

# UQ Ramsay Undergraduate Scholarship

A Scholarship for academic high-achievers who aspire to make a difference in the world





# Paul Ramsay



Paul Ramsay AO (1936-2014) was a leading Australian businessman and philanthropist, whose extraordinary generosity and vision led to the creation of the Ramsay Centre for Western Civilisation.

He founded Ramsay Health Care with a single hospital in 1964. It is now Australia's largest private hospital entity, and one of the world's largest private hospital operators. Paul was also a regional television pioneer, building stations that today form the Prime Television Network.

Throughout his life Paul was known as a 'man for others' and gave generously to a range of educational, cultural, artistic and sporting organisations. He was deeply grateful for the opportunities his country had afforded him and often reflected on the influences that had shaped Australia.

He saw our nation as one of many that had benefited from being part of the long continuum of Western civilisation. In particular, he wanted younger Australians to appreciate and value this heritage. So, he resolved to establish a centre dedicated to the study of Western civilisation and asked former Prime Minister the Hon John Howard OM AC to become its chairman.

The Ramsay Centre for Western Civilisation is funded by the Paul Ramsay Foundation which Paul established in 2006.

Paul is remembered by his friends, family, colleagues and employees as a true gentleman and a proud but humble Australian.

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# Overview

## Purpose of the Scholarship

The purpose of the UQ Ramsay Undergraduate Scholarship is to support students undertaking a sequence of study in Western Civilisation either through the Bachelor of Advanced Humanities (Honours) program or the dual Bachelor of Humanities/Bachelor of Laws (Honours) program.

The Scholarship is intended for academic high-achievers who aspire to make a difference in the world. We seek students who are creative and intellectually curious with the critical skills to challenge the status quo and cross boundaries, and who value discussion, debate, and the opportunity to learn from others.

We seek students whose endeavours are driven by compassion, a desire to better the lives of all members of the community, and a strong code of ethics.

## 2023 Scholars Application guide and Scholarship website

We appreciate and acknowledge the time and commitment required to compile and submit a quality application. The purpose of this guide is to provide applicants with an overview of the application process and supplement the information provided on the UQ Ramsay Undergraduate Scholarship website. The website in conjunction with this guide will provide a holistic overview of the application process. This 2023 Application Guide is designed for UQ Ramsay Undergraduate Scholarships awarded for 2023.

The UQ Ramsay Undergraduate Scholarship website provides:

- an overview of the Scholarship, including the selection criteria;
- how to apply for the Scholarship;
- Terms and Conditions of the Scholarship; and
- the 2023 Scholarship rules.



### Enquiries

All enquiries, relating to the UQ Ramsay Undergraduate Scholarship, including technical difficulties experienced during the application submission process, must be submitted via email: [westernciv@uq.edu.au](mailto:westernciv@uq.edu.au)

## Key dates

Opening date	Monday, 20 June 2022
Closing date	Sunday, 7 August 2022, 11:59pm
Notification of outcome following written application	Wednesday, 14 to Friday, 16 September 2022
Interviews	Wednesday, 28 to Friday, 30 September 2022
Outcome	<p>Applicants will be notified of the outcome within 4 weeks of the interviews.</p> <p>Successful applicants will receive a conditional offer, which is an offer awarded subject to the applicant:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1 Applying to <b>QTAC</b> and receiving an offer for one of the two Programs of Study listed below:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Bachelor of Advanced Humanities (Western Civilisation) (Honours)</b> - QTAC code 757201</li><li>• <b>Bachelor of Humanities/Bachelor of Laws (Honours)</b> - QTAC code 707402</li></ul></li></ol> <p>Note: Receiving a Scholarship offer does not guarantee a place in the program. Places in each program are awarded on a competitive basis.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>2 Maintaining eligibility against other Scholarship criteria.</li><li>3 Enrolling full-time in one of the Programs of Study.</li></ol> <p>Some applicants may be placed on a waitlist to receive an offer.</p>

