



# UTS Scholarship Conditions of Award

## Postgraduate Academic Excellence International Scholarship

### UTS International

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: Postgraduate Academic Excellence International Scholarship**

#### **2. PURPOSE**

To attract high achieving commencing international students enrolling in a postgraduate coursework program at UTS in Sydney.

#### **3. VALUE AND BENEFIT**

##### **3.1 Number of Recipients**

- Up to 450 new Recipients will be awarded the Scholarship annually.

##### **3.2 Benefit/s to Recipient**

- UTS will pay for 25% or 35% 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 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. The maximum duration of the Scholarship is four sessions under any program.

#### **5. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

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

- Must remain an international student (not an Australian citizen, New Zealand citizen or permanent resident of Australia) for the duration of the Scholarship; and
- Must meet all admission criteria for the selected Master by coursework program; and

- Must be commencing studies at UTS full-time and on campus<sup>1</sup>; and
- Must not:
  - be studying a UTS online degree or distance mode degree; or
  - have completed academic studies in Australia prior to commencing at UTS; and
  - be a recipient of other scholarships or grants or the Alumni Advantage Program from UTS for the duration of this Scholarship; and be a government sponsored student.

## **6. RECIPIENT SELECTION CRITERIA**

Academic merit in the most recently completed tertiary qualification or the GMAT exam (for admission into the Master of Business Administration only) recognised by UTS for entry into the selected UTS Master degree by coursework program.

Recipients will be awarded a scholarship value based on their results in their most recently completed tertiary qualification, or GMAT exam for those applying for the Master of Business Administration (C04018). High achieving students will be awarded the higher value scholarship. The exact scholarship value and number of recipients for each scholarship category will be determined each year by UTSI based on available funding and in the number of eligible candidates over a given application period.

## **7. SELECTION**

UTS International will automatically consider all commencing international students applying for a postgraduate coursework 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 authorized 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<sup>2</sup> for the consideration of the Scholarship Selection Committee.

### **8.2 UTS Enrolment:**

- The recipient must continue to be enrolled as a full-time international (minimum 18 credit points per session) student in the eligible UTS program for the duration of the Scholarship, unless the recipient 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 Scholarship is not transferrable to another UTS course.

### **8.3 Leave / Deferral / Course Withdrawal:**

- All deferral or suspension requests are subject to approval from UTS International.
- If the Recipient defers the UTS offer or withdraws from the UTS course after the start of their 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 has obtained an approved leave of absence from studies, and can demonstrate exceptional circumstances<sup>2</sup>, they may apply to the Scholarship Committee via the Scholarships Office for a leave of absence for the Scholarship during the period of approved leave. The Scholarship will be terminated if the Recipient takes leave without approval or has not submitted a request to retain scholarship application to the Scholarships Office for an approved leave of absence from the scholarship.

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

<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.

#### **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 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' rules, policies and procedures including those relating to conduct.
- The Recipient is responsible for advising the Scholarships Office 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 student visa status to other visa categories, 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 change to the Recipient's circumstances not addressed by these Conditions of Award will be considered by the Scholarships Office and/or Scholarship Selection Committee on a case-by-case.
- The Recipient does not need to re-apply for the Scholarship each year.
- The Recipient is not permitted to hold other UTS Scholarships or Grants for the duration of the Scholarship.
- The recipient must 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 the scholarship is terminated due to breaching any conditions or misconduct, the Recipient may be required to reimburse UTS for any scholarship payments already made.