



Ross Barnard Biotechnology Learning Enrichment Awards

The biotechnology program at UQ has consistently been ranked the best in Australia and a global top contender. In 2000, under the leadership of Professor Ross Barnard, the rebadged Bachelor of Biotechnology (Honours) program was introduced, followed by the Master of Biotechnology in 2001 and a professional doctorate in 2003.

With 2025 marking the 25th anniversary of UQ's new biotechnology undergraduate program, there is no better time to celebrate the success and impact of biotech graduates in an industry that is transforming our world and the lives of the people in it. Armed with ever-expanding technology, new biotech graduates with the skills and creative thinking to translate knowledge into innovation are more important than ever.

Key to this, and what makes UQ biotech a global front-runner, is its focus on applied research and meaningful industry connection. UQ's teaching is a unique blend of core content and experiential learning opportunities designed to bring theory to life, exposing students to wide-ranging biotech applications and providing them with strong footing to launch their careers and create change.

There is a recurring theme when UQ biotech alumni recount their student days. It's around the life-changing impact of experiential learning. Internships, summer jobs, study tours, conferences – some overseas, some at home – these are the opportunities that shape careers and lives.

Today's students are tomorrow's game-changers

Reflecting vision and a commitment to making a real difference, in part by engaging more deeply with the UQ biotech alumni community, the School of Chemistry and Molecular Biosciences (SCMB) is seeking to establish an endowment to support transformative student learning and experiences beyond the classroom as part of *25 in 25* celebrations.

The endowment will create awards for students at the undergraduate and postgraduate level to make the most of local, interstate or international learning enrichment opportunities.

For many remarkable young people, particularly those who face financial barriers, opportunities like these are out of reach. They need a helping hand – and who better to offer it than the graduates who have come before them.

Maybe they can't afford transport to and from a dream internship, or a flight to present a paper at an interstate or international conference. The Biotechnology Learning Enrichment Awards will help these students reach their full potential, opening them up to possibilities in the wider world of biotech innovation and application. Through these awards, emerging leaders will thrive – and the world will thrive with them.

There are few things more encouraging to a student than knowing that their accomplished predecessors are willing to invest in them, confident that they have what it takes to succeed. The power of a supportive community who believe in you, and pathways to engage in that community, simply can't be overstated.



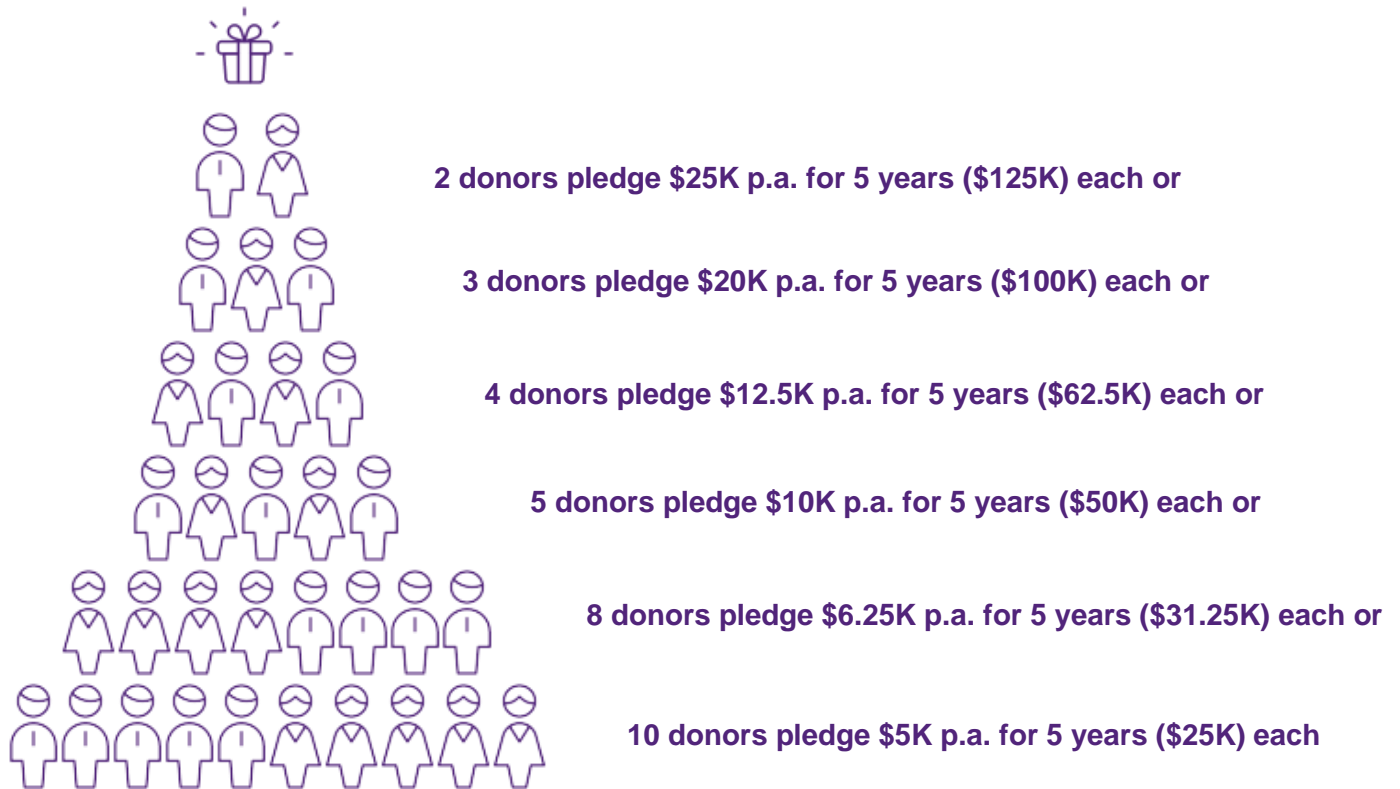


Your investment

An endowment of \$250K will provide at least \$11.25K for student awards each year, in perpetuity. As the endowment grows, more awards will be possible.

Every dollar invested goes directly to support students and it will only take a few lead donors to reach the target and create transformative learning experiences for today's biotech students.

If...



...we can reach this target!

Through vision and commitment, you will open the same doors that were once opened for you, continuing the legacy and impact of UQ biotech.

We look forward to discussing next steps with you.

Thank you for your consideration.

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