## Scholarship details

Level of study	Undergraduate
Study area	Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences
Scholarship value	\$30,000 per year
Scholarship duration	Bachelor of Advanced Humanities (Western Civilisation) (Honours) - 4.5 years Bachelor of Humanities/Bachelor of Laws (Honours) - 5.5 years
Relocation subsidy for Inner Rural and Metropolitan Areas	All recipients will receive \$2,500 of the total annual value of the Scholarship (for the first year only) in the first week of study.
Relocation subsidy for Regional or Remote Areas only	Regional or remote area recipients (as defined in the rules of the Scholarship) will receive \$5,000 of the total annual value of the Scholarship (for the first year only) in the first week of study.
Number awarded	Up to 30 each year
Payment Schedule	<p>Year 1 - upfront \$2,500 (or \$5,000 for recipients from regional or remote areas) in the first week of study; half of the remaining total following census date semester 1; and the other half of the remaining total following census date semester 2.</p> <p>Subsequent Years - Half of the total Scholarship value following census date semester 1; and following census date semester 2.</p> <p>Note: Semester payments are processed within 2-4 weeks after the census date each semester – 31 March and 31 August.</p>

## Criteria and conditions

Applicants must meet all eligibility criteria and conditions to receive the Scholarship.

### Applicants must:

- ✓ be an Australian Citizen or Australian Permanent Resident\* (New Zealand Citizens on a Subclass 444 Special Category Visa are not eligible.);
- ✓ currently be in year 12 or have completed year 12 last year;
- ✓ never have been previously enrolled in a Bachelor-level program or higher;
- ✓ achieve the ATAR required for entry and submit a QTAC application with preferences for either one or both of:
  - Bachelor of Advanced Humanities (Western Civilisation) (Honours) - QTAC code 757201
  - Bachelor of Humanities/Bachelor of Laws (Honours) - QTAC code 707402;
- ✓ intend to enrol as a full-time student (generally 4 courses) each semester;
- ✓ submit an online application by Sunday, 7 August 2022, 11:59pm; and
- ✓ be available for an interview between Wednesday, 28 to Friday, 30 September 2022.

\* If you are an Australian Permanent Resident, you will need to upload a certified copy of your passport and your Visa Grant Notice as one pdf file using the file name Surname\_FirstName\_PR (e.g. Doe\_Ash\_PR).



*UQ Ramsay Undergraduate Scholarship applications are independent of any application for entry into an Approved Program of Study, and a conditional offer of a Scholarship is not an indicator of an offer for the program.*

*A QTAC application must be made and an offer received in an Approved Program of Study before a full offer of a Scholarship can be made.*

*Entry ATARs from the previous year are a guide only, and the entry ATAR for 2023 may change.*

# Preparing your application

Before commencing the online submission process, prepare the documents required, obtain two written references, and draft a personal statement that addresses the selection criteria as specified in the rules. Planning and understanding what is required will help you prepare an effective application which will strengthen your chance of being selected for an interview.

## Step 1: Prepare your Curriculum Vitae (CV)

Compile a CV outlining your academic achievements and awards, extracurricular endeavours, and volunteering and community engagement activities (max. 2 pages).

- Include up-to-date contact information and ensure the email address you provide is correct and one you access regularly.
- When highlighting your achievements and abilities be specific and use clear and concise language.
- Proofread your documents for formatting, spelling errors and grammatical errors.

## Step 2: Organise two written references

You are required to submit two written references. Referees should be able to address your academic and ethical qualities as a candidate for this scholarship. We welcome references from teachers or guidance counsellors from high school, leaders or supervisors from community or volunteer associations, organisers of religious, sporting, or interest groups, or your workplace supervisor. A referee is someone who knows you in a professional capacity. **Referees cannot be from a relative, a family friend, or a close family associate.**

Approach your referees at the earliest opportunity and discuss the application process including submission due date. We recommend you provide your referees with a copy of your CV. Remember, your referees should know you in a capacity that allows them to positively attest to your academic and ethical qualities.

References should be:

- on letterhead, dated and signed by your referees; and
- written as a formal business letter and include:
  - how long and in what capacity they know you,
  - the academic and ethical qualities they see in you that demonstrate your suitability for the scholarship, and
  - any activities you have undertaken or experiences you have had that align with these qualities, or the program of study in Western Civilisation.

We recommend you provide a copy of the scholarship rules to your referees.

**Instructions: Save your CV and two references as one pdf to your device using the file name Surname\_FirstName\_CV\_Ref (e.g. Doe\_Ash\_CV\_Ref).**

## Step 3: Academic achievements

Compile a list of subjects undertaken in Years 11 and 12 as well as any tertiary study you may have undertaken. The following will explain the information we need you to complete in your application.

