



# 2025 Adrian Scott Rural Journalism Scholarship

## Terms and Conditions

### Overview

The Adrian Scott Trust has established a scholarship to support a student from a regional, rural or remote location to undertake study in a Bachelor of Communication at QUT in order to contribute to the knowledge and wellbeing of rural and regional communities in Australia through journalism and related forms of communication.

The scholarship will be administered by the Faculty of Creative Industries, Education and Social Justice.

### 1. Eligibility requirements

To be eligible for the Adrian Scott Rural Journalism Scholarship, applicants must meet all the following criteria:

- 1.1. Enrolled in Bachelor of Communication (including any double degrees)
- 1.2. Be relocating from a regional, rural or remote area (as per ASGS Remoteness Area Classification)
- 1.3. Must be enrolled on a full time basis and commencing Semester 1, 2025
- 1.4. Be undertaking on campus study
- 1.5. A permanent resident of Australia; an Australian citizen or a permanent humanitarian visa holder
- 1.6. Demonstrate social or financial disadvantage

### 2. Selection Process

The selection process for applicants is outlined below:

- 2.1. Applications will be promoted through the QUT Scholarships webpage.
- 2.2. Applications close 1 March 2025.
- 2.3. Applications are shortlisted by Selection Panel.
- 2.4. Selection Panel convened to assess applications and eligibility of applicants.
- 2.5. Preference may be provided to applicants who are demonstrate social or financial disadvantage.
- 2.6. Successful recipient of the Adrian Scott Scholarship will be advised by 28 March 2025.

### 3. Value and payment of scholarships

The value and payment details for the scholarship are detailed below:

- 3.1. The Adrian Scott Scholarship is valued at \$8,000 for two years, paid post census and in four instalments of \$2,000 per semester, payment distribution:
  - 3.1.1. First payment (Semester 2) will be disbursed to the recipient of the scholarship after the competitive selection process.
  - 3.1.2. Subsequent payments will be disbursed based on the recipients academic performance in the previous semester.

Scholarship disbursements will be made via electronic transfer to the recipients nominated bank account. Recipients are required to ensure their bank account details are updated via the 'Receive a Payment' form available on the [QUT Forms](#) page on the HiQ Website.

## 4. Conditions of scholarship

The conditions of the scholarship are outlined below:

- 4.1. Remain enrolled in Bachelor of Communication (including any double degrees)
- 4.2. Must be enrolled on a full time basis
- 4.3. Must maintain a minimum grade point average of 5.00 or greater to maintain the scholarship for the next study period
- 4.4. Students on the Adrian Scott scholarship cannot concurrently receive another merit, cooperative, or industry scholarships, but are eligible to receive a Bursary, Prize, or Equity Scholarship
- 4.5. Recipients wishing to take a break from study must apply for, and be granted, a Leave of Absence. Scholarship payments are suspended whilst students are on an approved Leave of Absence.

## 5. Termination of scholarship

The scholarship may be terminated in the following circumstances:

- 5.1. Failure to comply with the conditions of the scholarship as stated in Section 4 - Conditions of the scholarship.
- 5.2. Withdrawal from your course. Students are advised to access [Student Counselling](#) or the Faculty of Creative Industries, Education and Social Justice.
- 5.3. 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 \(MOPP F/1.11\)](#)

## 6. Grievances

- 6.1. Student may lodge a formal appeal arising from any scholarship matter through the Appeals Committee
- 6.2. Any grievances related to the administration of scholarship is governed by E/9.2 Grievance resolution procedures for student related grievances, with QUT's Manual of Policy and Procedures.

## 7. Tax implications

- 7.1. 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](http://www.ato.gov.au/individuals).

## 8. Centrelink

- 8.1. 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.

## 9. Scholarship contact

- 9.1. The Adrian Scott Scholarship is administered by the Faculty of Creative Industries, Education and Social Justice. For any scholarships related enquiries please contact [ci.scholarships@qut.edu.au](mailto:ci.scholarships@qut.edu.au).