taken into consideration to support individual variation to the Scholarship retention requirements (supporting documentary evidence may be requested).

8. Recipients must participate in the annual award presentation and meet with the Sheedy family representative, if requested.
9. Recipients must provide a testimonial (statement and image) to support promotion of the Scholarship and the study of Early Childhood Education.

SCHOLARSHIP PAYMENT

10. For Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood), the total scholarship amount will be \$20,000.00 based on full-time enrolment load.
11. For Master of Teaching (Early Childhood), the total scholarship amount will be \$10,000.00 based on full-time enrolment load.
12. Scholarship payments of \$2,500.00 will be made per semester for a full-time enrolment load for the duration of the recipient's course and are distributed the week after census date of the enrolled teaching period.
13. Should the recipient undertake part-time study, funds will be distributed on a pro rata basis.
14. While every care is taken to ensure direct payments of scholarship funds are correct, recipients are required to monitor payments and notify the Faculty of any over or under payment.

OTHER INFORMATION

15. This Scholarship is bound by the Scholarship Concurrency Policy that determines whether certain Scholarship combinations can be held concurrently by a student. **This is an Industry scholarship.** Refer to the table below.

To determine if you can hold more than one scholarship, 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 combination. The type can be confirmed in the respective terms and conditions of the Scholarship in question.

Scholarship A classification									
Scholarship B classification		Equity	Merit	Non-Academic	Co-operative	Industry	Bursary	Prize	
	Equity	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Merit	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	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	No	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

16. 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.
17. 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.

GRIEVANCES

18. 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](#).
19. Any entitlement grievances related to this Scholarship are governed by [E/1.2 Appeals Committee](#) found in QUT's [Manual of Policy and Procedures](#).