



Scholarship rules “Australian Banana Growers’ Council’s Mort Johnston Scholarship”

The following are the rules that would govern the operation and award of the scholarship at UQ. These will be school based in the first year and will be listed with the UQ Senate during 2017.

Australian Banana Growers’ Council’s (ABGC’s) Mort Johnston Scholarship

The Mort Johnston Scholarship has been established by the Australian Banana Growers’ Council (ABGC) to honour the memory of a man whose vision, determination, optimism and goodwill were an example to all. The UQ scholarship was established in 2016 and is maintained by an annual sponsorship from the ABGC.

1. Purpose

The purpose of the scholarship is to provide financial assistance to students in their third year of study of agricultural or related science degree program at the University of Queensland. It also offers students an opportunity to consider a career in the exciting and dynamic Australian banana industry and provide them with a solid foundation for an industry network.

2. Definitions

In these rules-

Head means the Head of School, School of Agriculture and Food Science;

relevant programs means agriculture or related degree*;

scholarship means the Australian Banana Growers’ Council’s Mort Johnston Scholarship.

* Related degrees include Bachelor of Agricultural Science (Honours), Bachelor of Food Technology, Bachelor of Sustainable Agriculture (with Honours), Bachelor of Agribusiness (with Honours) or Bachelor of Science (with Honours).

3. Award and value of scholarship

- (1) The School will award one scholarship in the first year of offering, in 2016.
- (2) The Senate will award one scholarship in the four subsequent years on the recommendation of the Head.
- (3) The value of the scholarship is \$5,000 for each year for each individual in which it is held.

4. Additional benefits of scholarship

- (1) The Australian Banana Growers’ Council will offer the recipient paid vacation employment at a banana business in North Queensland, for any period during the period in which the recipient holds the scholarship, as determined by the Australian Banana Growers’ Council in consultation with the recipient. The student will be required to finance their travel, accommodation and living expenses while in North Queensland on work experience but ABGC will assist the student in arranging the work experience with an ABGC associated business or businesses.

5. Eligibility for award

An applicant is eligible for the scholarship, if the applicant –

- (a) submits an application to the Head, by the closing date for applications; and
- (b) is enrolled full-time in the third year of the relevant program; and
- (c) is an Australian citizen or a permanent resident; and
- (c) does not hold another scholarship that the Head considers to be similar.

6. Selection of award

- (1) For the selection process, the Head must establish a selection committee, comprising-
 - (a) the Head, or nominee, as chair of the committee; and
 - (b) one representative of the Australian Banana Growers' Council; and
 - (c) academic staff members who are currently teaching in the relevant program, with university staff comprising the majority.
- (2) The scholarship is awarded to the applicant showing greatest merit as demonstrated by-
 - (a) academic achievement in courses undertaken during the first five semesters of the relevant program; and
 - (b) personal qualities, including leadership potential; and
 - (c) strength of interest that the applicant demonstrates in completing at least one period of vacation employment at ABGC affiliated farms; and
 - (d) who have demonstrated an interest and the capacity to make a worthwhile contribution to the development of the Australian banana industry
 - (d) any other matter that the selection committee considers to be relevant to the applicant's future success in environmental science profession.
- (3) The selection committee may decide to interview short-listed applicants.

7. Conditions for scholarship

- (1) The recipient may hold the scholarship for one year, subject to the recipient -
 - (a) providing a report to ABGC; and
 - (b) participating in an interview for publication in *Australian Bananas* magazine and UQ media; and
 - (c) acknowledging the support of the Mort Johnston Scholarship and the ABGC in all printed material; and
 - (d) continuing to be enrolled full-time in the relevant program; and
 - (e) achieving a GPA of at least 4 for each semester of study; and
 - (f) conducting themselves in a professional manner while performing any ambassadorial role or vacation employment.
- (2) If a recipient fails to satisfy rule 7(1), the recipient must show cause to the Head, why the scholarship should not be cancelled.

8. Notification

All candidates that submit scholarship applications will be advised within twelve weeks of the closing date for submission of applications whether their application has been successful.