Scholarships 2020

scholarships.uq.edu.au
Make your university experience easier and more affordable with the support of a scholarship.

You may not think you are eligible for a scholarship, but with many opportunities available, you should definitely take some time to research and apply.

When you’re reading this, you’re probably completely preoccupied with thinking about exams, the formal, graduation and schoolies. However, spare a few moments to plan your application for a UQ scholarship, and make your university experience even more enriching. You might be surprised at how many scholarships you are eligible to apply for!

### Academic

UQ’s Academic Scholarships for 2020 reward the achievements of outstanding school leavers from 2019 and gap-year students from 2018. Up to 150 Academic Scholarships are offered each year, making them very competitive.

#### Applying for an Academic Scholarship

Apply online at uq-applications.fluidreview.com. When completing an application for an Academic Scholarship, you will submit one application that will be considered for each of the three types of Academic Scholarship:

**UQ Vice-Chancellor’s Scholarships**

These scholarships are awarded solely on academic achievement to applicants who achieve at the very top of the OP1 band (or a minimum ATAR of 99.90). Offers are generally made before the end of the year (subject to availability of senior results).

*Award value:* $12,000 per year for five years*

**UQ Excellence Scholarships**

These scholarships are awarded to OP1 (or equivalent) applicants with outstanding academic achievements who have demonstrated outstanding leadership and/or community-service achievements during years 11–12.

*Award value:* $6000 per year for four years*

**UQ Merit Scholarships**

These scholarships are awarded to applicants with significant academic achievements who have demonstrated significant leadership and/or community-service achievements during years 11–12.

*Award value:* $6000 for the first year of study*

### Equity

UQ strongly supports equitable access to education for students who may otherwise be unable to attend university.

#### UQ Link Scholarships

These scholarships are awarded to applicants without any prior tertiary study (bachelor’s level and above) who apply to study at UQ and have experienced educational disadvantage due to financial hardship.

*Award value:* Up to $3000 per year for three years*

#### Applying for a UQ Link Scholarship

To apply for a UQ Link scholarship, apply for the Educational Access Scheme (EAS) when you submit your QTAC application. Applicants who apply under the Financial Hardship category are automatically considered for a UQ Link Scholarship. EAS applications must be submitted as soon as possible, including all supporting documentation, and before the due date for the scheduled offer rounds. Please see the information on Key Dates and Fees on the QTAC website (qtac.edu.au/key-dates-fees) for the documentation due dates for scheduled offer rounds.

**Aspire Scholarships**

Aspire Scholarships are awarded to commencing UQ Link recipients who have experienced extreme financial hardship and/or additional forms of educational disadvantage.

*Award value:* $4500 for the first year of study*

*Conditions apply – visit scholarships.uq.edu.au for more information*
Sporting

UQ Sporting Scholarships are awarded to outstanding new and continuing students who are both academically gifted and have demonstrated exceptional ability in their chosen sport. UQ is accredited by the Australian Sports Commission as an Elite Athlete Friendly University (EAFU), supporting students to balance their academic studies with elite-level competition.

Applying for a Sporting Scholarship

Though there are several Sporting Scholarships, the two main Sporting Scholarship schemes UQ offers in partnership with UQ Sport are:

**UQ Sports Achievement Scholarships**
Awarded to outstanding student-athletes who have demonstrated remarkable ability in both their chosen sport and in their academic pursuits.

**Award value:** determined each year (2018 values: $3000–$8000)

**Clem Jones Sporting Scholarships**
Funded by an annual donation from The Clem Jones Foundation, these scholarships are awarded to students who have the potential to perform at a high level in their chosen sport. Preference is given to applicants with demonstrated financial need.

**Award value:** $18,000 over three years

200+ more

The success of our students is one of the foundations of the University’s success. We offer a range of support from mentoring with experienced professionals and entrepreneurs, to vacation work and placement opportunities. Thanks to the generous support of industry partners, private donors and government, we also offer a range of life-changing scholarships to encourage and support students and reward achievement:

**Enhancing student employability**
At UQ, we believe the skills and attributes that employers are looking for can be developed and enhanced through experiences both at university and in life off campus. We offer access to a variety of funding options, such as the UQ Employability Grant, to enable as many UQ students as possible to enhance their employability through a variety of curricular and extracurricular activities, including exchange, global opportunities, entrepreneurial activities, and volunteering. To find out more, visit employability.uq.edu.au/financial-support.

**Enhanced research experience**
In the knowledge-based global economy, employers value skills, including the ability to think and reason critically, develop innovative ideas, analyse data and clearly explain results. UQ coordinates a range of programs that enable you to build these skills through early research experience, with financial support available to assist with the cost. To find out more, visit employability.uq.edu.au/research.

**Areas of study**
We offer many scholarships at UQ that provide fee relief or financial assistance for different areas of study. Faculties and schools also offer scholarships for specific areas of study or programs. To find out more, visit scholarships.uq.edu.au.

Commonwealth Government Support

**Centrelink Student Income Support**
The Australian Government offers a number of income-support payments to eligible Australian university students. Visit the Centrelink website to find out more.

**Award value:** variable and determined by Centrelink

Please note: All figures were correct at time of printing but are subject to changes. See scholarships.uq.edu.au prior to applying to confirm correct values.

Students commencing in Semester 2, 2020 should visit scholarships.uq.edu.au for more information about available scholarships.
Your application

Documentation
Scholarship applications must be submitted by the closing date with all relevant supporting documents.

Eligibility
Some of the common eligibility criteria include:

Academic Achievement
Demonstrated by academic results, academic awards, and extracurricular academic activities such as conferences.

Leadership
Leadership can be demonstrated through school-based leadership positions (such as school captain, sports captain, elected student representative) as well as leadership positions outside school (such as community organisations and sporting clubs) and participation in leadership development programs.

Community Service
Demonstrated by significant, sustained community service and involvement, such as being an active volunteer for Surf Life Saving or a regular volunteer for Eddie’s Van.

Sporting Excellence
Demonstrated by significant sporting achievements, as well as the applicant’s potential to perform in their chosen sport at a sufficiently high level.

Financial Hardship or Disadvantage
Demonstrated by documented eligibility for means-tested income support payments (such as from Centrelink), documented financial situation and gross household income as evidenced by tax assessment notices.

Taking a gap year?

Deferring scholarships
Some scholarships for commencing students may be deferred for up to one year. Once commenced, approval to suspend a scholarship will normally only be given where there are exceptional circumstances preventing a student from studying in a semester (evidence will be required). Please check the conditions of your scholarship for further information.

Reapplying for scholarships in your gap year
UQ Academic Scholarships are available to current Year 12 students, as well as students who have taken a gap year, as long as they have not undertaken any university studies during that time.

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“It was very humbling to be chosen as a recipient of the Economics Year 12 Domestic Students Scholarship. The scholarship removes a huge burden from me in terms of the cost of education. It has also opened the door to many other opportunities within the School of Economics, including valuable learning and internship experiences.”

BENEDICT GATTAS
Bachelor of Engineering / Bachelor of Economics student, UQ Economics Year 12 Domestic Students Scholarship recipient