



# 2021 QUT Excellence Scholarship (Academic)

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Application close date: **20 November 2020**

Late applications will not be accepted under any circumstances

Scholarships Available	Value	Details	Disciplines
QUT Excellence Scholarship (Academic)	Up to \$30,000 dependent on length of course undertaken	Scholarships awarded across all disciplines 20 SEF funded scholarships allocated to ensuring gender balance for courses in the Science & Engineering Faculty	Any U/G course
	\$10,000	Scholarships awarded across all disciplines	Any U/G course

### ELIGIBILITY

1. Applicants must meet the following eligibility criteria.

#### Student status

- Must be graduating Year 12 (or International Baccalaureate) OR have had no more than 1 gap year since graduating high school (or International Baccalaureate); and
- Must be starting a university undergraduate degree for the first time; and
- Must nominate a QUT course as first preference via the QTAC application process.

#### Academic status

- ATAR 98.0 or above (or equivalent)

*NOTE: ATAR adjustment schemes are not applied in the assessment of these scholarships.*

#### Citizenship status

- an Australian or New Zealand citizen; OR
- an international student who has completed high school in Australia; OR
- an Australian citizen who has completed an Australian curriculum or International Baccalaureate offshore; OR
- a permanent resident; OR
- the holder of a Permanent Humanitarian Visa;
- international students who have completed Australian curriculum offshore are eligible to apply.

**International students** who have not completed Australian high school curriculum are **not eligible** to apply.

### SCHOLARSHIP OFFERS AND ACCEPTANCES

2. Round 1 scholarship offers apply to the top applicants identified that fall within the designated scholarship quotas.

*Additional scholarships, dedicated to gender equity in STEM, have been allocated in the Science and Engineering Faculty. This funding will increase the number of scholarships offered with priority to the top female applicants who preference Bachelor degree programs in science, information technology, engineering, mathematics and urban development (including double degrees).*

3. Round 2 & 3 offers (top up rounds) take place after the acceptance due date for the first round has lapsed. The next eligible applicants are made a scholarship offer in response to those who did not accept a scholarship offer in the first offer round. The total of round 2 & 3 offers reflects the total of scholarship offers declined in the previous rounds.
4. Recipients must accept and enroll in a QUT course to receive this scholarship.
5. This scholarship may be deferred if student status eligibility criteria is retained.

## RETAINING THE SCHOLARSHIP

6. Recipients must achieve a minimum course grade point average (GPA) of 5.00 in any given semester to maintain the scholarship for the next study period. Students who fail to maintain this condition will be placed on scholarship probation in the following semester. If recipient's GPA remains below 5.00 in the probationary semester, the scholarship will be terminated.
7. Recipients must be enrolled full time for the duration of studies to retain this scholarship. Students enrolled part-time in a semester may retain the scholarship where special circumstances exist.
8. Recipients must remain admitted in a course to retain this scholarship. Withdrawal from studies will result in the termination of the scholarship.
9. Students are permitted to change their course and continue to receive this scholarship unless otherwise specified in the scholarship offer letter.
10. Recipients wishing to take a break from study must apply for, and be granted, a leave of absence. After completing their first semester, students can take up to two years of leave from their course. Scholarship payments are suspended whilst a student is on approved Leave of Absence.
11. In the event of special circumstances occurring while in the receipt of this scholarship, students must contact the University Scholarships Coordinator to discuss their situation ([scholarships@qut.edu.au](mailto:scholarships@qut.edu.au)). Special circumstances will be taken into consideration to support individual variation to the scholarship retention requirements (supporting documentary evidence may be requested).
12. Scholarship recipients are expected to comply with the QUT Student code of Conduct (E/2.1). Any breach of the QUT Student code of Conduct may lead to termination of the scholarship.
13. If a recipient fails to fulfil the conditions of the agreement, scholarships may be rescinded, and funds received for studies not completed may be required to be repaid to QUT.

## SCHOLARSHIP PAYMENT

14. Scholarships valued at up to **\$30,000** are paid at \$7,500 per year (\$3,750 per semester) for the standard (full time equivalent) duration of the nominated undergraduate QUT course of study up to a maximum of four years. Students completing a three-year course may be considered for a payment of an additional year where they enroll in an Honours program, or they continue into a professionally qualifying Masters coursework program.
15. Scholarships valued at **\$10,000** will be paid at \$2,500 per semester over the first four semesters of the nominated undergraduate course of study for standard (fulltime equivalent) enrolment.
16. Students will receive direct scholarship payment by electronic transfer to a nominated bank account after the HECS census date each semester (subject to retention criteria being met).
17. While every care is taken to ensure direct payments of scholarship funds are correct, scholarship recipients are required to monitor payments and notify QUT if any over or under payments occur. If under payments occur, the balance will be paid to the student immediately. If over payments occur the scholarship recipient is required to advise QUT immediately and repay the overpaid amount.
18. Scholarship recipients who withdraw from 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.

## OTHER INFORMATION

19. This scholarship is bound by the Scholarship Concurrency Policy that determines whether certain scholarship combinations can be held concurrently by a student. This is a **Merit** scholarship. Refer to the table below.

*To determine if more than one scholarship can be held, locate Scholarship Type A on the X axis and Scholarship Type B on the Y axis then slide down and across simultaneously to reach the concurrency decision for that scholarship combination. The scholarship type can be confirmed in the respective terms and conditions of the scholarship in question.*

		Scholarship A classification						
Scholarship B classification		Equity	Merit	Non-Academic	Co-operative	Industry	Bursary	Prize
	Equity	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Merit	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes
	Non-Academic	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Co-operative	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes
	Industry	Yes	No	Yes	No	n/a	Yes	Yes
	Bursary	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Prize	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

20. 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 or not 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](http://www.ato.gov.au/individuals).

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.

## GRIEVANCES

21. Any grievances arising from the administration of this scholarship is governed by [E/9.2 Grievance resolution procedures for student related grievances](#) found in QUT's [Manual of Policy and Procedures](#).
22. Any entitlement grievances related to this scholarship are governed by [E/1.2 Appeals Committee](#) found in QUT's [Manual of Policy and Procedures](#).