### Subject

List all your subjects for Year 11 and 12 in your order of preference. The list should include subjects you may have withdrawn from and not completed/intending to complete.

### Grade

For all your subjects, list either your final grade (Year 11 completed subjects) or grade achieved to date (Year 12 or unfinished/withdrawn Year 11 subjects).

Acceptable grades include -

- Numerical grades: convert all numerical grades to a percentage (e.g. if your final or most recent grade was 24 out of 25, the conversion to a percentage is 96%. Write this as the number 96)
- Percentage grades: to be written as the number without the % sign
- Letter grades: to be written as the letter grade received inclusive of any + or -
- Word grades: to be written as the full word to avoid confusion with Letter grades (e.g. if you received a Credit, write 'Credit')

### Maximum Grade Possible

As you may be aware, grading systems can differ from school to school. This column provides the Selection Committee with a framework in which the grades have been given. Enter the maximum grade your school awards for each subject, not the highest grade awarded to a student in that subject for your year.

### Tertiary Level Course

If you took a tertiary level course under an approved studies program designed for secondary school students, complete the 'Tertiary Level Course' section of the form.

## Step 4: Write your personal statement

Your personal statement is a fundamental component of the application process. You will need to address the criteria as specified in the rules and you will be asked to do this by completing three sections in the application form:

- 1 Academic ability: outline all elements that demonstrate your academic ability such as prizes, awards, scholarships etc. If you are involved in extra-curricular academic activities (e.g. debating or public speaking competitions, science clubs and competitions), please mention them here.
- 2 Community Service: tell us the things that you have done to contribute to your community. How have you shown care and compassion to others? The selection committee operates with a broad definition of 'community'. Your 'community' can include your school, sporting groups, workplace, special interest groups, or local community.
- 3 Preparedness for the program of study: articulate how the program of study aligns with your goals and plans for your future. How will this program of study assist you in making a positive difference to the wider community?

- You must be thorough but concise when addressing the selection criteria.
- Wherever possible try to provide evidence or examples to support the claims that you make in your personal statement.
- Check your responses. Remember each section is limited to 1500 characters.
- Proofread your responses for formatting, spelling and grammatical errors.
- Check whether you have addressed all elements of the selection criteria.

## Step 5: Personal Disadvantage (if applicable)

### Underrepresented Background

The University is keen to help everybody achieve access to higher education. Provided that all performance criteria are met preference may be given to applicants from an underrepresented background in accordance with the University's Strategic Plan.

Those from an underrepresented background include Aboriginal and Torres Straight Island applicants as well as applicants who reside in an outer regional, remote or very remote location of Australia as defined by the current Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS).

### Personal Disadvantage

We also recognise that life is a combination of positive and negative experiences that impact on all of us in different ways. Please advise the Selection Committee of any personal challenges you have faced.

Provided that all performance criteria are met, the Selection Committee may take such disadvantage into account in awarding scholarships. If you have experienced some form of personal disadvantage that has negatively impacted your most recent education you may advise the Selection Committee of this via a brief (1500 character) statement that may address one or more of the following categories:

- **Socioeconomic:** where you have had limited access to material and social resources, and have been unable to participate in society.
- **Financial hardship:** if you are from a low-income background where you and/or your parent/guardian has experienced financial hardship.
- **Home responsibilities:** being from a home environment that was disrupted or difficult, or where you had excessive caring responsibilities.
- **Personal illness or disability:** if you have experienced a long-term and/or a serious short-term medical condition for which your previous education provider could not fully compensate.
- **Disruption to studies:** being exposed to events or circumstances (not included above) that were disruptive to study.

You may also like to review the information regarding the **Educational Assess Scheme (EAS)** available on the **QTAC** website. This information provided is helpful and may be relevant for both your Scholarship and QTAC application.

## Preparation checklist

Before completing and submitting your online application, check you have completed the following:

- Prepared your CV (max. 2 pages)
- Obtained two written references.
- Saved your CV and two references as one pdf using the file name Surname\_FirstName\_CV\_Ref (e.g. Doe\_Ash\_CV\_Ref)
- Declared any personal disadvantage (if applicable) including:
  - a written statement outlining how your personal disadvantage has impacted on your most recent studies (up to 1500 characters).
- Compiled a list of your academic achievements including:
  - Year 11 and 12 subjects with grades achieved and maximum grades given by your school, and
  - details of any tertiary level course/s studied under an approved studies program designed for secondary school students.
- Written your personal statement by way of addressing all three sections (up to 1500 characters per section).
- If you are an Australian Permanent Resident, saved a certified copy of your passport and your Visa Grant Notice as one pdf file using the file name Surname\_FirstName\_PR (e.g. Doe\_Ash\_PR). NB: New Zealand Citizens on a Subclass 444 Special Category Visa are not eligible.
- Proofread your responses for formatting, spelling and grammatical errors.

