Scholarships
A guide to the scholarships available to future QUT students in 2021
Unleash your potential

Your time at university will be life changing, and scholarships can make a big difference. With real financial support, you can spend less time working and more time focused on study and everything university life offers. And it doesn’t end there. Many scholarships give you access to leadership development, industry contacts and mentoring.

High achievers

Our premier scholarship offerings recognise high achievers in academic, sport and creative fields, and provide dedicated opportunities to connect with like-minded students.

QUT Excellence Scholarships

Academic

We offer prestigious academic scholarships valued at up to $30,000 each to exceptional students who achieve the highest ATAR. A number of $10,000 scholarships are also awarded to the next ranked students. These scholarships are available across all courses.

To be eligible you must:

• be a domestic or international student currently completing secondary school in Australia, or have taken no more than one gap year
• be entering university for the first time on the basis of your Year 12 results
• achieve an unadjusted ATAR 98.00 or above (or equivalent).

If you are among the top achievers in your year level, we encourage you to apply.

Creative industries

We offer scholarships valued at up to $30,000 each to students who are ranked first and second in their portfolio, interview or audition for entry into our acting, dance performance, music and visual arts degrees or associated double degrees. Our $10,000 scholarships are offered to the next ranked applicants in these courses, as well as to the top ranked applicants who audition for the dance single or double degree.

These scholarships are automatically awarded.

QUT Sport Scholarships

QUT is an elite athlete-friendly university, recognised by the Australian Institute of Sport and Sport Australia. We offer more than $350,000 in sport scholarships, across many sports at all levels of performance, including sportspeople who are developing and progressing in their sport, through to high-performance athletes at national and international levels.

To be eligible you must:

• be a commencing student or existing student
• agree to represent QUT Sport at events, functions and/or within our dedicated club sports programs
• meet the requirements of at least one of the specified sporting tiers.

Being an athlete is a big commitment.

We can help you manage attendance and assessment deadlines. You may also receive a selection rank adjustment for QUT entry through the Elite Athlete Entry Program.

Applying

Apply for academic and sport scholarships online by 20 November 2020. A scholarship application is not required for creative industries scholarships but you need to apply for the course through QTAC by 5pm on 28 September 2020. First-round scholarship offers are made to applicants who place QUT as their first QTAC preference. Not all offers are accepted, so if you don’t receive a scholarship offer you may be eligible in the second round. If you defer your course you can defer your academic scholarship for up to one year provided you do not undertake any other university study in the meantime. Creative industries and sport scholarships cannot be deferred.

Financial hardship

We know that money matters and that it impacts every part of your life, including study. That’s why we’re offering more than $4 million in equity scholarships, bursaries and computers in 2021 to students who need financial help. More than 3000 QUT students currently benefit.

If you are experiencing financial hardship and plan to study at QUT in 2021 we encourage you to apply. Scholarships range from $1500 to $7500. Academic results are not considered for these scholarships, only financial need.

If you are from a low-income background, you can apply for the financial hardship category of the Educational Access Scheme (EAS) via QTAC. Eligible students will receive a guaranteed $3500 Equity Scholarship and an adjustment of up to six selection ranks. Visit qut.edu.au/apply/adjustment-schemes.

We also encourage you to apply directly to QUT’s Equity Scholarships Scheme, even if you are unsuccessful in the EAS, to be considered for other scholarships and/or a free computer.

Find out more

Explore the full range of scholarships at qut.edu.au/scholarships

Make valuable connections

I was awarded one of the Academic Excellence Scholarships. As well as the financial support, it provided me with a way to meet people in the university even before I started studying here. This was extremely valuable for me, as I had an array of people I was friends with before I had attended my first class. The amount of networking events you can take advantage of is phenomenal and really prepares you for working in industry environments.

Cody Van Beek
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students

We are committed to better access and participation in tertiary education for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. There are a number of scholarships available for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students commencing study in 2021 including the Oodgeroo Noonuccal Undergraduate Scholarship valued at $7500. There are also industry scholarships such as Arrow Energy’s Go Further Indigenous Tertiary Scholarship and QIC Indigenous Tertiary Scholarship both valued at $10,000.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students who are experiencing financial hardship or are from regional, rural or remote areas are encouraged to apply for an Indigenous Commonwealth Scholarship available through the Equity Scholarships Scheme. For a full list of scholarships and eligibility requirements visit qut.edu.au/scholarships

Out-of-towners

The Tim Fairfax AC Regional and Remote Scholarships and the Dr Laurie Cowled Learning Potential Fund Scholarships are available for students who are experiencing financial hardship and are from regional, rural or remote areas.

