

# QUT Excellence Scholarship (Academic)

## Terms and Conditions

### Overview

The QUT Excellence Scholarship (Academic) is a merit scholarship valued up to \$30,000, offered to commencing students. This is provided to the Participant directly in the form of funds transfer to their nominated bank account.

These terms and conditions apply to Participants commencing the scholarship in 2025. The scholarship requires no application and is offered from Semester 1, 2025.

### Purpose

The QUT Excellence Scholarship (Academic) is awarded to high achieving school leavers and gap year students who are commencing an undergraduate course at QUT. This merit-based scholarship is targeted at high achievers and will enable their continued success at QUT through membership into the College of Excellence.

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1. Eligibility Requirements	<p>To be eligible for the QUT Excellence Scholarship (Academic), Participants must meet all of these requirements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Must be graduating Year 12 in Australia (or International Baccalaureate) OR have had no more than one gap year since graduating high school (or International Baccalaureate).</li> <li>2. Must achieve an unadjusted ATAR of 98 or above. ATAR adjustment schemes are not applied in the assessment of these scholarships.</li> <li>3. Must be starting a university undergraduate degree for the first time.</li> <li>4. Must fall into one of the categories below:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. An Australian or New Zealand citizen; OR</li> <li>b. A permanent resident of Australia; OR</li> <li>c. The holder of a permanent humanitarian visa; OR</li> <li>d. An international student who has completed high school in Australia OR completed Australian curriculum (or International Baccalaureate) offshore.</li> </ol> </li> <li>5. Must nominate a QUT undergraduate degree as their first preference in the QTAC application process.</li> <li>6. All QUT scholarships and bursaries are governed by concurrency conditions, detailed within the governing terms and conditions related to the applicable scholarship or bursary.</li> </ol>
2. Application and selection criteria	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The QUT Excellence Scholarship (Academic) requires no application form. Scholarships recipients will receive this scholarship based on</li> </ol>

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	<p>academic merit, assessed on ATAR or equivalent (overseas qualification). Please review Eligibility requirements above.</p> <p>2. QUT has discretion with any decisions made, in connection with this scholarship process. To the extent permitted by law QUT has no liability to any Student for decisions made in relation to the scholarship.</p>
<p>3. Value and payment of scholarship</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Scholarships valued up to \$30,000 are paid at \$10,000 per year for a full-time enrolment load for a maximum of three (3) years. Payments are made on a half-yearly basis of \$5,000 per semester and are disbursed the week after the census date of the enrolled semester/teaching period.</li> <li>2. For Participants 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.</li> <li>3. Participants enrolled on a part-time (24 credit points or less) basis will receive 50% of the standard payment.</li> <li>4. Payment will be subject to the Conditions below. If the Participants do not meet these Conditions payment may be suspended.</li> <li>5. Participants will receive scholarship payment by electronic transfer to their nominated bank account after census date each semester/teaching period.</li> <li>6. Participants enrolled in Exchange, Cross Institutional and BULA semesters/semester/teaching periods will have different census dates. Payments will be made one week after the census date of these semester/teaching periods.</li> <li>7. While every care is taken to ensure direct payment of scholarship funds are correct, Participants are required to monitor payments and notify QUT Scholarships <a href="mailto:scholarships@qut.edu.au">scholarships@qut.edu.au</a> of any over or under payments.</li> <li>8. Overpayments: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. If an overpayment occurs at any time and for any reason QUT may issue the Participant with a written notice requiring repayment of the amount overpaid ("Overpayment Notice").</li> <li>b. The student must pay to QUT the amount of the overpayment specified in the Overpayment Notice within ten (10) business days of the date of the notice.</li> <li>c. QUT may, at its sole discretion, recover the overpayment specified in the Overpayment Notice from the student by offsetting that overpayment against any amount subsequently due to the student as part of their scholarship.</li> </ol> </li> <li>9. Tax implications: QUT does not withhold PAYG tax from coursework scholarships 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 <a href="#">Australian Taxation Office's scholarship decision tool</a>. Additional tax information can be obtained via <a href="http://www.ato.gov.au/individuals">www.ato.gov.au/individuals</a>.</li> <li>10. 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</li> </ol>

