



2021 Women in Information Technology Scholarship (Merit)

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Closing date for applications is **20 November 2020**. Late applications will **not** be accepted.

Scholarship Offering	Value
Women in Information Technology Scholarship	\$6,000

ELIGIBILITY

1. Applicants must meet the following criteria:

Student status

- be an Australian or New Zealand citizen or permanent resident
- be graduating Year 12, or have had no more than 1 gap year since graduating high school and must be starting university undergraduate degree for the first time
- QUT must be your first preference
- identify as female
- be enrolling in the Bachelor of Information Technology or Bachelor of Games and Interactive Environments or a double degree including one of these degrees.

Academic status

- ATAR 92.00 – 99.95 (or equivalent). *NOTE: ATAR bonus schemes are not applied in the assessment of this scholarship.*

SCHOLARSHIP ASSESSMENT AND OFFERS

2. Scholarship assessment is based on academic performance, gender and diversity profile, demonstrated aspirations and passion for technology, including understanding of technology and its potential, and commitment to personal and professional growth and development, including the ability to balance studies with other agendas/pursuits and demonstrate resilience. Applicants will be ranked according to the above criteria by a selection panel, consisting of academic staff members from the Science and Engineering Faculty.
3. Round 1 scholarship offers apply to the top eligible applicants. Round 1 offers will be sent via email in January 2021. Round 2 offers (top up round) takes 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 their scholarship offer in the first offer round. The total of round 2 offers reflects the total of round 1 scholarship offers declined. Round 2 offers will be sent via email in late January 2021. Only students who are successful in being offered a scholarship are notified.
4. Recipients must accept and enrol in Bachelor of Information Technology or Bachelor of Games and Interactive Environments or a double degree including one of these degrees to receive this scholarship.
5. Scholarship recipients are not able to defer their scholarship offer.

RETAINING THE SCHOLARSHIP

6. Students must be enrolled full time the Bachelor of Information Technology or Bachelor of Games and Interactive Environments or a double degree including one of these degrees for the duration of their studies to retain this scholarship. Recipients must remain admitted in a course to retain this scholarship. Withdrawal from studies will result in the termination of the scholarship.

Recipients wishing to take a break in their studies must apply for, and be granted, a leave of absence. After completing 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.

7. 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 their GPA remains below 5.00 in the probationary semester, the scholarship will be terminated.

8. In the event of special circumstances occurring while in the receipt of this scholarship including changes made to their enrolment, students must contact the Science and Engineering Faculty Scholarships Officer to discuss their situation (sef.enquiry@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).
9. The purpose of the Women in Information Technology Scholarship is to help support female students undertaking their first year of an Information Technology undergraduate degree within the Science and Engineering Faculty at the Queensland University of Technology (QUT). The Scholarship aims to encourage leadership and networking among emerging female information technology leaders. It is expected that recipients of the Women in Information Technology Scholarship will continue to play a leadership role through their active contribution to, and participation in, the Women in IT program as well as activities and events. The second installment of the scholarship payment is also conditional to the student's contributions and participation in the program.
10. Scholarship recipients are expected to comply with the responsibilities and standards of behavior set out in the [QUT Student Code of Conduct \(E/2. 1\)](#) and to be a good and exemplary ambassador of the Scholarship Program.

In the event that scholarship recipients engage in any conduct that would breach the [QUT Student Code of Conduct \(E/2. 1\)](#) then this may lead to: (a) QUT terminating the Scholarship and associated payments; and (b) recipients will be required by QUT to repay the pro-rata value of the Scholarship already received that is referable to the period after termination.

SCHOLARSHIP PAYMENT

11. The scholarship is valued at \$6,000 and will be paid to the recipient as a study stipend in two equal installments. Once the recipient has enrolled in an eligible Information Technology degree, the first installment will be paid (within four weeks) after census date in Semester 1, 2021 with the second installment paid (within four weeks) following the recipients confirmed enrolment after census date in Semester 1, 2022.
12. All scholarship payments are made after HECS census date in line with the semester that payment is entitled.
13. While every care is taken to ensure direct payments of scholarship funds are correct, scholarships 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.

OTHER INFORMATION

14. This scholarship is viewed by the ATO as not taxable income. Please note however that Centrelink may include this scholarship entitlement in any means testing as a result of an application made for commonwealth assistance. Please check with Centrelink for a ruling on this issue when applying for commonwealth assistance.
15. This scholarship is bound by QUT's concurrency policy that determines whether certain scholarship combinations can be held concurrently by a student. For all intents and purposes the Women in Information Technology Scholarship is classed as a **Merit** scholarship. Refer to the QUT Scholarship Concurrency table below:

To determine if you can hold more than one scholarship, locate Scholarship Type A on the X axis and Scholarship Type B on the Y axis then slide down and across simultaneously until you 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						
		Equity	Merit	Non-Academic	Co-operative	Industry	Bursary	Prize
Scholarship B classification	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

GRIEVANCES

16. 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](#).
17. Any entitlement grievances related to this scholarship are governed by [E/1.2 Appeals Committee](#) found in QUT's [Manual of Policy and Procedures](#).