If you have checked all the boxes, you are ready to complete and submit your online application. Remember the due date for submission is 11:59pm Sunday, 7 August 2022.



# Submitting your application

The online application will be available on the [UQ Ramsay Undergraduate Scholarship website](#). Applications open Monday, 20 June and close at 11:59pm Sunday, 7 August 2022.

The application form consists of 6 pages. All fields marked with an asterisk (\*) are compulsory and need to be completed. Your submission will only be processed once you complete all 6 pages and click Submit. At any time you can save your application and return at a later date. Please review your application carefully, as a submitted application cannot be edited. Only one application can be submitted per applicant.

Remember, if you experience any technical difficulties during the application submission, email: [westernciv@uq.edu.au](mailto:westernciv@uq.edu.au).

## Page 1 of 6: Scholarship Rules and Conditions

To apply and be considered for this Scholarship, you must check the boxes to declare you meet the eligibility criteria. You also need to declare you have read the important information provided.

Click **next**.

## Page 2 of 6: Applicant Details

On page 2 you will need to provide your details, such as your name, date of birth and contact information. If you are an Australian Permanent Resident, upload a certified copy of your passport and your Visa Grant Notice as one pdf file. *Save your file as: Surname\_FirstName\_PR (e.g. Doe\_Ash\_PR)*. NB: New Zealand Citizens on a Subclass 444 Special Category Visa are not eligible.

Carefully proofread this page, especially your email address as this will be the primary method of contact to advise of your application status and progress. The email address you provide should be accurate and accessed regularly.

Click **next**.

## Page 3 of 6: Academic Details

On page 3 you will provide your predicted or actual ATAR score (if known), your intended QTAC preferences, and details about your High School studies. If applicable, you will also upload your Personal Disadvantage statement explaining how the situation/circumstances have impacted on your most recent studies.

If you are commencing a deferred offer of a place in one of the Programs of Study, select this as your first QTAC preference and select the appropriate response in the field for the second QTAC preference.

If you identify as being from a regional or remote area you must declare it on page 3. A regional or remote area means an Outer Regional, Remote or Very Remote region of Australia as defined by the Australian Statistical Geography Standard (AGRS) 2016. To check to see if you are in a regional or remote area a useful web site is the Australian Government Department of Health (access this at <https://www.health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/health-workforce-locator/health-workforce-locator>).

To check your status, tick the Classification Filter "ASGS 2016", select "Find address" and type your home address. Your ASGS Remoteness Area classification will appear at the bottom of the filter box and the map will show your address in a coloured area.

Page 3 also includes tables for you to enter your academic achievements.

Year 11 and 12 subjects: we ask that you enter all Year 11 and Year 12 subjects in the two tables provided, as well as the final, or most recent grade received, for each subject. Make sure to include even those subjects you have commenced but not completed.

Tertiary Level Course: if you have taken any approved studies program at any university during your senior studies, enter this course (or courses).

Carefully proofread this page, click **next**.

## Page 4 of 6: Personal Statement

You will submit your personal statement on page 4. Simply copy and paste your statement for each criterion in the corresponding field. Remember each field is limited to **1500 characters**.

Sometimes copying text from a Word document can replace certain characters, such as a comma or an apostrophe, with strange characters. Make sure to read your responses carefully and correct any errors from the copy and paste process.

Upload your combined pdf of your Curriculum Vitae and two written references using the file name **Surname\_FirstName\_CV\_Ref (e.g. Doe\_Ash\_CV\_Ref)**.

Carefully proofread this page. Click **next**.

## Page 5 of 6: Interview Availability

On page 5, you must indicate if you are able to attend an interview in person at The University of Queensland's St Lucia campus, or whether a Zoom interview will need to be arranged.

Click **next**.

## Page 6 of 6: Applicant Declaration

Applicants must read the privacy terms and applicant declaration provided on page 6. By submitting your application, you agree to the privacy terms and applicant declaration.

