



THE TC BEIRNE SCHOOL OF LAW
THE LEADERSHIP, EXCELLENCE & DIVERSITY (LEAD) SCHOLARSHIP

(The scholarship was established in 2016 and is maintained by funds from external donors.)

1. Purpose

The purpose of the scholarship is to encourage and support students from disadvantaged backgrounds to undertake undergraduate studies in law at The University of Queensland.

2. Definitions

In these rules –

Domestic student means a student who is —

- (a) an Australian citizen; or
- (b) the holder of a permanent humanitarian visa for Australia.

GPA means grade point average.

Head of School means the head of the TC Beirne School of Law.

relevant program means the LLB(Hons) program or a dual degree program that includes the LLB(Hons) program.

scholarship means the The LEAD Scholarship.

3. Award and value of scholarship

- (1) The University will award a number of scholarships in a year, on the recommendation of the Head of School.
- (2) The value of the scholarship is \$7000 per annum for a maximum period of five (5) years.
- (3) Recipients of the scholarship will be designated “LEAD Scholars”.

4. Eligibility for Scholarship

- (1) An applicant is eligible to be considered for the award of a scholarship in a year, if the applicant—
 - (a) is or will be a domestic student in the year of award; and
 - (b) has completed his or her senior schooling in Australia in the year of application for the award at an Australian non-selective government school; and
 - (c) intends to enrol as a commencing student at The University of Queensland in a relevant program in the year of the award; and
 - (d) expects to gain admission to a relevant program in the year of the award on the basis of predicted senior results and any applicable bonuses or on the basis of special entry pathways; and
 - (e) has not completed any prior tertiary study at bachelor level or higher; and
 - (f) has demonstrated significant educational, social and/or financial disadvantage; and
 - (g) is available to attend a formal interview at UQ on a date set by the University; and
 - (h) has been endorsed for the scholarship by the Principal of his or her school.

5. Selection

- (1) The Head of School will establish a selection committee, comprising –
 - (a) the Head of School or nominee, as chair of the committee; and
 - (b) the Associate Dean (Academic) of the Faculty of Business Economics and Law; and
 - (c) the Academic Registrar or nominee; and
 - (d) the Donor or nominee; and
 - (e) a distinguished member of the Queensland Legal Profession determined by the Chair; and

(f) any other representatives as may be determined from time to time by the Chair, with University staff comprising the majority.

(2) Selection of recipients of the scholarship is completely at the University's discretion.

(3) The scholarship is awarded to applicants showing greatest merit as demonstrated by –

- (a) significant educational, social and/or financial disadvantage; and
- (b) academic achievement in Year 11 and Year 12; and
- (c) significant leadership, cultural, sporting and/or community service achievements; and
- (d) other extra-curricular activities; and
- (e) personal characteristics demonstrated in the written application including:
 - (i) openness and confidence to explore new ideas and experiences; and
 - (ii) self-discipline and resilience; and
 - (iii) interest and conscientiousness in relation to leadership for social change and impact; and
 - (iv) a desire to contribute to the broader community; and
 - (v) humour and humility.

6 Conditions for scholarship

- (1) Offers for the scholarship will be conditional on receiving an offer of a place in a relevant program at UQ in the year of the award.
- (2) The scholarship cannot be deferred in the year of the award but may be deferred or suspended after the completion of one full-time academic year with a GPA of 4.5 or better.
- (3) The recipient may hold another equity-based scholarship concurrently with the scholarship but may not hold another scholarship that is based solely on academic achievement.
- (4) The recipient may hold the scholarship for a maximum period of five (5) years (excluding any periods for which the scholarship is deferred or suspended), subject to the recipient –
 - (a) in the year of the award commencing study in a relevant program at UQ; and
 - (b) continuing to be enrolled full-time in a relevant program, subject to periods of interruption after the first year of full-time enrolment; and
 - (c) maintaining satisfactory academic progress by achieving a GPA of 4.5 or better in each academic year of the relevant program.
- (5) The recipient must actively contribute to supporting the scholarship and the University by:
 - (a) joining a residential college community within the University as a resident or as an associate/non-resident member of that college for at least the first year of enrolment in a relevant program;
 - (b) serving as an ambassador for the University through advocating personally and in writing on behalf of the University with donors, the legal profession, alumni, secondary school and community groups;
 - (c) actively promoting the scholarship within secondary schools;
 - (d) providing feedback and creative input to enhance the development of the scholarship for future LEAD Scholars;
 - (e) supporting University initiatives designed to ensure the sustainability and ongoing success of the scholarship;
 - (f) acknowledging that there is an expectation that every recipient will give to the scholarship when they are financially able to do so.
- (6) If a recipient fails to satisfy rules 6(4)(b) or (c), or if, in the opinion of the Head of School, the recipient fails to actively contribute to supporting the scholarship in the manner required by rule 6(5), the recipient must show cause to the selection committee as then constituted as to why the scholarship should not be cancelled.