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Undergraduate Research Scholarships

Student Information Session
Monday, 17th March 2025

Acknowledgement of Country

The University of Southern Queensland acknowledges the traditional custodians of the lands and waterways where the University is located. Further, we acknowledge the cultural diversity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and pay respect to Elders past, present and future.

Welcome

- Spend a moment thinking of what you want to get out of this session today
- What do you need to know? What do you want to know?
- What questions do you have?
- Write this down somewhere

Overview

- The Undergraduate Research Scholarship program is an annual program aimed to introduce you to research early in your studies
- **Each scholarship is worth \$2000**
- Students must be in 2nd or 3rd year of their program
- The scheme runs from May to December 2025
- Up to a 10-week experience @1-2 days per week (or combination thereof)

Are you eligible? You **MUST** meet the below criteria:

- enrolled in a UniSQ undergraduate program (University Pathway students are not eligible for this scholarship);
- have completed at least 8 units of study at UniSQ;
- are studying in a program relevant to the selected research project/s;
- have a high level of academic achievement as indicated by a GPA of 5.5 or above at the time of application; and
- Are considering undertaking postgraduate higher degree by research studies (PhD or master of research)

The Project Environment

- You will be treated as a researcher in training
- Working with researchers and perhaps PhD students
- May have to come on campus to do the project
- Real world research project where your work will impact the success of the project
- Need to attend supervision and any other meetings that the project supervisor requires of you
- Ready for the project to change, so you need to be adaptable

What Do You Need To Do

- Be honest with yourself - is this the right time for you to apply? Can you commit to what is required? Will you be able to see this project through for up to 10 weeks? Are you genuinely interested in research?
- Once you have selected one/three projects that you are interested in, you need to contact the project supervisor/s to discuss the project:
 - Ask about time commitments – meeting frequency, work commitment to the project, etc
 - Ask about additional requirements related to the project/skills you may need to have or will learn, field work or any travel requirements
 - Ask about what expectations do they have of you
 - Ask who will you work with, what opportunities are there to work with other researchers, etc

Application Process

- Application close **5pm, 28th March 2025**. There are NO extensions, NO extenuating circumstances, NO considerations
- You will be advised of the outcomes of your application by **11th April 2025**.
- Your application will be assessed on the following:
 - Your academic standing (we will rank based on GPA);
 - Your reasons for wanting to participate in the scholarship program;
 - Your prior and active and meaningful engagement with the Project supervisor; and
 - Project availability
- If you are successful in obtaining a Scholarship, you will receive a letter of offer, along with conditions of participation to sign and return. Once this information is received, you will receive the up-front payment of \$2,000.

Program Credit and End of Scholarship

- If you want to use this experience for credit within your current program, then that is your responsibility to follow up
- You will need to contact your relevant program coordinator and discuss this

At the completion of the Scholarship you are required to provide a **Final Report** and attend a **seminar presentation**. Failure to complete these requirements means you will not successfully complete the Undergraduate Research Scholarship.

Financial Implications of the Scholarship

- It is your responsibility to seek independent advice on the tax liability of the scholarship or any impact the scholarship will have on any government payments you receive.



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Thank you and Questions

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