Leighton Contractors Undergraduate Scholarship in Engineering

Terms and Conditions

The Leighton Contractors Undergraduate Scholarship in Engineering was established in 2012 to encourage prospective students of disadvantaged Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent with a strong academic record to pursue further studies in engineering in the areas of civil, mechanical and electrical at the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies.

The scholarship shall be awarded under the following terms and conditions:

1. Eligibility
   To be considered for the scholarship, applicants must:
   a. The applicant must be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent
   b. All students of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent are eligible to apply however, preference will be given to students who are in receipt of a means tested Centrelink or other Government payment, such as ABSTUDY, Youth Allowance, or AUSTUDY.
   c. Preference will be given to students enrolling in their first year of study of a Bachelor degree program in the Faculty of Engineering and IT in the following specialisations:
      i. Civil
      ii. Mechanical
      iii. Electrical
   d. Combined degrees are also eligible
   e. Applicants can not hold any other primary scholarship
   f. Complete and submit an online scholarship application form addressing their personal qualities, leadership potential, extracurricular activities and community involvement, Curriculum Vitae, and latest Year 12 reports.
   g. Shortlisted applicants must be available to attend an interview with the selection committee.

2. Awarding of the Scholarship
   a. The scholarship shall be awarded based on recommendation of the selection committee consisting of the Associate Dean, Education, an academic member of the faculty, and a representative from Leighton Contractors.
b. The scholarship shall be awarded on academic merit, personal qualities, leadership potential, and community involvement.

3. Tenure
   a. The scholarship is tenable for the normal full time duration of the degree.
   b. The scholarship must be taken up in the year for which it was awarded and may not be deferred.
   c. Continuation of the scholarship and benefits are subject to the scholar maintaining satisfactory academic progress deemed to be a minimum of credit average (65%) each semester.
   d. The scholarship holder agrees to the faculty releasing their Weighted Average Mark (WAM) of each semester to the donor for reporting purposes.
   e. The scholar shall not be required by the donor (or the University) to undertake employment as a condition of award of the scholarship.
   f. Paid work experience and financial assistance for associated costs may be offered to the scholarship recipient by Leighton Contractors. If this is to be offered, this will be separately negotiated between the scholarship recipient and the donor, outside the scholarship agreement.

4. Value and Payment of Scholarship
   a. The value of the scholarship is $10,000 per annum.
   b. The payments shall be made in equal instalments of $5,000 after 31 March and 31 August census date of each semester, subject to clause 3c above.

5. Other Conditions
   a. A scholar may apply in writing for a suspension of the scholarship benefit because of illness, injury or other extenuating circumstances. An application must be supported by appropriate documentary evidence. Periods of approved suspension shall not reduce the tenure of the scholarship.
   b. A scholarship shall terminate before its due date of conclusion if the scholar:
      i. fails to fulfil any of the conditions of the scholarship; or
      ii. relinquishes the scholarship; or
      iii. ceases to be a full time student of the University, whichever first occurs.