

# JCU Academic Merit Scholarship Rules

The JCU Merit Scholarships are offered to high achieving school leavers commencing an Eligible course\* at the Cairns or Townsville campuses as a domestic student. The value of the Scholarship is \$5,000 (paid in two instalments per year over three years). Sixty Scholarships will be offered each year. Students who are required to relocate to study at JCU may be eligible for an additional accommodation “top up” of \$1,500 paid in the first year of study.

This Scholarship is subject to the provisions of James Cook University’s [Coursework Scholarships, Bursaries and Grants Policy](#).

\*An Eligible course is all undergraduate bachelor and joint degrees offered by JCU at the Townsville and Cairns campuses **excluding** the Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS), Bachelor of Dental Surgery and Bachelor of Veterinary Sciences.

Student Type:	School leaver, high academic achiever
Area of Study:	All areas except Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery, Bachelor of Dental Surgery and Bachelor of Veterinary Science
Total Value:	<p>\$5,000 paid in instalments as follows:</p> <p>Year 1 - \$750 in both Study Period 1 and 2</p> <p>Year 2 - \$750 in both Study Period 1 and 2</p> <p>Year 3 - \$1000 in both Study Period 1 and 2</p> <p>Students with a home address which is greater than 50km from the campus on which they intend to study will be assessed for an additional single payment of \$1,500 to assist with relocation costs paid in Study Period 1 of Year 1 of the Scholarship.</p>
Duration:	3 years
Number of Scholarships available each year:	60
Application Process	No application process is required, automatic assessment based on academic merit and nomination of JCU as first preference on QTAC application.

## Eligibility

To be eligible students will need to meet all of the following criteria:

- Be an Australian Citizen or Australian Permanent Humanitarian Visa Holder, or Australian Permanent Resident or New Zealand Citizen;
- Achieve a Queensland Overall Position (OP) of between 1 and 5, or the equivalent Australian Tertiary Admissions Ranking (ATAR) or International Baccalaureate (IB) score;
- Have applied through the Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre and nominated a JCU course as their first preference;
- Be offered a place in an Eligible JCU course as a domestic student;
- Have completed Year 12 in the year prior to commencing study at JCU; and
- Commence in Study Period 1 of the year immediately after completing Year 12.

### **Application Process**

Eligible students who have applied through QTAC and nominated a JCU program as a first preference will be automatically considered for the Scholarship. There is no written application process.

Applicants who nominate the Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, Bachelor of Dental Surgery and Bachelor of Veterinary Sciences as their first preference but are unsuccessful and subsequently offered a place in an Eligible course will be considered for the Scholarship.

### **Selection Process**

The Scholarships will be offered to the sixty (60) students who rank the highest in an order of merit determined by their OP/Rank and who will be made an offer into an Eligible course at JCU.

Applicants who have applied and are successful in their bid for a Dean's scholarship will not be considered for the JCU Academic Merit Scholarship.

### **Selection Criteria:**

The Scholarship recipients will be awarded on merit only. Bonus rank points or OP adjustments will not be applied for the purposes of determining academic rank for the allocation of the Scholarships.

### **Notification of Recipients**

Recipients will be made an offer of a Scholarship as soon as practicable after the release of Year 12 results and if possible to coincide with the QTAC offer round on 20 December 2018.

A second round of Scholarship offers may be made to coincide with the QTAC offer round on 16 January 2019.

Students offered a place at JCU after 16 January 2019 will not be eligible for the Scholarship.

### **Conditions of the Scholarship**

The recipient must enrol full time (minimum of 9 credit points per teaching period) in an Eligible JCU course at the Cairns or Townsville campus for the three year duration of the Scholarship;

The recipient must maintain a GPA of 5.0 or above in each Teaching Period of the Scholarship. Where the recipient fails to meet this requirement, the Scholarship may be terminated.

If the recipient defers their study, the recipient will no longer be eligible for the Scholarship. Where a Scholarship is terminated pursuant to the provisions of this clause it may be awarded to another suitable applicant.

If the recipient takes an approved leave of absence continuation of the Scholarship, including tenure, will be subject to the approval of the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Students).

If the recipient takes an unapproved leave of absence from their study the Scholarship shall be terminated.

If the recipient transfers to another course of study, continuation of the Scholarship, including tenure, will be subject to the approval of the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Students).

If the recipient fails to comply with any of the conditions of this Scholarship, the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Students) may suspend or terminate the Scholarship, or take such action as they deem necessary to enforce compliance with the condition by the recipient.

### **Administering of Scholarship**

The Scholarship shall be owned by the Division of Student Life.

The Scholarship shall be administered by the Scholarships Office, on behalf of the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Students).

### **Payment**

Monies payable to the recipient shall be paid in two equal instalments each year after the census date of Study Period 1 and Study Period 2. The single relocation “top up” will be paid following census date in Study Period 1 in the first year of study.