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	information regarding exempt scholarships.
4. Term of scholarship	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The term of the scholarship is determined by the student's enrolment load, either full-time or part-time (e.g., three (3) years for the \$ 30,000 award; two (2) years for the \$10,000 award, based on a full-time enrolment).</li> <li>2. For Participants 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.</li> </ol>
5. Conditions of Scholarship	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Participants must achieve a minimum course (cumulative) Grade Point Average (GPA) of 5.00/7 in any given semester/teaching period to maintain the scholarship for the next study period.</li> <li>2. Special circumstances will be taken into consideration to support individual variation to the Conditions of scholarship. Supporting documentary evidence may be requested. Participants are encouraged to discuss their special circumstance with QUT Scholarships <a href="mailto:scholarships@qut.edu.au">scholarships@qut.edu.au</a> or Counselling services.</li> <li>3. Progression: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Participants whose course (cumulative) GPA drops below 5.00 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.</li> <li>b. If their course (cumulative) GPA remains below 5.00 for the following semester/teaching period, payment may be suspended until further notice.</li> <li>c. A third breach of the GPA condition may result in termination of the scholarship.</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. Participants must remain admitted and enrolled in a course to receive their scholarship payment.</li> <li>5. Participants are permitted to change their course and continue to receive this scholarship unless otherwise specified in the scholarship offer letter.</li> <li>6. Deferment of the scholarship offer is only available to commencing Participants.</li> <li>7. Scholarship payments are suspended whilst a student is on an approved Leave of Absence. After completing their first semester/teaching period, Participants can apply for up to two years Leave of Absence from their course without impacting their scholarship.</li> <li>8. Participants 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.</li> <li>9. Participants on the QUT Excellence Scholarship (Academic) cannot concurrently receive another merit, cooperative, or industry scholarship, but are eligible to receive a bursary, prize, or equity scholarship, while being a Merit scholarship recipient.</li> <li>10. Unsuccessful Participants: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. QUT's decision in the awarding of a scholarship will be final.</li> <li>b. QUT is not liable for any: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. indirect or consequential loss; and</li> <li>ii. any loss of revenue, loss of profit or loss of business</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> </ol>

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	<p>opportunities, suffered by the student in connection with the scholarship process whether under contract, tort (including negligence) or otherwise.</p> <p>11. The Participant accepts the scholarship by doing the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Accept the scholarship offer and agree to the declaration and terms and conditions in the online scholarship offer acceptance form by the date specified.</li> <li>b. Provide QUT with bank details.</li> </ol> <p>12. If the Participant does not accept the scholarship by the date specified in the offer letter, the Participant will forfeit the scholarship and QUT reserves the right to allocate the scholarship to someone else.</p>
6. Under 18	<p>1. If under the age of 18 years, the Participant will be deemed to have obtained the permission of their parent or legal guardian to participate in the scholarship application process and the scholarship award and to be bound by these terms.</p>
7. Termination of scholarship	<p>The university reserves the right to cease a scholarship in the following circumstances:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Failure to comply with the Conditions (5) of the scholarship.</li> <li>2. Withdrawal from your course. Participants are advised to contact QUT Scholarships <a href="mailto:scholarships@qut.edu.au">scholarships@qut.edu.au</a>, Faculty, or Counselling services before withdrawing from their course.</li> <li>3. Failure to enrol into a course following the completion of the approved deferral period.</li> <li>4. Participants who commence a degree at another university will not be eligible for the scholarship upon their return from deferment.</li> <li>5. Failure to enrol into a course following the completion of the approved Leave of Absence period.</li> <li>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 <a href="#">Academic integrity (MOPP C/5.3)</a>, <a href="#">QUT Code for responsible conduct of research (MOPP D/2.6)</a>, <a href="#">Acceptable use of information technology resources (MOPP F/1.11)</a>.</li> </ol>
8. Grievances	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Participants should initially contact the Scholarships team to see if they can resolve any issues before lodging a formal appeal. Contact the team at <a href="mailto:scholarships@qut.edu.au">scholarships@qut.edu.au</a></li> <li>2. Participants may lodge a formal appeal arising from any scholarship matter through the Appeals Committee.</li> <li>3. Any grievances related to the administration of scholarships are governed by <a href="#">E/9.2 Grievance resolution procedures for student related grievances</a>, with QUT's Manual of Policy and Procedures.</li> </ol>
9. Privacy	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Information explaining how QUT manages Participants' personal information and our practices for disclosure can be found at <a href="http://www.governance.qut.edu.au/compliance/privacy/">www.governance.qut.edu.au/compliance/privacy/</a></li> <li>2. QUT is bound by the Information Privacy Act 2009 (Qld) ("IPA"), and the QUT privacy policy is available at <a href="https://www.qut.edu.au/additional/privacy">https://www.qut.edu.au/additional/privacy</a> and <a href="http://www.mopp.qut.edu.au/F/F_06_02.jsp">http://www.mopp.qut.edu.au/F/F_06_02.jsp</a></li> <li>3. QUT will collect and use the participants' personal information for the purposes of administering and carrying out the scholarship and may</li> </ol>

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	share information with nominated third parties who require the information for the management of the scholarship. This information will not be used for promotion and marketing purposes.
10. Reserving the right to amend	<p>Without limiting any part of the scholarship terms QUT may:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Amend or replace these terms and conditions, or any scholarship rules or procedures, at any time and for any reason.</li> <li>2. Extend, suspend, or terminate the scholarship/scholarship process at any time before it is awarded.</li> <li>3. Accept applications after the due date.</li> <li>4. At any time prior to award, disqualify any student from participating or exclude its Offer from further consideration.</li> <li>5. Commence a new process for calling applications on a similar or different basis to that outlined in these terms.</li> <li>6. Use non QUT personnel in assessing applications.</li> </ol>

**Contact:**

The QUT Excellence Scholarship (Academic) are administered by Student Administration. For any scholarships related inquiries please contact [scholarships@qut.edu.au](mailto:scholarships@qut.edu.au)