



# UTS Scholarship Conditions of Award

## LATAM International Postgraduate Coursework Scholarship

This document sets out the conditions of award for the below scholarship ('Scholarship') and 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: LATAM International Postgraduate Coursework Scholarship

#### 2. PURPOSE

To attract high achieving commencing international students from Latin America to enrol in a postgraduate coursework program at UTS in Sydney.

#### 3. VALUE AND BENEFIT

##### 3.1 Number of Recipients

A maximum of twenty (20) new Recipients each year.

##### 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 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. RECIPIENT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

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

- Must be a citizen of a country in the Latin America region; and
- Must be an international student (not an Australian citizen, New Zealand citizen or permanent resident of Australia); and
- Must meet all admission requirements for the selected UTS postgraduate coursework program and be admitted based on a completed tertiary qualification comparable to an Australian Bachelor degree or higher; and
- Must be commencing studies at UTS full-time on campus; and
- Must not be in receipt of any other scholarship from UTS; and

- Must not be enrolled in a UTS Transnational Program.

## **6. RECIPIENT SELECTION CRITERIA**

Academic merit in a completed tertiary qualification recognised by UTS for entry into the selected UTS postgraduate coursework program.

## **7. SELECTION**

- Recipients will be awarded based on academic merit.
- Offers will be authorised by UTS International

## **8. ONGOING RECIPIENT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

### **8.1 Academic progress:**

The Recipient must achieve a minimum Pass average (WAM 50+) in each session. Where the pass average is not achieved, payment of the Scholarship may be suspended or terminated, unless the Recipient can demonstrate exceptional circumstances for the consideration of Scholarship Selection Committee.

### **8.2 UTS Enrolment:**

- The Recipient must continue to be enrolled as a full-time 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.
- The Recipient must continue to be enrolled as an international student in their first enrolled postgraduate coursework degree at UTS.
- The Scholarship is not transferable to another UTS course.

### **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, the Scholarship will be terminated and any tuition fee Scholarship payment already made for that session will be reversed.
- After the first session, if the Recipient can demonstrate exceptional circumstances<sup>1</sup>, he/she may apply to the Scholarships Office and UTS International for an approved leave of absence from studies. The Scholarship will be terminated if the Recipient takes leave without approval from both the Scholarships Office and UTS International.

### **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.

### **8.4 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 offer of the Scholarship is only valid for the intake defined in the Scholarship letter of offer and cannot be deferred.
- The Recipient is responsible for advising the Scholarships Office 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.
- Any changes to the Recipient's circumstances not addressed by the Conditions of Award will be considered by the Scholarships Office and 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 Director, SAU the delegate able to award the Scholarship deems that it is not appropriate for the Recipient to continue to hold the Scholarship.
- If the Recipient obtains Permanent Residency status, 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.