



Blaklash Built Environment Scholarship

Terms and Conditions

Overview

The Blaklash Built Environment Scholarship is an industry scholarship valued at \$30,000.00, offered to continuing domestic 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 vision of this scholarship is to encourage Indigenous Australian students to connect their experiences and university studies with First Nations stories and culture. As Aboriginal people, we believe that the notion of reciprocity is critical to our values and that this is an opportunity to give back to our community, supporting the professional aspirations of future generations.

In supporting future First Nations designers we hope to strengthen our representation in the built environment. Blaklash believes that Designing with Country in mind is both an overarching idea and a hands-on approach for improving neighbourhoods, cities, or regions through design that inspires people to collectively re-imagine buildings and public spaces that are connected through First Nations storytelling and cultural knowledge.

Blaklash also recognises that this is just the first step in establishing an important program to ensure our profession, storytelling and management of our Country will benefit from the cultural perspective of Indigenous Australian professional architects, landscape architects, interior architects, and urban developers.

The scholarship directly aligns with the vision of the QUT Blueprint purpose to provide transformative education and research relevant to our communities and our priorities in Indigenous Australian engagement, success and empowerment.

1 Eligibility requirements

To be eligible for the Blaklash Built Environment Scholarship, applicants must meet all the following requirements:

- 1.1 Must fall into both of the categories below:
 - 1.1.1 an Australian citizen OR a permanent resident
 - 1.1.2 an Indigenous Australian (Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders only).
- 1.2 Must maintain a full-time study load at QUT (minimum 36 credit points per semester).
- 1.3 If a current student of QUT, hold a grade point average (GPA) of 4.5 or greater.
- 1.4 Be enrolled in first or second year in one of the following QUT courses:
 - 1.4.1 AB01 Bachelor of Built Environment (Honours), majoring in either Interior Design OR Landscape Architecture OR Urban and Regional Planning
 - 1.4.2 AB05 Bachelor of Architectural Design
 - 1.4.3 EB01 Bachelor of Architectural Design/Bachelor of Built Environment (Honours) (Urban and Regional Planning)
 - 1.4.4 EB03 Bachelor of Architectural Design/Bachelor of Built Environment (Honours) (Interior Design)
 - 1.4.5 EB04 Bachelor of Architectural Design/Bachelor of Built Environment (Honours) (Landscape Architecture)
 - 1.4.6 EB05 Bachelor of Architectural Design/Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) (Civil)
 - 1.4.7 ID35 Bachelor of Architectural Design/Bachelor of Business
 - 1.4.8 ID36 Bachelor of Built Environment (Honours) (Interior Design)/Bachelor of Business.

- 1.5 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 Blaklash Built Environment Scholarship requires an application form. Due to the specific nature of the scholarship, you must provide:
 - 2.1.1 a copy of cover letter, personal statement, curriculum vitae (CV), and portfolio if available
 - 2.1.2 an academic transcript for previous studies
 - 2.1.3 responses to the selection criteria.
- 3 **Value and payment of scholarship**
 - 3.1 Scholarships valued up to \$30,000.00 are paid at \$10,000.00 per year for a full-time enrolment load for a maximum of three (3) years. Payments are made on a half-yearly basis (\$5,000.00 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) will forfeit the remaining balance of the scholarship funds.
 - 3.3 Payment will be subject to the Conditions below. If the scholarship recipient does not meet these Conditions payment may be suspended.
 - 3.4 Scholarship recipients will receive scholarship payment by electronic transfer to their nominated bank account the week after census date each semester/teaching period.
 - 3.5 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.
 - 3.6 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 Engagement (engage.engineering@qut.edu.au) of any over or under payments.
 - 3.6.1 Where discrepancies in payment occur, scholarship recipients 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 [scholarship decision tool](#). Additional tax information can be obtained via www.ato.gov.au/individuals.
 - 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 determined by the scholarship recipient's enrolment load, either full-time or part-time (e.g., three (3) years for the \$30,000.00 award, based on a full-time enrolment).
 - 4.2 Scholarship recipients must remain admitted and enrolled in a course to receive their scholarship payment as per Conditions.
- 5 **Conditions of scholarship**
 - 5.1 Scholarship recipients must achieve a minimum course (cumulative) Grade Point Average (GPA) of 4.50 in any given semester/teaching period to maintain the scholarship for the next semester/teaching period.
 - 5.2 **Progression**
 - 5.2.1 Scholarship recipients whose course (cumulative) GPA drops below 4.50 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.
 - 5.2.2 If their course (cumulative) GPA remains below 4.50 for the following semester/teaching period, payment may be suspended until further notice.
 - 5.2.3 A third breach of the GPA condition may result in termination of the scholarship.

- 5.3 Scholarship recipients must remain admitted and enrolled in a course to receive their scholarship payment.
- 5.4 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.
- 5.5 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.
- 5.6 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 Faculty of Engineering Engagement (engage.engineering@qut.edu.au) or Counselling services.
- 5.7 Scholarship recipients on the Blaklash Built Environment 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 Faculty of Engineering Engagement (engage.engineering@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 Scholarships Office to discuss their grievance prior to lodging a formal appeal.
- 7.2 If unsatisfied with the outcome by the Scholarships Office, scholarship recipients 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

Blaklash Built Environment Scholarships are administered by Faculty of Engineering Engagement. For any scholarships related inquiries please contact engage.engineering@qut.edu.au.