

# UTS Scholarship Conditions of Award UTS MACC POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

This document sets out the conditions of award for the below scholarship ('Scholarship') as well as the obligations of recipients ('Recipient') and the University of Technology Sydney ('UTS') in regards to this Scholarship. The administrative processes to support awarding this Scholarship will be managed, and may be amended, in accordance with UTS Rules, Policy and Procedures.

## 1. SCHOLARSHIP NAME: UTS MACC Postgraduate Scholarship

#### 2. PURPOSE

The Scholarship is established in partnership with The Malaysian Australian Alumni Council (MACC) to provide high performing international students from Malaysia applying to study a postgraduate coursework degree at UTS.

## 3. VALUE AND BENEFIT

## 3.1 Number of Recipients:

Up to two (2) new Recipients will be awarded the Scholarship each year, one in Autumn session and one in Spring session.

# 3.2 Benefit/s to Recipient:

- UTS will pay 30% of each Recipient's UTS tuition fees for the course enrolled in for the duration of the Scholarship as defined in clause 4.
- The Scholarship cannot be transferred, deferred or redeemed for cash.

# 3.3 Payment of benefit/s:

- The tuition fee contributions will be made directly to the Recipient's UTS fees account each teaching session for the duration of the Scholarship as defined in clause 4.
- The tuition fee contributions are subject to the Recipient satisfying ongoing eligibility criteria as
  defined in clause 8.

# 4. DURATION

The duration of the Scholarship is the standard number of credit points required for completion of the Recipient's enrolled postgraduate coursework program on the basis of a full-time study load, as specified in the letter of offer for admission to the course. Where the Recipient does not follow the usual standard full-time course structure, the total value of the Scholarship may be exhausted prior to course completion.

# **5. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

To be eligible for the Scholarship, an applicant must meet all of the following criteria:

- Remain an international student (not an Australian citizen, New Zealand citizen or permanent resident of Australia); and
- Be a citizen of Malaysia; and
- Commence full-time studies and on campus<sup>1</sup> at UTS for the first time in 2024; and
- Meet UTS admission criteria for the selected postgraduate coursework degree; and
- Must be admitted based on a UTS recognized qualification with a minimum overall GPA of 3.00 out of 4.00 or equivalent; and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> On campus studies include face-to-face and/or online (remote) learning applicable to all degrees except online degrees and distance mode degrees.

 Not be receiving any scholarship with an Australian and/or foreign sponsoring organisation or university or other UTS international scholarships or grants.

#### 6. RECIPIENT SELECTION CRITERIA

The Scholarship will be awarded to the highest ranked applicant on the basis of academic merit in the academic qualification used as a basis of admission into the selected UTS postgraduate coursework program coupled with the applicant's response to the following statement:

• Reasons for applying for the scholarship and benefits to be gained from the course of study including education and career plans.

Decisions to award Scholarships will be made solely by the Scholarships Committee, as described in Clause 7 below, in its absolute discretion.

## 7. SELECTION

Applications of eligible applicants will be presented to a Scholarships Committee, which will undertake the selection of Recipients, usually in January and May/June.

The Scholarship Committee will consist of:

- Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Global Partnerships) (Chair); and
- Deputy Head, Admissions Services and Scholarships (or nominee), and
- Another relevant member of the UTS community

## 8. ONGOING RECIPIENT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

## 8.1 Academic progress:

The Recipient of the Scholarship must maintain overall pass average (WAM50+) for the duration of the Scholarship. Where the credit average is not achieved, payment of the Scholarship may be suspended or terminated, unless the Recipient can demonstrate exceptional circumstances<sup>2</sup> for the consideration of UTS Future Learner Recruitment and Admissions.

# 8.2 UTS Enrolment:

- The Recipient must continue to be enrolled as a full-time international student in the approved
  postgraduate coursework degree course at UTS in Sydney for the duration of the Scholarship, unless
  they have been approved to study a reduced study load through the standard International Student
  Visa Holders Application to Reduce Study Load application process through a UTS Student Centre.
- The Scholarship is not transferable to another UTS course.

# 8.3 Leave / Deferral / Course withdrawal:

- All suspension requests are subject to approval from UTS.
- The offer of the Scholarship is only valid for the intake defined in the Scholarship letter of offer and cannot be deferred.
- If the Recipient defers the UTS offer or withdraws from the UTS course after the start of their first session and before the census date, the Scholarship will be terminated and any tuition fees paid will be refunded according to the Statement of protocol on fees and refunds for international students studying in Australia.
- After the first session, if the Recipient can demonstrate exceptional circumstances<sup>2</sup>, they may apply
  to the UTS Scholarships to retain their scholarship if approved for leave of absence from studies. If
  a period of leave is approved, the Scholarship will be suspended for duration of the approved leave
  period. However, the Scholarship will be terminated if the Recipient takes leave without approval
  from UTS Scholarships or does not submit a request to retain application to take an approved leave
  of absence for the scholarship.

## 8.4 Academic Integrity:

 UTS takes Academic Integrity very seriously and breaches (e.g. plagiarism, cheating, etc.) are considered Academic Misconduct. For more information on Academic Integrity at UTS can be found on the <u>UTS Current Students pages</u> of the UTS website.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Exceptional circumstances may include, but are not limited to, disability, ongoing illness, carer's responsibilities and other educational barriers, and are considered on a case-by-case basis.

• Any Academic Misconduct allegations proven by the University (and upheld if appealed) may result in the termination of this Scholarship and the University might require the Recipient to repay the total benefit received at time of termination.

## 8.5 Other obligations and conditions:

- The offer of the Scholarship is made subject to all information provided by the Recipient being true and accurate.
- By accepting the offer of the Scholarship, each Recipient agrees to the Conditions of Award.
- Recipients must comply with all of UTS's rules, policies and procedures including those relating to conduct.
- The Recipient is responsible for advising UTS Scholarships of any changes in circumstances that would make them ineligible for continuation of the Scholarship, including but not limited to taking Leave of Absence or deferring study, changing their international students visa status to another visa category, including but not limited to Permanent Residency Visa.
- If the Recipient obtains Permanent Residency status, the Scholarship will be terminated as outlined below:
  - For Recipients obtaining Permanent Residency before Census date in any session, the Scholarship will be terminated and any Scholarship payment already made for that session will be reversed.
  - For Recipients obtaining their Permanent Residency after census date in any session, the Scholarship will be terminated the following session.
- The Recipient will be responsible for any study costs incurred outside UTS tuition fees, including payment of the Student Services and Amenities Fee.
- Any changes to the Recipient's circumstances not addressed by the Conditions of Award will be considered by UTS Future Learner Recruitment and Admissions on a case-by-case basis.
- The Recipient does not need to re-apply for the Scholarship each year.
- The Recipient is not permitted to hold other UTS scholarships or the UTS Alumni Advantage Program or a scholarship from an Australian and/or foreign sponsoring organisation or university for the duration of this scholarship.
- The recipient may consent to allowing their name, photograph and/or short article to be used for the promotion of UTS.

## 9. TERMINATION OF RECIPIENT'S SCHOLARSHIP

The Scholarship will terminate:

- If the Recipient ceases to meet the eligibility criteria; or
- If the Recipient breaches any conditions of the Scholarship; or
- If UTS determines that the student is guilty of misconduct and after consultation with the Director, Student Administration the delegate able to award the Scholarship deems that it is not appropriate for the Recipient to continue to hold the Scholarship; or
- If the Scholarship is terminated due to breaching any conditions or misconduct, the Recipient may be required to reimburse UTS for the total benefit at the time of termination.