



# UTS Scholarship Conditions of Award

## UTS Diploma to Degree Scholarship for High School Graduates

This document sets out the conditions of award for the below scholarship ('Scholarship') as well as the obligations of recipients ('Recipient') and 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 Diploma to Degree Scholarship for High School Graduates

#### 2. PURPOSE

This Scholarship was established by UTS to support the UTS Insearch Pathway Program and support high achieving international students completing senior secondary studies from Indonesia and Vietnam to succeed as they articulate to their UTS undergraduate degrees.

#### 3. VALUE AND BENEFIT

##### 3.1 Number of Recipients

Up to twenty (20) new Recipients will be awarded the Scholarship annually.

##### 3.2 Benefit/s to Recipient

- UTS will pay for 25% 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 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 sessions required for completion of the Recipient's enrolled undergraduate 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:

- Be an international student (not an Australian citizen, New Zealand citizen or permanent resident of Australia); and
- Must be a citizen of Indonesia or Vietnam; and
- Meet UTS admission criteria for the selected UTS undergraduate degree course; and
- Commence full-time studies on campus (Sydney); and
- Be admitted into a UTS Insearch Diploma program based on successful completion of the:
  - Indonesian Sekolah Menengah Umum (SMU) 3 with a competitive grade average in the academic subjects, or

- Vietnamese Year 12 from non-UTS selected gifted/specialised schools in Vietnam and with a competitive grade average in the academic subjects; and
- Must successfully complete a UTS Insearch Diploma in Sydney and be admitted based on this qualification to UTS; and
- Must be commencing studies in a UTS undergraduate degree that directly articulates from their UTS Insearch Diploma course, and in the next available intake after completion of the candidate's Diploma; and
- Must not be a government sponsored student; and
- Must not be a recipient of another UTS International scholarship or grant for the duration of this Scholarship.

## 6. RECIPIENT SELECTION CRITERIA

Acceptance of the UTS undergraduate degree course (including payment of deposit required).

## 7. SELECTION

UTS International will automatically consider all commencing international students applying for a UTS Insearch Diploma and an undergraduate program at UTS in Sydney for this Scholarship. There is no separate scholarship application or documentation in addition to what is required for the coursework application.

Offers will be authorised by UTS International.

## 8. ONGOING RECIPIENT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

### 8.1 Academic progress:

- The Recipient must maintain the minimum Pass average (WAM 50+) for the duration of the Scholarship. Where pass average is not achieved, payment of the Scholarship may be suspended or terminated, unless the Recipient can demonstrate exceptional circumstances<sup>1</sup> for the consideration of UTS International.
- The Recipient must achieve an OPELA score of 'Good' by the end of their first session of study at UTS. Further information on OPELA can be found on [www.uts.edu.au/research-and-teaching/learning-and-teaching/enhancing/language-and-learning/about-opela-students](http://www.uts.edu.au/research-and-teaching/learning-and-teaching/enhancing/language-and-learning/about-opela-students).

### 8.2 UTS Enrolment:

The Recipient:

- must continue to be enrolled as a full-time (18 credit points or more each Autumn and Spring session) international student in the eligible UTS program for the duration of the Scholarship, unless he/she has 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.
- may apply to UTS International to transfer the Scholarship to another undergraduate program, if an internal course transfer is being sought. The duration of the scholarship will not be extended due to a change in degree.

### 8.3 Leave / Deferral / Course withdrawal:

- All deferral or suspension requests are subject to approval from UTS.
- If the Recipient defers the UTS offer or withdraws from the UTS course after the start of his/her first session and before Census date, the Scholarship will be terminated and the tuition fees paid by the student 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>1</sup>, he/she may apply to UTS International for an approved 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 International.

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<sup>1</sup> Exceptional circumstances include disability, ongoing illness, carer's responsibilities and other educational barriers, and are considered by the Scholarships Office case-by-case.

#### **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 UTS Current Students pages of the UTS website.
- Any Academic Misconduct allegations proven by the University (and upheld if appealed) will 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 the University's rules, policies and procedures including those relating to conduct.
- For the duration of the Scholarship the Recipient is not permitted to hold other UTS Scholarships that will total more than 100% of the value of their tuition fees.
- The Recipient is responsible for advising UTS International of any changes in circumstances that would make him/her ineligible for continuation of the Scholarship, including but not limited to taking Leave of Absence or deferring study, and changing his/her 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.
- Any changes to the Recipient's circumstances not addressed by the Conditions of Award will be considered by UTS International on a case-by-case basis.
- The Recipient does not need to re-apply for the Scholarship each year.
- The recipient must consent to allowing his/her 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 University Secretary the delegate able to award the Scholarship deems that it is not appropriate for the Recipient to continue to hold the Scholarship.
- If the Scholarship is terminated for reasons other than those beyond the Recipient's control, the University might require the Recipient to repay the total benefit received at time of termination.