



# 2022 Women in Engineering Scholarship

## Terms and Conditions

### Overview

QUT is committed to growing the number of graduating female engineers and to fostering the view of engineering as a career of choice for women. The Women in Engineering scholarship will help build a cohort of female future leaders in engineering professions.

### 1. Eligibility requirements

To be eligible for the Women in Engineering Scholarship, applicants must meet all the following requirements:

- 1.1. Recipients must be applying for admission to one of the following courses:
  - Bachelor of Engineering (EN01)
  - a double degree including a Bachelor of Engineering
- 1.2. must be graduating Year 12 (or International Baccalaureate) OR have had no more than one gap year since graduating high school (or International Baccalaureate)
- 1.3. must achieve an unadjusted ATAR of 92.0 or above. ATAR adjustment schemes are not applied in the assessment of these scholarships
- 1.4. must be starting a university undergraduate degree for the first time
- 1.5. must nominate a QUT undergraduate degree as their first preference in the QTAC application process
- 1.6. must identify as female
- 1.7. must be an Australian or New Zealand citizen OR a permanent resident OR hold a permanent humanitarian visa.

### 2. Value and payment of scholarships

- 2.1. The Women in Engineering Scholarship is valued at \$6,000 paid at \$3,000 per year for a full-time enrolment load for a maximum of two years. Payments are made on a semesterly basis (\$1,500 per semester) after the census date, between weeks 6 and 7.
- 2.2. Student enrolled on a part-time basis will receive 50% of the standard payment.
- 2.3. Payments will be subject to *Section 4 - Conditions of scholarship* being met with payments being suspended in circumstances as set out in *Section 4* below.
- 2.4. Students will receive their scholarship payment by electronic transfer to their nominated bank account after the census date each semester.
- 2.5. 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 Engineering, by emailing [engage.engineering@qut.edu.au](mailto:engage.engineering@qut.edu.au)
  - 2.5.1 Where discrepancies in payment occur, the recipient may be required to return the funds to the university.

### 3. Term of scholarship

- 3.1. The term of the scholarship is determined by the student's enrolment load, either full-time or part-time (e.g. two years for the \$6,000 award based on a full-time enrolment).
- 3.2. 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.

#### 4. Conditions of scholarship

- 4.1. 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.
  - 4.1.1 Students whose course GPA drops below 4.00 are issued a notification that they are in breach of their scholarship conditions but will continue to receive their payment for the next semester.
  - 4.1.2 If their course GPA remains below a 4.00 for the following semester, payment may be suspended until further notice.
  - 4.1.3 A third breach of the GPA condition may result in termination of the scholarship.
- 4.2. Students 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 with prior written approval from the Faculty of Engineering, by emailing [engage.engineering@qut.edu.au](mailto:engage.engineering@qut.edu.au).
- 4.3. Students must remain admitted and enrolled in an engineering course to receive their scholarship payment.
- 4.4. Students are permitted to change to another engineering course and continue to receive this scholarship unless otherwise specified in the scholarship offer letter.
- 4.5. 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.
- 4.6. 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 Faculty of Engineering and/or [Student Counselling](#).
- 4.7. 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.
- 4.8. Students on Women in Engineering scholarship cannot concurrently receive another merit, cooperative, or industry scholarships, but are eligible to receive a Bursary, Prize, or Equity Scholarship, while being a Women in Engineering Scholarship recipient.

#### 5. Termination of scholarship

A scholarship may be terminated in the following circumstances,

- 5.1. Failure to comply with the conditions of the scholarship as stated in Section 4- Conditions of scholarship.
- 5.2. Withdrawal from your course. Students are advised to access [Student Counselling](#) or the Faculty of Engineering before withdrawing from their course.
- 5.3. This scholarship cannot be deferred.
- 5.4. Failure to enrol into a course following the completion of the approved Leave of Absence period.
- 5.5. 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 [Academic integrity \(MOPP C/5.3\)](#), [QUT Code for responsible conduct of research \(MOPP D/2.6\)](#), [Acceptable use of information technology resources \(MOPP F/1.11\)](#)

#### 6. Miscellaneous

- 6.1. **Grievances**
  - 6.1.1 Student may lodge a formal appeal arising from any scholarship matter through the [Appeals Committee](#)

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- 6.1.2 Any grievances related to the administration of scholarship is governed by [E/9.2 Grievance resolution procedures for student related grievances](#), with QUT's Manual of Policy and Procedures.
- 6.2 **Tax implications**
  - 6.2.1 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](#). Additional tax information can be obtained via [www.ato.gov.au/individuals](http://www.ato.gov.au/individuals).
- 6.3 **Centrelink**
  - 6.3.1 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.
- 6.4 **Scholarship contact**
  - 6.4.1 The Women in Engineering Scholarship is administered by the Faculty of Engineering. For any scholarships related inquiries please contact the Faculty of Engineering, by emailing [engage.engineering@qut.edu.au](mailto:engage.engineering@qut.edu.au).