



# UQ Ramsay Undergraduate Scholarship

(Established in 2019 with support from the Ramsay Centre for Western Civilisation)

## 1. Purpose

The purpose of the Scholarship is to support students undertaking a program with an extended major in Western Civilisation. A Ramsay scholar is an academic high achiever who desires to make a difference in the world. They are creative and intellectually curious with the critical skills to challenge the status quo and cross boundaries. They value discussion, debate, and the opportunity to learn from others. Their endeavours are driven by compassion, a desire to better the lives of all members of the community, and a strong code of ethics.

## 2. Definitions

In these rules –

**Approved Program of Study** means a Western Civilisation pathway, including the extended major in Western Civilisation in the Bachelor of Advanced Humanities (Honours) (BAdvHum(Hons)) or Bachelor of Humanities/Bachelor of Laws (Honours) (BHum/LLB(Hons)) program.

**Associate Dean** means the Associate Dean (Academic), Faculty of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences.

**Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Person** means a person who can provide compelling evidence of their Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status. Confirmation of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status under the common seal of a community organisation may be provided. Where exceptional circumstances apply, statutory declarations and other forms of documentation may be considered. Original or certified copies of supporting documentation must be provided.

**Commencing Student** means a student who:

- will complete year 12 in the year of application; or
- completed year 12 in the year preceding the year of application; and
- has not completed any prior tertiary study while enrolled in a bachelor-level program or higher. Studies in special university programs designed for secondary school students are acceptable.

**Director of the program in Western Civilisation** means the convenor of the extended major in Western Civilisation in an Approved Program of Study.

**Executive Dean** means the Executive Dean, Faculty of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences.

A person is from a **Regional, Rural or Remote Area** if they have lived in a geographic region classified\* as:

- MM 2 (Regional centres);
- MM 3 (Large rural towns);
- MM 4 (Medium rural towns);
- MM 5 (Small rural towns);
- MM 6 (Remote communities); or
- MM 7 (Very remote communities),

for at least five consecutive years, or for at least 10 years cumulatively. (\*classified by the 'Modified Monash Model' used by the Commonwealth Department of Health and Aged Care based on the Australian Statistical Geography Standard – Remoteness Area structure).

**Scholarship** means the UQ Ramsay Undergraduate Scholarship.

**Under-Represented Background** includes students who are from a Regional, Rural or Remote area, low socio-economic background or are Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Persons.

**University** means The University of Queensland.

## 3. Award, Value and Selection

- (1) The maximum number of new Scholarships to be awarded in a year, and which will be held in accordance with these rules, is set out in Schedule 1.
- (2) The value of each Scholarship will be at least \$20,000 for each year in which it is held.
- (3) The maximum duration of each Scholarship is three (3) years.
- (4) The Scholarship shall be awarded on recommendation from the Executive Dean after consultation with a selection committee, comprising—
  - a) the Executive Dean (or nominee); and
  - b) the Director of the program in Western Civilisation (or nominee); and
  - c) the Dean of the T.C. Beirne School of Law (or nominee); and
  - d) the Academic Registrar (or nominee); and
  - e) the Ramsay Centre CEO (or nominee).with University staff comprising the majority.  
A quorum comprises the Executive Dean, the Ramsay representative and two other University staff members.

## 4. Additional benefits

- (1) Each year, up to 10 new Scholarship recipients who are from a Regional, Rural or Remote Area or an Australian state or territory other than Queensland may be selected to receive additional financial support to assist with accommodation and living costs, with priority given to those with the greatest need. The value of this support is at least \$12,000 for each year the Scholarship is held (in addition to the value of the Scholarship).

