2022 Women in Information Technology Scholarship

Terms and Conditions

Overview
QUT is committed to growing the number of graduating female technologists and fostering the view of technology as a career choice for women.

1 Eligibility requirements
To be eligible for the Women in Information Technology Scholarship, applicants must meet all the following requirements:

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

2 Value and payment of scholarships
The scholarship is valued at $6,000 and,

2.1 The scholarship will be paid in two instalments of $3,000. The first instalment will be paid after census date in Semester 1, 2022 with the second instalment paid following the recipients confirmed enrolment after census date in Semester 1, 2023.
2.2 Payments will be subject to the scholarship conditions being met, with payments being suspended in particular circumstances. Refer to Section 4 Conditions of the scholarship.
2.3 Students will receive their scholarship payment by electronic transfer to their nominated bank account after the census date each semester.
2.4 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 Science if any over or under payments occur. Where discrepancies in payment occur, a student may be required to return the funds to the university.

3 Term of scholarship
3.1 The term of the scholarship is two years based on full-time enrolment.
3.2 Scholarship recipients are not able to defer their scholarship offer.

4 Conditions of scholarship
4.1 To retain this scholarship students must be enrolled full-time for the duration of their studies in the Bachelor of Information Technology OR Bachelor of Games and Interactive Environments OR a double degree including one of these degrees.
4.2 Students must achieve a minimum course (accumulative) grade point average (GPA) of 5.00 in any given semester to maintain the scholarship for the next study period.

4.1.1 Students whose course GPA drops below 5.00 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 5.00 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.

4.3 Students must remain admitted in an IT or related double degree to receive their scholarship payment. Withdrawal from studies will result in the termination of the scholarship.

4.4 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.

4.5 Special circumstances will be taken into consideration to support individual variation to the conditions of scholarship, supporting documentary evidence may be requested. Students are advised to discuss their special circumstance with the Faculty of Science and/or Counselling services.

4.6 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.

4.7 Recipients of the Women in Information Technology scholarship cannot concurrently receive another merit, cooperative, or industry scholarship, but are eligible to receive a Bursary, Prize, or Equity Scholarship.

5 Termination of scholarship

A scholarship may be terminated in the following circumstances:

5.1 Failure to comply with the conditions of the scholarship (refer to Section 4).

5.2 Withdrawal from your course. Students are advised to access Counselling services or the Faculty of Science before withdrawing from their course.

5.3 Failure to enrol into a course following the completion of an approved Leave of Absence period.

5.4 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

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.

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 Women in Information Technology scholarships are administered by the Faculty of Science. For any scholarship related enquiries please contact ph (07) 3138 2004 or email science@qut.edu.au.