Scholarships

A guide to the scholarships available to future QUT students

QUT is proud to offer a broad range of scholarships to recognise and support students. Our program includes scholarships for:

- academic excellence
- creative talent
- elite athletes
- students facing financial hardship
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students
- students studying in specific courses, faculties or industries.

We encourage you to investigate and apply for any scholarships for which you may be eligible.

Applying for scholarships

Check your eligibility for scholarships

Some scholarships are for specific courses, while others apply to all courses. You may need to meet academic criteria or other criteria relating to life circumstances.

Confirm the application process and closing dates

For most scholarships, you will need to submit an application form to QUT in addition to applying for a QUT course through QTAC. Your application may be based on your OP/selection rank, or you may need to respond to additional criteria such as leadership or extracurricular involvement.

Note the closing date and give yourself time to respond to any additional criteria or gather supporting documents.

Complete your application

Make sure you understand what is being asked of you. Be clear, concise and honest in your answers and, if applicable, use a variety of examples to distinguish yourself and your achievements.

Ask a friend or family member to provide feedback on the content as well as spelling, punctuation and grammar.

A world of opportunity

The Leadership, Development and Innovation program is available to all QUT students. You can access development workshops, and participate in and lead campus and community projects. You’ll learn to take action, initiate social change, and contribute to the community. On graduation you will receive a customised award detailing your involvement.

Vice-Chancellor’s Scholars become automatic members of the QUT College of Excellence, which offers a wide range of courses, events, and external conferences and activities to support your personal and professional development.

Many of our faculty scholarship programs provide you with opportunities to connect with industry professionals and gain real-world work experience, ensuring you are in demand when you graduate.

QUINN YATES-SCLATER

Clinical exercise physiology

Being awarded a Vice-Chancellor’s Academic Scholarship was probably the best thing to happen to me. I went on a camp to North Stradbroke Island with 100 other scholarship recipients, and this early connection made transitioning to university so much more comfortable, knowing I had like-minded people going through the same ups and downs as me. The scholarship also provides access to other opportunities such as the College of Excellence, and working as a student ambassador and a connector for new students.

Find your future

QUT Open Day is your best chance to talk with staff and students about courses, careers, scholarships and university life. You can also go to seminars and check out the campus. Find out what your future might hold at QUT.

QUT Open Day—Sunday 29 July
Gardens Point (city) campus
www.qut.edu.au/open-day
The Vice-Chancellor’s Scholarship Program is QUT’s premier offering for students who have demonstrated outstanding achievement.

### Academic scholarships
- 90 academic scholarships valued at up to $30 000 each
- 15 academic scholarships valued at $10 000 each
- available across all courses

### Eligibility
To be eligible for the academic scholarships you must:
- be a domestic or international student currently completing secondary school studies in Australia, or have taken no more than one gap year
- be entering university for the first time on the basis of your Year 12 results
- achieve an OP 1–2 (or equivalent ranks).

### Creative industries scholarships
- 8 elite visual and performing arts scholarships valued at up to $30 000 each, awarded to students who are ranked first or second in their audition or portfolio in QUT’s acting, dance performance, visual arts or music degrees
- 12 creative industries scholarships valued at $10 000 each, awarded to the students ranked first and second in their audition or portfolio in QUT’s dance or business/visual arts degrees, and to the third and fourth highest ranked students in acting, dance performance, music and visual arts degrees

### Elite athlete scholarships
- 8 elite athlete scholarships for students who excel in sport, valued at up to $30 000 each
- available across all courses

### Eligibility
To apply for the academic and elite athlete scholarships complete the online application by 16 November 2018. You do not need to apply for the creative industries scholarships—they are automatically awarded.

### Applying

### Payment
The $30 000 scholarships are paid in eight instalments over a maximum of four years and the $10 000 scholarships are paid in four instalments over the first four semesters.

### LUCY COOGAN
Law and public relations

Having a Vice-Chancellor’s Scholarship has provided me with amazing opportunities. I have made so many friends and other Vice-Chancellor’s scholars form the basis of my professional network. The financial support from the scholarship means I can limit the hours I work in my part-time job, and also helped me to undertake an overseas exchange to the Michigan State University in the USA.
Low-income and Indigenous Australian scholarships

Sometimes students experience difficulty with the costs of living and studying. In 2019, QUT's Equity Scholarships Scheme will offer over $4 million in scholarships, bursaries and computers to people from low-income backgrounds, including students who face significant financial barriers to university study. More than 3000 QUT students currently benefit. All low-income students planning to study at QUT in 2019 are encouraged to apply.

If you are from a low-income background, apply for the financial hardship category of the Educational Access Scheme (EAS) on your QTAC application. Eligible students will receive a guaranteed $3500 Equity Scholarship, and an adjustment of up to three OP bands or six selection ranks. Visit www.qut.edu.au/special-entry.

We also encourage you to apply directly to QUT’s Equity Scholarships Scheme, even if you are unsuccessful in the EAS, to be considered for other scholarships and/or a free computer. Visit www.qut.edu.au/equity-scholarships.