## **5. Eligibility and Award Criteria**

- (1) An applicant is eligible for the Scholarship, if the applicant—
- (a) submits an application for the Scholarship to the University by the closing date for applications; and
  - (b) is a Commencing Student; and
  - (c) is an Australian Citizen or Australian Permanent Resident at the time of application; and
  - (d) will be enrolled full-time in an Approved Program of Study in the year of award; and
  - (e) expects to gain admission to an Approved Program of Study in the year of the award on the basis of predicted senior results and any applicable adjustment factors or on the basis of special entry pathways; and
  - (f) will be available to participate in an interview with the selection committee on a date set by the University.
- (2) Applications must be submitted in the form of a curriculum vitae (which includes academic achievements), two written references, a statement addressing the criteria outlined in Rule 5(3)(b), a statement addressing any underrepresentation, and appropriate supporting evidence.
- (3) The Scholarships are awarded to the students showing the greatest merit based on -
- (a) academic ability as demonstrated by previous academic results and awards; and
  - (b) each of the following as demonstrated by written application and performance at interview:
    - (i) interest in the questions and ideas that have shaped the world;
    - (ii) track-record of contribution to their communities;
    - (iii) creativity and critical thinking skills that challenge and cross boundaries;
    - (iv) ability to contribute effectively to discussion and debate;
    - (v) the desire and ability on the part of the candidate to empower and better the lives of others and to make a difference in the world;
    - (vi) the qualities of compassion, empathy, and ethical behaviour; and
    - (vii) the value of the opportunity provided by the Scholarship to the applicant's future development; and
  - (c) overall performance at interview.
- (4) Provided that the criteria listed in rule 5(3) are met, preference will be given to up to five (5) applicants who can demonstrate as part of their application that they are from an Under-Represented Background.
- (5) The selection committee will interview short-listed applicants.

## **6. Conditions for Award**

- (1) The recipient may hold the Scholarship for up to a maximum period of three (3) years, subject to the recipient -
- (a) enrolling full-time in an Approved Program of Study; and
  - (b) continuing to be enrolled full-time in an Approved Program of Study excluding any periods of approved interruption in accordance with rule 8; and
  - (c) achieving a Semester GPA of at least 4.0; and
  - (d) not holding another scholarship the Associate Dean considers similar.
- (2) If a recipient fails to satisfy rule 6(1), the recipient must show cause to the Associate Dean why the Scholarship should not be cancelled.
- (3) The recipient can transfer a scholarship between the pathways in the Approved Program of Study only with the prior approval of the Executive Dean.

## **7. Payment of Award**

- (1) In the first year of the Scholarship:
- (a) recipients from a Regional, Rural or Remote Area will be paid \$5,000 of the total annual value of the Scholarship in the first week of study to help offset start-up costs, once the recipient has enrolled in an Approved Program of Study, with the balance to be paid in two equal instalments after census date in semester 1 and semester 2;
  - (b) all other Scholarship recipients will be paid the total annual value of the Scholarship in two equal instalments after census date in semester 1 and semester 2; and
  - (c) recipients of additional benefits will be paid the total annual value of the additional benefit in two equal instalments after census date in semester 1 and semester 2.
- (2) In subsequent years of the Scholarship, the:
- (a) Scholarship will be paid to all recipients in two equal instalments after census date in semester 1 and semester 2 each year; and
  - (b) additional benefits will be paid in two equal instalments after census date in semester 1 and semester 2 each year.

## **8. Deferral and Interruption of Award**

- (1) The Scholarship may not be deferred.
- (2) A recipient may apply to the Associate Dean to interrupt their Scholarship for a maximum period of two semesters in exceptional circumstances during the tenure of their Scholarship.

## 9. Termination of Award

The University may terminate a Scholarship -

- (a) if the recipient does not show cause to the reasonable satisfaction of the University as provided for in rule 6(2); or
- (b) if the recipient defers their study; or
- (c) if the recipient interrupts their study without approval; or
- (d) if the student commits misconduct.

### Schedule 1 – Maximum number of Scholarships per year

Academic Year	Maximum number of new Scholarships
2026	30
2027	30
2028	25
2029	25
2030	25