**2024 QUT Elite Sport Scholarship in partnership with the Queensland Academy of Sport**

# **Terms and Conditions**

# Overview

The Queensland Academy of Sport (QAS) leads and enables a united and collaborative high performance sport system that supports Queensland athletes to achieve international podium success. Through this elite partnership, the QAS and QUT aim to enhance the student-athlete experience and enable career-best outcomes in both academic and sporting arenas.

These **merit-based scholarships** recognise excellence in sporting pursuits and enables recipients continued success at university through membership into the Elite Athlete Program and into the College of Excellence.

# Eligibility requirements

To be eligible for the QUT Elite Sport Scholarship that is partnered with the QAS, applicants must meet all the following requirements,

* 1. be a nationally categorised athlete, verified by your State Sporting Organisation (SSO)
	2. be currently progressing and achieving in a funded and nationally recognised sport.
	3. have a current ‘*Achieving and Maintaining Elite Performance’* Athlete Categorisation with written verification from your National Sporting Organisation (NSO), State Institute/ State Academy support network (SIS/SAS) or National Institute Network (NIN) to support your application
	4. have no anti-doping rule violations or match fixing offences at any time
	5. be an Australian citizen
	6. must be a commencing or continuing QUT student
	7. successfully completed the application and selection process
	8. submit a Curriculum Vitae detailing the last 24 months sporting representation and highest achievement obtained.

# Value and payment of scholarships

* 1. QUT Elite Sport Scholarship that are partnered with the QAS are valued at $10,000 and paid at $5,000 per year ($2, 500 per semester) based on standard, full-time equivalent enrolment over four semesters of the nominated undergraduate course.
	2. Students who are awarded the QUT Elite Sport Scholarship that are partnered with the QAS with less than 4 semesters of full-time study remaining in their course will not receive the full amount of the scholarship.
	3. Students enrolled on a part-time basis will receive 50% of the standard semester payment amount.
	4. Payments will be subject to *Section 4 - Conditions of the scholarship* being met with payments being suspended for circumstances set out in *Section 4* below.
	5. Students will receive scholarship payment by electronic transfer to their nominated bank account after the census date each semester.
	6. While every care is taken to ensure direct payments of scholarship funds are correct, scholarship recipients are required to monitor payments and notify scholarships@qut.edu.au if any over or under payments occur. Where discrepancies in payment occur, students may be required to return the funds to the university.

# Term of scholarship

* 1. The term of the scholarship is determined by the student’s enrolment load, either full-time or part-time (e.g., two years for a $10, 000 scholarship, based on a full-time enrolment).
	2. Students who change to a part-time enrolment will extend the term of the scholarship and will continue to be entitled to their scholarship until the full value of their scholarship is exhausted, and subject to the conditions contained in *Section 4 - Conditions of scholarship* below.

# Conditions of scholarship

* 1. Students must accept their scholarship offer by the acceptance deadline. Scholarships offers cannot be deferred.
	2. Students must achieve a minimum course (accumulative) grade point average (GPA) of 4.50 in any given semester to maintain the scholarship for the next study period.
		+ 1. Students whose course 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 next semester.
			2. If their course GPA remains below a 4.50 for the following semester, payment may be suspended until further notice.
			3. A third breach of the GPA condition may result in termination of the scholarship.
	3. Students must remain admitted and enrolled in a course to receive their scholarship payment.
	4. Students must remain actively engaged in their sport to receive this scholarship payment.
	5. Students are permitted to change their course and continue to receive this scholarship unless otherwise specified in the scholarship offer letter.
	6. Students must engage with QUT Sport activities where key opportunities exist, with a minimum of two engagements per year. QUT Sport will provide numerous annual opportunities for engagement.
	7. Scholarship payments are suspended whilst a student is on an 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.
	8. Special circumstances will be taken into consideration to support individual variation to the conditions of scholarship, supporting documentary evidence may be requested. Student are encouraged to discuss their special circumstance with the Elite Athlete Coordinator and/or Counselling services.
	9. Scholarship recipients who withdraw from their studies prior to completion of the teaching period (i.e., no grades are recorded) may be required to return monies paid for the withdrawn units.
	10. Students on QUT Elite Sport Scholarship that are partnered with the QAS cannot concurrently receive another merit, cooperative, or industry scholarships, but are eligible to receive a Bursary, Prize, or Equity Scholarship.
	11. Scholarships are subject to the participation of QAS. QUT may amend or vary scholarships at their discretion if QAS withdraws from the program.

# Termination of scholarship

A scholarship may be terminated in the following circumstances,

* 1. Failure to comply with *Section 4 - Conditions of scholarship*
	2. Failure to maintain eligibility in accordance with *Section 1 – Eligibility requirements*.
	3. Withdrawal from your course. Students are advised to access Counselling services or discuss their circumstances with QUT Sport before withdrawing from their course.
	4. Failure to enrol into a course following the completion of the approved Leave of Absence period.
	5. 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 Student Code of Conduct, [Academic integrity (MOPP C/5.3)](http://www.mopp.qut.edu.au/C/C_05_03.jsp), [QUT Code for responsible conduct of research (MOPP D/2.6)](http://www.mopp.qut.edu.au/D/D_02_06.jsp), [Acceptable use of information technology resources (MOPP F/1.11)](http://www.mopp.qut.edu.au/F/F_01_11.jsp).

# Miscellaneous

* 1. **Grievances**
		1. Student may lodge a formal appeal arising from any scholarship matter through the [Appeals Committee](https://www.mopp.qut.edu.au/E/E_01_02.jsp)
		2. Any grievances related to the administration of scholarship is governed by [E/9.2 Grievance resolution procedures for student related grievances](https://www.mopp.qut.edu.au/E/E_09_02.jsp), with QUT’s Manual of Policy and Procedures.
	2. **Tax implications**
		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](https://www.ato.gov.au/Calculators-and-tools/Is-my-scholarship-taxable/). Additional tax information can be obtained via [www.ato.gov.au/individuals](http://www.ato.gov.au/individuals).
	3. **Centrelink**
		1. Please also note that Centrelink may include this scholarship entitlement in any means testing in relation to applications made for commonwealth assistance. Please check the [Centrelink](https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/topics/income/30376) site for information regarding exempt scholarships.
	4. **Scholarship contact**
		1. QUT Elite Sport Scholarships in partnership with the QAS are administered by Student Engagement. For any scholarships payment related inquiries please contact scholarships@qut.edu.au