EAIT SCHOLARS PROGRAM

As at Semester 1, 2019.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The EAIT Scholars Program welcomes, supports and gives special opportunities to the Faculty of Engineering, Architecture and Information Technology's best and brightest students.

It encourages academically gifted scholars in engineering, architecture and computing - to aspire to take their degree to the highest possible level.

The program provides Scholars with enhanced academic, industry and cultural experiences. Through exposing this motivated and elite within each discipline to new networks and opportunities, we aim to further develop their skills, knowledge and experiences, in preparation for long-term leadership positions.

We have instituted three streams within the overarching 'EAIT Scholars' title for our cohorts in Engineering, Architecture and Computing.

Hawken Scholars

Our Engineering students are Hawken Scholars, named after Professor R.W.H. Hawken whose vision of the complete engineer needing a combination of wide ranging experience and cultured insights provided the inspiration for this program.

Birrell Scholars

Our Architectural Design and Master of Architecture students are Birrell Scholars, named in honour of James Birrell and his long standing relationship with Queensland architecture, and the University.

Prentice Scholars

Our Computer Science, Information Technology and Multimedia Design students are Prentice Scholars. Professor Sydney Prentice was instrumental in the establishment of the University's first computer centre in 1962.

EAIT Scholars enrolled in a dual Engineering/Information Technology, or dual Engineering/Computer Science degree will be considered Hawken Scholars but will be invited to relevant Prentice Scholar events. Hawken Scholars studying an ICT related field of Engineering may also be invited to relevant Prentice Scholar events.

MEMBERSHIP

The EAIT Scholars Program membership is open to full-time students who are high academic achievers and comprise the top 5% of academic performance in their cohort. Academic performance will be judged on Grade Point Average (GPA) in the previous year of UQ study. Only UQ studies are considered when calculating the GPA.

At the commencement of first semester in each calendar year, the Faculty will invite the top students within each cohort to participate in the program. Students cannot apply for this program.

EAIT SCHOLARS PROGRAM RULES

ELIGIBILITY

1. The EAIT Scholars program is available to students who are enrolled full-time in the current calendar year, including Exchange studies. Part-time students will be considered eligible if they are in their final year and only part-time enrolment is required for graduation. In exceptional circumstances, the Associate Dean (Academic) may consider other part-time students to be eligible.

2. The EAIT Scholars program is only available to students enrolled in one of the following degree programs:
   a. Bachelor of Architectural Design and Master of Architecture
   b. Bachelor of Engineering, Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) or a dual degree which includes one of these as a component,
   c. Bachelor of Engineering / Master of Engineering or Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) / Master of Engineering,
   d. Bachelor of Computer Science or a dual degree which includes this program as a component, or
   e. Bachelor of Information Technology or a dual degree which includes this program as a component, or
   f. Bachelor of Information Technology (Honours), or
   g. Bachelor of Multimedia Design.

ENTRY TO THE PROGRAM

3. The following eligible students will be invited into the EAIT Scholars program:
   a. Students in their first year at UQ who have been awarded one of the following scholarships:
      i. UQ Vice Chancellor's Scholarship
      ii. UQ Excellence Scholarship
      iii. UQ Merit Scholarship
      iv. EAIT Faculty International Student Tuition Fee Scholarship
      v. EAIT ICT Enabling Scholarship
   b. Students in a later year at UQ who completed at least 8 units in the previous year of study, or at least 6 units if enrolled only in a single semester, and whose GPA in that year is within the top 25 or the top 5% (whichever is greater) of their EAIT Scholars cohort. Approved exchange studies count towards the unit requirement. The GPA is calculated on all UQ courses undertaken in the previous year.
   c. Students entering the first year of the Bachelor of Engineering (Honours)/Master of Engineering directly from high school.

REMOVAL FROM THE PROGRAM

4. A student who does not remain eligible (as defined above) may be removed from the EAIT Scholars program. A student who changes their enrolment status from full-time to part-time may be asked to show cause why their membership of the EAIT Scholars program should not be discontinued. A student who changes their degree program to an ineligible program will automatically be removed from the EAIT Scholars program.

5. A student who is found guilty of misconduct or who does not uphold the UQ Student Charter may be removed from the program by the Executive Dean.

REMAINING IN THE PROGRAM FROM ONE YEAR TO THE NEXT

6. A student who is an EAIT Scholar shall remain an EAIT Scholar in the following year provided
    a. the student remains eligible (as defined above), and
    b. at least one of the following is true:
        i. the student's GPA in the previous year of study is within the top 25 or top 5% (whichever is greater) of students who are eligible for their EAIT Scholars cohort, or
        ii. the student's GPA in the previous year of study is 6.200 or better, or
        iii. the student undertook approved Exchange Studies during the previous year and did not complete any UQ courses.