Faculty and industry scholarships

Dean’s Honours Program in Business

This program incorporates a Bachelor of Business and honours degree, along with the support of a $20,000 scholarship.

Corporate Partners in Excellence

Undertake two internships with corporate partners and receive a $36,000 scholarship while completing a Bachelor of Business single or double degree.

Getting Started in Business Indigenous Scholarship

Indigenous school leavers with exceptional school results studying a business degree may be eligible for this $4000 scholarship.

Laurie Cowled Indigenous Business Scholarship

Indigenous female school leavers and TAFE graduates who are studying business and in financial need may be eligible for this $5000 scholarship.

Business Academic Excellence Scholarship

High-achieving school students studying a single or double degree in business can apply for this $5000 scholarship.

Education scholarships

State and federal government scholarships and incentives may be available for students choosing education degrees.

School of Psychology and Counselling

Bursaries for undergraduate Indigenous students

Students who identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander and are studying the Bachelor of Behavioural Science (Psychology) or a related double degree are eligible to apply for this bursary valued at $2000.

The QAS Jamie Jackway Paramedic Scholarship

This scholarship is valued at $10,000 per year for up to three years for students who identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander and study the Bachelor of Paramedic Science or the related double degree with nursing.

Science and Engineering industry-sponsored scholarships

A number of scholarships offering support and industry connections are available.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in the Science and Engineering Faculty

Indigenous students studying an eligible degree can apply for a range of scholarships and loans schemes.

Support to start studying

Nobody wants to have to worry about money, especially when transitioning to university. I was awarded the Indigenous Fee Waiver Commencing Student Scholarship and the Science and Engineering Faculty Financial Hardship Scholarship. This allowed me to pay for textbooks, resources and general living expenses. It has lifted so much weight off my shoulders and I can put my energy into my studies without having to worry about finances.

Jessica Nizeti-Ponebianco

QUT Faculty of Law Founders’ Scholarship

First-year domestic students undertaking a law single or double degree, and facing financial or personal hardship can apply for this $10,000 scholarship.

Dean’s Scholars Program in Science and Engineering

Recipients of merit scholarships studying in the Science and Engineering Faculty may be eligible for the Dean’s Scholars Program. The program offers leadership development, industry exposure, international exchange programs and mentoring.

Women in Engineering Scholarship

This scholarship is for students identifying as female who are completing Year 12 or a gap year, and who choose to study an engineering single or double degree.

Westpac Young Technologists Scholarship

This $5000 per year scholarship is for students driven by innovation, research and social change and who choose IT or games and interactive environments degrees.

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Don’t miss out. Scholarships can transform your university experience and open up a world of opportunity. Take the time to explore the range of scholarships and apply for any that are relevant. Don’t count yourself out before you’ve even applied. Applying for more than one scholarship increases your chances of being successful.

Visit qut.edu.au/scholarships

Confirm the application process and closing dates

For most scholarships, you will need to submit an application form to QUT in addition to applying for a QUT course through QTAC.

Your application may be based on your ATAR or selection rank, or you may need to respond to additional criteria. Note the closing date and give yourself time to respond to any criteria or gather supporting documents.

Complete your application

Make sure you understand what is being asked of you. Be clear, concise and honest in your answers and, if applicable, use a variety of examples to distinguish yourself and your achievements. Ask a friend or family member to provide feedback on the content as well as spelling, punctuation and grammar.

Good luck with your application.

Pursue your aspirations

QUT has allowed me to pursue both my sporting and academic aspirations. As a triathlete, training and travel times would generally impact on my time for study. However, QUT has provided me the flexibility, through early class registrations, to complete my course and study around my training and competitions. As well as the QUT Sport Scholarship, I’ve also received subsidies for my travel expenses when I am competing, which undoubtedly has helped to advance my sporting career.

Daniel Paddison

A world of opportunity

Leadership and development opportunities are available to all QUT students. You can access workshops, and participate in or lead projects. You’ll learn to take action, initiate social change, and contribute to the campus and community. QUT Excellence Scholars and other merit scholarship holders are automatic members of the College of Excellence which offers courses, events, external conferences and activities to support your development. Many of our faculty scholarship programs provide you with opportunities to connect with industry professionals and gain real-world work experience, ensuring you are in demand when you graduate.

International students

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