



## UTS Scholarship Conditions of Award

# The Eleanor Dunn Scholarship in Engineering

**Faculty: Engineering and Information Technology**

This document sets out the conditions of award for the below scholarship ('Scholarship') as well as the obligations of recipients ('Recipient') and 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, according to UTS Rules, Policy and Procedures.

### 1. Scholarship NAME

**The Eleanor Dunn Scholarship in Engineering**

### 2. PURPOSE

The Eleanor Dunn Scholarship in Engineering aims to support applicants who have the personal potential and commitment to study engineering and are from a financially disadvantaged background or experiencing other educational barriers.

### 3. VALUE AND BENEFIT

#### 3.1 Number of Recipients

- One (1) new Recipient will be awarded the Scholarship each year.

#### 3.2 Benefit/s to Recipient

- The maximum total value of the Scholarship to each Recipient is \$30,000 or \$37,500 depending on the Recipient's course as outlined in clause 4. Each Recipient will receive \$7,500 per year for the Scholarship's maximum duration as defined in clause 4.

#### 3.3 Payment of benefit/s

- Each Recipient will receive two payments per year by Electronic Funds Transfer to their nominated bank account.
- Each payment will be \$3,750 (or the pro-rata amount if part time study has been approved by exception as defined in clause 8.2).
- Payment will usually be made within four weeks after the census dates in Autumn and Spring sessions.
- Payments are subject to the Recipient satisfying ongoing eligibility criteria as defined in clause 8.

### 4. DURATION The duration of the Scholarship is:

- Four (4) years for Recipients enrolled in Bachelor of Engineering (Honours);
- Five (5) years for Recipients enrolled in Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) Diploma in Professional Engineering Practice or combined Engineering degree;
- The maximum duration for Recipients who have been approved for a part-time study load by exception (as defined in Clause 8) is thirteen years.

## 5. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

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

- Australian citizens, New Zealand citizens, or the holder of an Australian Permanent Resident visa or Permanent Humanitarian visa; and
- Be commencing their first year of an undergraduate Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) or Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) Diploma in Professional Engineering Practice, or combined Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) degree at UTS; and
- Be majoring or intending to major in either:
  - Electrical Engineering; or
  - Electronic Engineering; or
  - Electrical and Electronic Engineering; or
  - Mechanical Engineering; or
  - Mechatronics Engineering; or
  - Mechanical & Mechatronics Engineering; or
  - Software Engineering; or
  - Data Science Engineering; and
- Either a current or non-current school leaver.
- All candidates must apply using the UTS online Application form; and
- Must be available to attend an interview in person or online.

In addition, preference will be given to applicants who meet one or more of the following criteria:

- From a low socio economic background; and/or
- Have demonstrated financial disadvantage; and/or
- Experiencing educational barriers and/or personal hardship (including but not limited to carers, sole parents, refugees)
- Applicant who intend to evidence the preferential criteria should apply through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) for an Equity Scholarship

## 6. RECIPIENT SELECTION CRITERIA

- Academic merit in the academic qualification used as basis of admission
- Financial need or other equity circumstances as assessed by the UAC Equity Scholarship Application. Applicants who have experienced long-term educational barriers and/or financial hardship due to any of the following will be considered:
  - Regional or remote background
  - Sole parent responsibilities
  - Carer responsibilities
  - Long-term medical condition/disability or ongoing effect of abuse
  - Indigenous Australian
  - Refugee status
  - Have language difficulties, including from a non-English speaking background
  - Experienced educational disruption and/or personal hardship.
- As demonstrated in the scholarship application and interview:
  - Motivation to succeed in their chosen Engineering course
  - Demonstrated initiative in extra-curricular and non-academic activities

## 7. SELECTION

Shortlisted applicants are interviewed and selected based on the above selection criteria. Scholarships will only be awarded to applicants who personally attend an interview.

Applications of shortlisted eligible candidates will be presented to a Scholarship Selection Committee, which will undertake the selection of the Recipient. The Scholarship Selection Committee will be made up of at least three relevant members of the UTS community, chaired by the Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology (or their nominee), and is to include a member from the Centre for Social Justice and Inclusion (or nominee).

The Donor (or their representative) will be invited to sit on the Selection Committee.

Offers will be authorised by the Chair of the Selection Committee.

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

### **8.1 Academic progress:**

The Recipient must maintain a minimum Pass average (WAM 50 +) each session for the duration of the Scholarship.

### **8.2 UTS Enrolment:**

The Recipient:

- must continue to be enrolled full-time (minimum 18cp in Autumn and Spring sessions) in an eligible Engineering course at UTS; or
- may in exceptional circumstances<sup>1</sup> apply to the Scholarships Office for approval of a part-time study load.

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

- If the Recipient defers the UTS offer or withdraws from the UTS course after the start of the session in which the Scholarship is first awarded, the Scholarship may be terminated, and any Scholarship payments already made in that session may be required to be reimbursed to UTS.
- After the first session in which the Scholarship is awarded, the Recipient may apply to the Scholarships Office to place the Scholarship on hold for the duration of approved leave of absence from studies. If the application is approved, payment of the Scholarship will be suspended for the period of leave. The Scholarship may be terminated if the Recipient does not apply to the Scholarships Office to place the Scholarship on hold.
- Provided the Recipient remains eligible, payments will be resumed to the Recipient after an approved leave of absence until the remaining value of the Scholarship has been paid or another leave of absence is approved.

### **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.
- The offer of the Scholarship is only valid for the intake defined in the Scholarship letter of offer and cannot be deferred.
- For the duration of the Scholarship the Recipient is not permitted to hold other UTS Scholarships, unless an equity-based scholarship is approved by exception.
- The Recipient is responsible for advising the Scholarships Office of any changes in circumstances that would make them ineligible for continuation of the Scholarship, e.g. reducing study load to part-time, taking leave of absence or deferring study.
- Any change in the Recipient's circumstances not addressed by these Conditions of Award will be considered by the Scholarships Office and/or the Scholarship Selection Committee on a case-by-case basis.

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<sup>1</sup> Exceptional circumstances may include, but are not limited to, severe disruptions, disability, ongoing illness, carer's responsibilities and other education barriers, and are considered by the Scholarship Selection Committee on a case-by-case basis.

## **9. TERMINATION OF RECIPIENT'S SCHOLARSHIP**

The Scholarship may be terminated:

- 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.

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.