Entry programs
If you have experienced other difficult circumstances (including home environment and responsibilities, English language difficulty, personal illness and disability, or educational disruption), which have negatively impacted on your study, you can apply for the Educational Access Scheme via QTAC and may be awarded an OP/selection rank adjustment to help you gain entry to your preferred course.

The Oodgeroo Unit’s Centralised Assessment Selection Program assists Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants by recognising life experiences, prior or current study, and potential, skills and commitment. If you have identified as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander via QTAC and list QUT in your top three preferences, staff from the Oodgeroo Unit will contact you. Visit www.qut.edu.au/special-entry.

Other financial support

Faculty bursaries and scholarships
Some faculties provide additional bursaries and other benefits to eligible low-income students.

Commonwealth support
We encourage you to contact the Department of Human Services (Centrelink) to check your eligibility for government income support. You may be eligible for regular payments such as Youth Allowance, Austudy or Abstudy, as well as loans or scholarships to help with relocation or getting started at university. For more information phone 13 24 90 or visit www.humanservices.gov.au.

Equity and merit-based scholarships
Up to a total value of $8054 are exempt from being treated as assessable income by Centrelink. Scholarship amounts in excess of this value may be subject to means testing. This amount is indexed annually and may change. Visit www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/enablers/income.

Equity Scholarships Scheme

Support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students
Indigenous Commonwealth Scholarships are available for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students who are from low-income backgrounds or experiencing financial hardship. There are also a number of other scholarships for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. Visit www.qut.edu.au/about/oodgeroo.

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Scholarships for out-of-towners
The Tim Fairfax AC Regional and Remote Scholarships and the Dr Laurie Cowled Learning Potential Fund Scholarships are available for students who are experiencing financial hardship and are from regional, rural or remote areas. Visit www.qut.edu.au/scholarships.

Maryam Chimosa
Nursing and paramedic science
Receiving an Equity Scholarship allowed me to direct my attention to studying rather stressing over expenses like uniforms and textbooks. It was most useful during my clinical placement. It’s hard to find time to work during this period, on top of completing my placement hours, so it was great that I could rely on my scholarship to cover my expenses.

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**Faculty and industry scholarships**

**START QUT**
START QUT is an opportunity for high-achieving senior school students to experience university. Study up to two QUT units by attending on-campus classes. START QUT students are awarded a scholarship to cover the cost of their tuition fees. Visit www.qut.edu.au/startqut.

**Business**
**Dean’s Honours Program**
Complete a Bachelor of Business and an honours degree with a $20,000 scholarship. Apply via QTAC for the Dean’s Honours Program; no separate scholarship application required.

**Corporate Partners in Excellence Scholarship**
High-achieving domestic students can undertake two 15-week internships with corporate partners and receive a $30,000 scholarship while completing a Bachelor of Business (BS05). Applications close 16 November 2018.

**Scholarships for Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander students**
The Getting Started Scholarship ($4000) and the Laurie Cowled Indigenous Business Scholarship ($5000) are offered to eligible Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students undertaking a business degree.

**Business Academic Excellence Scholarship**
A $5000 scholarship for domestic and international (Year 12 in Australia) OP 1–2 students who enrol in the Bachelor of Business, Bachelor of Business—International or a business double degree. Applications close 16 November 2018.

**Creative Industries, Education and Health**
**Students are encouraged to apply for Vice-Chancellor’s Scholarships, Equity Scholarships, Commonwealth Scholarships or other external scholarships. State and federal government scholarships and incentives may be available for education students.**

**Law**
**QUT Faculty of Law Founders’ Scholarship**
First-year domestic students undertaking a single or double degree in law, and facing financial or personal hardship, may be eligible for this scholarship valued at $10,000. Applications close in March 2019.

**Science and Engineering**
**Dean’s Scholars Program**
Students applying for a Vice-Chancellor’s Scholarship or merit-based faculty scholarships, and undertaking a single or double degree in science, technology, engineering, mathematics, or urban development, may be eligible for the Dean’s Scholars Program. The program offers leadership development, industry exposure, international exchange programs and mentoring.

**Women in Engineering Scholarship**
Female students planning to study a Bachelor of Engineering or engineering double degree straight from high school or from a gap year can apply for a $6000 scholarship. Applications close 16 November 2018.

**Westpac Bicentennial Foundation Young Technologists Scholarship**
A scholarship worth up to $25,000 for domestic OP 1–5 students who plan to study an information technology or games and interactive environments degree, or associated double degree directly from high school. Applications close 16 November 2018.

**Power Engineering Bursary**
High-achieving, first-year electrical, mechanical and mechatronics engineering students, particularly those pursuing careers in the energy sector, can apply for a $4000 bursary and paid vocational employment. Visit www.api.edu.au/bursary.

**Women in IT Merit Scholarship**
A $6000 scholarship for female domestic Queensland Year 12 students with an OP 1–5 who wish to enrol in an information technology single or double degree. Applications close 16 November 2018.

**Industry-sponsored scholarships**
A number of industry-sponsored scholarships, which support students and connect them to industry early in their degree, are also available.

**Scholarships for Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander students**
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students commencing an eligible degree in the Science and Engineering Faculty can apply for a range of scholarships and loans schemes to assist them throughout their studies.

For details about all scholarships visit www.qut.edu.au/scholarships.