

SUPPORT SERVICES

UQ-Link Access students are able to take advantage of a wide range of support services related to finding accommodation, part-time employment, career skills, learning assistance and IT support.

For information about the ongoing support available for UQ-Link Access students contact:

Student Equity Unit (Student Services)

Phone: (07) 3365 1704

Email: studentequity@uq.edu.au

Web: www.uq.edu.au/student-services
or www.uq.edu.au/myadvisor/new-to-uq

**For more information about the
UQ-Link Access program contact:**

Web: www.uq.edu.au/study/uqlink-entry

Email: uqlink@uq.edu.au

Phone: (07) 3365 7113



UQ-LINK ACCESS

Helping students connect to higher education



WHAT IS THE UQ-LINK ACCESS PROGRAM?

The UQ-Link Access Program is a special admissions scheme aimed at assisting students who have experienced educational disadvantage caused by financial hardship, to gain entry to UQ. Students completing External Senior or Adult Tertiary Prep are also eligible for the program.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF THE UQ-LINK ACCESS PROGRAM?

- All approved applicants receive five bonus points* (on a 1-99 ranking scale) towards their admission to study an undergraduate program at UQ.
- a \$500 Start-Up Bursary to help fund up-front education costs (such as text books).
- Access to a range of support services and transition programs.
- Opportunity to be considered for one of a limited number of UQ-Link Access Scholarships, valued at \$3,000 per year for up to four years.

** The number of bonus points that a student can receive under any scheme (including the UQ Bonus Rank Scheme) is capped at five.*

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

To be eligible for the UQ-Link Access Program, you must:

- be an Australian Citizen, Australian Permanent Resident or the holder of an Australian Permanent Humanitarian Visa; and
- be completing one of the following in 2012 (or 2011 if you're a gap-year student):
 - Year 12; or
 - full-time Senior External Examinations; or
 - full-time Certificate IV in Adult Tertiary Preparation
- have lodged a QTAC tertiary study application for 2013; and
- be intending to study at UQ in 2013 (or in 2014 if you're intending to take a gap year) and
- have not completed any previous tertiary study other than that undertaken as part of Year 11-12 studies ; and
- meet the financial hardship criteria for QTAC's Educational Access Scheme (EAS)*

**Applicants in receipt of the full rate of Youth Allowance, AUSTUDY or ABSTUDY, or whose parents receive the full rate of Centrelink's Family Tax A payment would normally meet the financial hardship criteria. Students from low-income families not in receipt of any of these payments may also be eligible for consideration.*

HOW TO APPLY?

Applications for the UQ-Link Access program are now managed by QTAC.

Step 1

Apply to QTAC for a tertiary place at UQ.

Step 2

Complete the "Financial Hardship" section on the EAS tab of your QTAC Application Form and ensure you provide all supporting financial documentation requested to QTAC.

Step 3

QTAC will assess the information you have provided and will determine whether you have met the financial hardship criteria for the UQ-Link Access program. Approved applicants with a UQ preference will have 5 bonus ranks automatically applied to their admissions score for entry to UQ.

UQ-LINK ACCESS BURSARIES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

All students approved for the UQ-Link Access program will receive \$500 at the start of semester upon full-time enrolment in UQ courses, to assist with the purchase of text books, equipment etc.

All students approved for the UQ-Link Access program will also be considered for one of a limited number of scholarships valued at \$3000/year for up to four years, to help with the costs of attending university.

UQ-Link Access students selected for a scholarship will be notified in January 2013. Priority is given to The Smith Family's *Learning for Life* applicants.

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