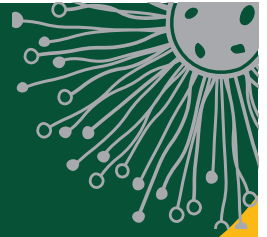




2010 Sesqui-Centenary Local History Research Scholarship



The Ipswich City Council Sesqui-Centenary 2010 Local History Research Scholarship in the Bachelor of Arts was established in 2002 and is maintained by an annual gift of \$5000 from the Ipswich City Council Planning Branch. The scholarship is awarded for the purpose of assisting meritorious students undertaking postgraduate or honours study in the Bachelor of Arts at UQ Ipswich to produce a research project focusing on a specific element of the history of the Ipswich region. The project will be used as part of a compilation of the history of the Ipswich region that will mark the Sesqui-Centenary celebration in 2010.

The University offers scholarships at the start of each academic year to Honours, Masters or PHD Students with promotion of scholarships commencing in February each year. The University advertises the scholarship and a selection committee has been formed with representatives from the appropriate University Faculty, the University Administration and Ipswich City Council.

The holder of a scholarship is expected to produce a substantial work of scholarship (approximately ten to fifteen thousand words), based on significant research in appropriate primary source materials and written in a manner appropriate for a general readership. To facilitate the achievement of these objectives, the holder must liaise, upon receipt of the scholarship with Council's Cultural Heritage Officer; attend meetings of the Heritage Consultative Committee (HCC); present upon receipt of the Scholarship, a brief description of the proposed research to the HCC; at the beginning of second semester, present to the HCC a progress report on work undertaken to that time; continue throughout the year, to liaise with Council's Cultural Heritage Officer about the appropriate focus, methodology and manner of expression for the book chapter whose composition the Scholarship is meant to support.

Criteria

- A candidate for the scholarship must be an Australian citizen or permanent resident who has an undergraduate degree and is about to undertake a year of full-time postgraduate or honours study.
- The scholarship cannot be held concurrently with any other similar scholarship or bursary.
- The scholarship will be awarded on the recommendation of the Program Director, Bachelor of Arts. To assist in the selection process, the Program Director will convene a selection committee whose membership will include representatives from Ipswich City Council.
- The scholarship is awarded to the meritorious applicant demonstrating an understanding and appreciation of the project and the region's history, enthusiasm and interest in the Ipswich region, as well as personal qualities, career aspirations and other such evidence that may seem relevant to the research project. Applicants will be required to submit a one page (250 word) proposal outlining their desired area of interest for the project, planned research methods and expected outcomes. Short listed candidates will be asked to attend an interview.
- The scholarship is tenable for one academic year (11 months) of the recipient's study, at which time the student will be required to present their project to Ipswich City Council and the Ipswich Heritage Consultative Committee (this period may be extended subject to approval of the Selection Committee). The project will also form part of the student's major assessment piece for that year: in the case of Honours, this will be the Dissertation or the Special Topic Course; in the case of postgraduate study, the research will form part of the dissertation. The successful applicant is expected to liaise closely with the Ipswich City Council Planning Branch throughout the term of the research project.
- The scholarship will be offered annually to a different student until the Sesqui-Centenary celebrations in 2010.

Scholarship Payment

Ipswich City Council forwards the \$5000 for the scholarship to UQ Ipswich each scholarship year. Staged payment is made to the successful scholar and is dependent on presentations to the HCC. Council's Cultural Heritage Officer informs UQ Ipswich when a scholar makes a presentation to the HCC and payments are released. Final payment is made upon receipt of the final research project in hard-copy and on disk.