



Scholarship Acceptance Form Indigenous Commonwealth Education Costs Scholarship (ICECS)

Student Name:

Student Number:

Declaration:

- I hereby accept the offer of the Indigenous Commonwealth Education Costs Scholarship (ICECS) awarded by QUT on behalf of the Commonwealth Government.
- I declare that I have not previously completed the requirements of a course of study equivalent to or higher than an Australian bachelor's award at QUT or another institution.
- I declare that I have advised Centrelink that I have received a Commonwealth Scholarship at QUT.
- I understand that I may incur debt to the Commonwealth if I make claim, and receive payments, for a scholarship or income contingent loan to which I am not entitled.
- I understand that giving false or misleading information is a serious offence under the Criminal Code Act 1995 (Commonwealth).
- I understand that my personal information (i.e. name, address and scholarship type) will be disclosed to the Department of Education and Training for the purpose of administering the Indigenous Commonwealth Scholarship (ICS) program.
- I declare that I have read and accept the *Commonwealth Scholarship Conditions* - <http://www.comlaw.gov.au/Details/F2010L00696>.

Signature:

_____ *You must print the acceptance form and sign in this space.*

Date:

Important notice for recipients of Youth Allowance, Austudy or ABSTUDY

Please be aware that from 2016 the Student Start-up Loan replaces the Student Start-up Scholarship for new student payment recipients (Youth Allowance (student), Austudy or ABSTUDY Living Allowance). The Student Start-up Loan will be a voluntary income contingent loan which students will be able to apply for to help with the costs of study. You cannot concurrently hold commonwealth scholarships or income contingent loans of the same type paid by QUT and by Centrelink. As an existing holder of a commonwealth scholarship (CS) administered by QUT, you should not be offered a CS or income contingent loan by Centrelink, but if so, please discuss with them to make sure that you do not incur a debt. Further information is available from the StudyAssist website -

<http://studyassist.gov.au/sites/studyassist/helpfulresources/faqs/pages/faqs/>

Please send it free of charge to: Private and Confidential, Queensland University of Technology, Equity Scholarships Scheme, Reply Paid 2434, Brisbane QLD 4001

OR

Email: equityscholarships@qut.edu.au



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Commonwealth Scholarship Conditions

In order to receive payments of your Indigenous Commonwealth Scholarship (ICS) you must continue to accept the conditions outlined below. These conditions apply to the following scholarships:

- Indigenous Commonwealth Accommodation Scholarship (ICAS)
- Indigenous Commonwealth Education Costs Scholarship (ICECS)
- Indigenous Access Scholarship (IAS)

It is a condition of the ICS that you accept the scholarship conditions, and satisfy the eligibility requirements as outlined in Section 2.10 of the Commonwealth Guidelines each semester. In accepting these conditions, you also consent to the disclosure of your name, address and scholarship type to the Department of Education and Training for the purposes of administering the ICS program. If you do not consent, you must decline these conditions and contact the Equity Section on 3138 5601 to discuss transferring your scholarship to a QUT Equity Scholarship.

Whilst your eligibility will be checked by QUT, you are responsible for ensuring your enrolment meets the minimum eligibility requirements. If your enrolment or situation changes, you are required to notify the Equity Section via equityscholarships@qut.edu.au.

You must be eligible as at the Census date each semester. At QUT, this is Friday in week 4 in semester 1 and 2. Your eligibility will be checked after this date, and payments processed shortly thereafter. Payments are generally made in week 8.

You will also be required to supply information regarding your circumstances at the beginning of each semester. You will be sent an email directing you to QUT Virtual messages which will enable you to respond to one or two questions (depending on your scholarship type). If you do not respond within the specified time frame, your scholarship may be terminated. You will not be paid until you respond.

You will be asked about:

- your financial situation - if your situation improves significantly from that shown on your initial application (for example, an inheritance), and you are no longer experiencing financial hardship, you will no longer be eligible for a ICS.
- your living arrangements - if you are getting free accommodation during the semester or you return to live permanently in the place you moved from, you will no longer be eligible for an Indigenous Commonwealth Accommodation Scholarship (ICAS).

We are also obliged to inform you that if you provide false or misleading information in relation to your ICS, QUT must immediately:

- reassess your entitlement to a ICS; and
- notify the Department of Education and Training of the suspected offence and provide a copy of your application and any other relevant information requested by the department.

General Commonwealth Scholarship Eligibility Requirements

In order to receive first and subsequent Commonwealth Scholarship payments, you must:

- be an Indigenous person; and
- be undertaking a course at QUT (you can be a QUT student enrolled as a cross-institutional student elsewhere); and
- be enrolled an undergraduate course (not limited to areas of National Priority) or a graduate diploma (or equivalent postgraduate course of study) in an area of National Priority required for initial registration to practice in the chosen National Priority (specified additional courses are eligible for NPS and NAS, see below); and
- be a Commonwealth Supported Student; and
- continue to meet the low socio-economic requirements; and
- be enrolled full-time unless you have extenuating circumstances for studying part-time and have notified QUT of these (for example factors such as course requirements, disability or medical condition, significant carer responsibilities, Indigenous community responsibilities, and course constraints outside a your control resulting in your inability to undertake a full-time student load); and
- have not already completed the requirements of a course of study equivalent to or higher than an Australian bachelor's award, unless each such award is a prerequisite to your current course of study and is specified by the eligibility guidelines for your current scholarship type.
- have not exhausted the maximum number of scholarship payments (The IAS is a once-in-a-lifetime payment, ICECS and ICAS are paid for a maximum of 8 instalments); and
- must not be concurrently in receipt of a Commonwealth Scholarship from another provider.

Additional Indigenous Commonwealth Accommodation Scholarship (ICAS) Eligibility Requirements

In addition to the General Commonwealth Scholarship Eligibility Requirements, you can only receive a ICAS if:

- you relocated to study from a regional or remote area of Australia and can provide evidence of your prior address in order to meet the residence and relocation requirements outlined in the Commonwealth Guidelines; and
- you are paying for your accommodation; and
- you are studying the majority of your course as an internal student, unless you can demonstrate to QUT that there are exceptional circumstances preventing you from doing so.

Additional Indigenous Access Scholarship (IAS) Eligibility Requirements

In addition to the General Indigenous Commonwealth Scholarship Eligibility Requirements, to be eligible for an IAS, you must:

- be either a commencing student enrolled in or undertaking a course at QUT as a Commonwealth supported student in an undergraduate course of study; or have accepted your QTAC offer of a place as a Commonwealth supported student.

The IAS is for one semester only, paid in two instalments in the first semester of your study at QUT. It is a once-in-a-lifetime scholarship.