

# 2024 QUT Faculty of Business and Law Excellence Scholarship

# **Terms and Conditions**

# Overview

- 1. The purpose of the 2024 QUT Faculty of Business and Law Excellence Scholarship ("the Scholarship") is to help support a full-time student enrolled in a Bachelor of Business, Law or Property Economics single or double degree ("the Degree") at the Queensland University of Technology ("QUT").
- 2. The Scholarship is provided principally for educational purposes. The recipient may use the Scholarship to assist with any HECS-HELP and/or and any other additional expenses directly related to study of the Degree. No validation receipts of expenditure are required.

# 3. Eligibility requirements

To be eligible for the QUT Faculty of Business and Law Excellence Scholarship applicants must meet all the following requirements:

- must have graduated Year 12 (or International Baccalaureate) in 2023 **OR** have had no more than one gap year since graduating high school in 2022 (or IB)
- 3.2 must achieve an unadjusted ATAR 95.00 or above (ATAR adjustment schemes are not applied in the assessment of these scholarships)
- 3.3 must be starting a university undergraduate degree for the first time
- 3.4 must nominate a QUT undergraduate degree as their first preference in the QTAC application process
- 3.5 must be an Australian or New Zealand citizen OR a permanent resident OR hold a permanent humanitarian visa
- 3.6 must not accept another QUT academic scholarship, for 2024

# 4. Value and payment of scholarships

This scholarship is valued at \$5,000.

- 4.1 The scholarship is paid as \$2,500 per semester for a full-time enrolment load, for a maximum of 1 year. Payments are made after Census date, between week 6 and 7.
- 4.2 Students enrolled on a part-time basis are not eligible for payment.
- 4.3 Payments will be subject to all of the conditions of the scholarship being met. Payments will be suspended in particular circumstances, as set out in Section 4 below.
- 4.4 Students will receive their scholarship payment by electronic transfer to their nominated bank account after the Census date each semester.
- 4.5 While every care is taken to ensure direct payments of scholarship funds are correct, scholarship recipients are required to monitor payments and notify the Faculty of Business Scholarships Officer if any over or under payments occur. Where discrepancies in payment occur, the student may be required to return the funds to the university.

# 5. Term of scholarship

5.1 The term of the scholarship 1 year based on a full time enrolment load.

# 6. Conditions of scholarship

- 6.1 Students admitted into a double degree must enrol in at least two business, law or property economics units per semester, to be entitled to the scholarship.
- 6.2 Students must achieve a minimum course (accumulative) grade point average (GPA) of 4.00 in any given semester to maintain the scholarship for the next study period. Students whose course GPA drops below 4.00 are issued a notification that they are in breach of their scholarship condition and will not receive their second and final payment in the program.
- 6.3 Students must be enrolled full time for the duration of studies to retain this scholarship.
- 6.4 Students must remain admitted in a course to receive their scholarship payment.
- 6.5 Students are permitted to change their course to an alternative business, law or property economics degree and continue to receive this scholarship, with the exception of the Dean's Scholars Program.
  - Students must notify <a href="mailto:buslaw.scholarships@qut.edu.au">buslaw.scholarships@qut.edu.au</a> if a course change is undertaken.
- 6.6 Scholarship payments are suspended whilst a student is on approved Leave of Absence. After completing their first semester, students can apply for up to two years leave of absence from their course without impacting their scholarship.
- 6.7 Special circumstances will be taken into consideration to support individual variation to the conditions of scholarship. Supporting documentary evidence will be requested. Students are encouraged to discuss their special circumstance with the QUT Business School Director of Studies, Law Director, and/or QUT Counselling services.
- 6.8 Scholarship recipients who withdraw from their studies prior to completion of the teaching period (ie no grades are recorded) may be required to return monies paid for the withdrawn units (pro-rata).
- 6.9 Students on the Faculty of Business and Law Excellence Scholarship cannot concurrently receive another merit, cooperative, or industry scholarship but are eligible to receive a bursary, prize, or Equity scholarship.

# 7. Termination of scholarship

A scholarship may be terminated in the following circumstances:

- 7.1 Failure to comply with the conditions of the scholarship (Section 4)
- 7.2 Withdrawal from your course. Students are advised to access Counselling services or the QUT Business School Director of Studies or Law School Director, before withdrawing from their course. If a decision to withdraw is made, the student must immediately advise the Faculty of Business and Law, Scholarships Officer at <a href="mailto:business-busines
- 7.3 Failure to enrol into a course following the completion of an approved deferral period. Deferment of the scholarship *offer* is only available to commencing students.
- 7.4 Students who commence a degree at another university will not be eligible for the scholarship upon their return from deferment.
- 7.5 Failure to enrol into a course following the completion of the approved Leave of Absence period.
- 7.6 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 <u>Academic integrity (MOPP C/5.3)</u>, <u>QUT Code for responsible conduct of research (MOPP D/2.6)</u>, <u>Acceptable use of information technology resources (MOPP F/1.11)</u>

#### 8. Miscellaneous

### Grievances

- 8.1 Student may lodge a formal appeal arising from any scholarship matter through the <a href="Appeals committee">Appeals Committee</a>
- 8.2 Any grievances related to the administration of scholarship is governed by <u>E/9.2 Grievance</u> resolution procedures for student related grievances, with QUT's Manual of Policy and Procedures.

## Tax implications

8.3 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 <a href="mailto:scholarship decision tool">scholarship decision tool</a>. Additional tax information can be obtained via <a href="https://www.ato.gov.au/individuals">www.ato.gov.au/individuals</a>.

#### Centrelink

8.4 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 <a href="Centrelink">Centrelink</a> site for information regarding exempt scholarships.

## Publicity

8.5 Students may be required to participate in promotional opportunities requested by QUT as directed by the Faculty of Business and Law

## Withdrawal

8.6 If the recipient wishes to withdraw from the Scholarship program they must advise the Scholarships Officer at the earliest possible time. The recipient may be requested to refund to QUT any monies paid to the recipient in the semester in which the recipient withdraws from the scholarship program. The recipient is NOT required to refund any monies paid for semester studies completed whilst still a participant in the Scholarship program.

## **Recipient Warranty**

8.7 The recipient warrants that there are no impediments to their ability to complete the Degree as part of the Scholarship program. Should any impediment, problems or concerns arise at any stage <u>before</u> or <u>during</u> the scholarship program the recipient undertakes to contact the Scholarships Officer at QUT without delay for guidance.

## Scholarship contact

8.8 For any scholarships related inquiries please contact Ph: (07) 3138 4632 or email: <a href="mailto:buslaw.scholarships@qut.edu.au">buslaw.scholarships@qut.edu.au</a>.