Click **SUBMIT**.

An acknowledgement email will be sent to the email you provided on page 2. If you do not receive an acknowledgement email, contact us at [westernciv@uq.edu.au](mailto:westernciv@uq.edu.au).



*Congratulations, you have completed your application.  
Good Luck!*



# Interviews

All applicants will be notified via email between **Wednesday, 14 and Friday, 16 September 2022** advising whether your application has been successful (and you have been shortlisted for interview) or not.

If shortlisted, you will be **allocated** an interview between **Wednesday, 28 and Friday, 30 September 2022**. Please note the subject of the email will be *2023 UQ Ramsay Undergraduate Scholarship - Application Assessment*.

**You must respond to the email and confirm your availability.**

We understand that an interview can be a daunting process, and the Selection Committee will make allowances for nerves. We already have a very comprehensive written portfolio from your application, which will also be used to help guide the Committee's deliberations in deciding successful applicants.

The Interviews will be scheduled for 15 minutes. There will be no second interview or further communication from you required to assist your application.

## What types of questions will I be asked in the interview?

The interview is designed to allow the Selection Committee to gain further information about your academic ability, your community service, and the reasons for your interest in the Western Civilisation program. You will be asked questions on each of these areas. The committee is looking forward to learning more about you.

Given the strong focus on critical reading in the Western Civilisation program, you can expect questions about what books (fiction, nonfiction) you have read and the impact they have had on you.

For applicants applying for the dual degree of Humanities with Law, the Selection Committee will be interested to know about your interest in both parts of the degree (i.e. Humanities AND Law). We ask that you do not limit your discussion to just law.

## How soon will I know the outcome?

You will receive notification of the outcome by email within 4 weeks of the interviews. Please note the subject of the email will be **2023 UQ Ramsay Undergraduate Scholarship**.

This email will notify you of one of three outcomes:

**Conditional Offer:** If you are successful following interview, you will be given a conditional offer of a Scholarship. This conditional offer is subject to you receiving an offer of a place in a Program of Study and enrolling in that program on a full-time basis. It is not an offer of a place in the program. If you meet the above condition, and maintain all other entry criteria, you will be issued a full offer of Scholarship in January 2023.

**Waitlist:** You may be advised that you have been placed on a waitlist. This means that we have made conditional offers to 30 other successful applicants, and we would like to extend an offer to you should an applicant with a conditional offer not be able to progress to receiving a full scholarship offer. A waitlist offer is still

subject to you receiving an offer of a place in a Program of Study and enrolling in that program on a full-time basis. You will be advised in January 2023 if a place is available for you to receive a Scholarship offer.

**Unsuccessful:** Given the large number of strong applications we receive each year we are unable to award everyone a Scholarship. We value all of our students, however, and would like to see you continue with your decision to study with us.

## Request for feedback

Due to the volume of applications submitted, the Selection Committee does not provide individual feedback to all applicants. Individual feedback may be provided upon request only for applicants who attended an interview. For privacy reasons, feedback will not be disclosed to a third party (including parents, guardians or teachers) and only provided to the applicant. In order to receive feedback after the interview process you, the applicant, will need to email [westernciv@uq.edu.au](mailto:westernciv@uq.edu.au) to schedule an appointment with the Program Director.

## Your privacy

The information collected by the UQ Centre for Western Civilisation will be used for the primary purpose of facilitating and assessing your application for the UQ Ramsay Undergraduate Scholarship, as well as programs or services associated with the Scholarship. This includes for the purpose of reviewing and accessing your application and liaising with (including sharing information) The Ramsay Centre for Western Civilisation. Other purposes of collection include corresponding with you regarding your application and responding to your enquiries, informing you of the outcome of your application and statistical analyses of applicant attributes. Except as set out in this privacy notice, the information you provide is confidential and will not be disclosed to a third party without your consent, unless disclosure is authorised or required by law. You have a right to access personal information that the University holds about you, subject to any exceptions in relevant legislation. For information on how UQ manages student information, you may consult [UQ's Privacy Management Policy](#).

Please be advised, it is your responsibility to ensure the information you provide is true and accurate. The University of Queensland accepts no responsibility for any tax implications that may arise from the award of a Scholarship. You should seek independent financial advice in relation to any tax payable in relation to the Scholarship awarded.

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E [westernciv@uq.edu.au](mailto:westernciv@uq.edu.au)

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