

SQA Undergraduate Research Scholarships – Conditions of Award

1. Background

- i. The Sydney Quantum Academy Undergraduate Research Scholarship (Scholarship) is funded by the Sydney Quantum Academy (SQA), an unincorporated joint venture funded by NSW Government, and in partnership with The University of Sydney, The University of New South Wales, University of Technology Sydney, and Macquarie University (University).
- ii. This Scholarship is available for undergraduate students at one of the SQA partner universities to undertake a 6-week supervised research project.

2. Eligibility

- i. The Scholarship is open to Australian citizens, permanent residents and international applicants.
- ii. Applicants must be enrolled in an undergraduate program at an SQA partner university (the University of Technology Sydney, the University of Sydney, the University of New South Wales, or Macquarie University).
- iii. Applicants must have completed a minimum 72 credit points of study towards their undergraduate degree by the time they commence their research project.
- iv. Applicants must be available for the full research project period.
- v. Eligible applicants will be awarded on academic merit, their personal statement and suitability to the projects offered.
- vi. Students who were previously awarded an SQA Undergraduate Research Scholarship are not eligible to apply.
- vii. Successful candidates cannot hold another similar research scholarship during the research project period.

3. Value

- i. The Scholarship total value is AU\$3,333.
- ii. Deferral of the Scholarship is not permitted, and it is not transferable for another purpose.
- iii. Students who participate in a placement do so on a voluntary basis. No employment relationship is created between participating students and the University.
- iv. No other amount is payable.

4. Termination

- i. The Scholarship will be terminated if the recipient:
 - a. withdraws from their eligible program or fails to enrol,
 - b. withdraws from the Scholarship
 - c. fails to meet the 72-credit point completion requirement by the time of commencement of their research project,
 - d. the research project undertaken is not being carried out with competence and diligence or in accordance with the terms of this offer,
 - e. is absent at any stage during the research project period without approval from their supervisor,
 - f. undertakes an additional placement with another faculty or university during the tenure of this Scholarship,
 - g. the recipient commences or continues to undertake employment (paid or otherwise) that interferes with their ability to complete the project,
 - h. is determined by the University to be guilty of serious misconduct, including, but not limited to, having provided false or misleading information as part of their Scholarship application, or
 - i. any other provision as indicated in these terms that would lead to termination.
- ii. Once the Scholarship has been terminated, it will not be reinstated unless due to University error.
- iii. SQA reserves the right to:
 - a. suspend a Scholarship in the instance that a complaint or concern is raised about the conduct of the recipient, and
 - b. terminate a Scholarship and request reimbursement of funds in the instance where the recipient has been found to have engaged in misconduct or other inappropriate conduct.

5. Misconduct

- i. Where during the Scholarship a candidate engages in misconduct, or other inappropriate conduct (either during the Scholarship or in connection with the candidate's application and eligibility for the Scholarship) a candidate may be aware that their Scholarship funding from SQA may be discontinued.
- ii. Examples of such conduct include and without limitation; academic dishonesty, research misconduct within the meaning of the code of conduct and policies of the University at which the candidate is enrolled or undertaking their research project, breach of the code of conduct and policies and misrepresentation in the application materials or other documentation associated with the Scholarship.



6. Privacy Statement

- i. The information provided by your application form will be used and disclosed by the SQA, in accordance with the above Conditions of Award. It will be used for the purposes of managing and accessing your scholarship application and, if you are successful, in the administration of your scholarship. This administration includes publishing the names of scholarship recipients in publicly accessible SQA and partner materials and channels.
- ii. The supply of information is voluntary but if you do not provide all the information requested, we may be unable to process your application. The information will be held by the University of Sydney, the administering university for the scholarship. For requests to update or access personal information, contact: info@sydneyquantum.org.

