



# UTS Scholarship Conditions of Award

## The Wanago Access Scholarship for Young Women

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

### 2. PURPOSE

The Wanago Access Scholarship for Young Women aims to support a female Wanago participant who has the personal potential and commitment to study engineering or IT and can demonstrate financial disadvantage and/or other categories of disadvantage.

### 3. VALUE AND BENEFIT

#### 3.1 Number of Recipients:

One (1) recipient will be awarded the Scholarship

#### 3.2 Benefit/s to Recipient:

The Recipient will receive \$12,500 per year for the Scholarship's maximum duration as defined in clause 4. The maximum value of the Scholarship to each Recipient is \$50,000.

#### 3.2 Payment of benefit/s:

For the duration of the Scholarship, the Recipient will receive Scholarship payments in the following way:

- **Tuition Fees:** Each recipient's UTS tuition fees for two teaching sessions per annum will be credited by UTS directly to the UTS Fees Office on or before the due date for payment of fees for the relevant teaching session.
- **Living Allowance:** UTS will calculate the amount of the Scholarship funds remaining in respect of each Recipient after payment of that Recipient's tuition fees in accordance with the maximum yearly value. This balance will be available for payment to the relevant Recipient by two cash payments after the census date in Autumn and Spring. The amount available to a Recipient will be the total of the Scholarship funds for that Recipient received by UTS less the tuition fees paid to UTS in accordance with above.
- Payments are subject to the Recipient satisfying ongoing eligibility criteria as defined in clause 8 below.

### 4. DURATION

The maximum duration of the Scholarship is five (5) years.<sup>1</sup>

### 5. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

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

- Australian or New Zealand citizen or the holder of an Australian permanent resident visa or permanent humanitarian visa; and
- Be female identifying; and

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<sup>1</sup> The duration of the Scholarship may be extended if the Recipient is approved to study part-time as defined in clause 8.2

- Have completed the UTS Wanago Program
- Have met the conditions for direct admission to UTS via the Wanago Program
- Have received endorsement from the Wanago Program Head Teacher
- Be intending to commence full time study in any undergraduate Engineering or IT degree program, excluding combined degrees
- Have applied through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) for an Equity Scholarship and/or Education Access Scheme or School's Recommendation Scheme therein demonstrate financial disadvantage and/or other categories of disadvantage; and
- All candidates must apply using the UTS online Scholarships Application form to be eligible
- All candidates must be available to attend an interview in person (online or face-to-face)

## **6. RECIPIENT SELECTION CRITERIA**

As demonstrated in the application and interview process:

- Motivation and commitment to succeed in a career in STEM
- Value derived from their participation in the Wanago Program
- Motivation to act as an ambassador or role model for other young women, and to support the next generation of Wanago participants
- Financial need and/or other categories of disadvantage. Preference will be given to applicants that demonstrate financial hardship through either UAC Equity Scholarship, the School's Recommendation and/or Education Access Scheme.

## **7. SELECTION**

Eligible candidates will be presented to a Scholarship Selection Committee, which will undertake the selection of Recipients, based on the above selection criteria.

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 Committee.

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

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

### **8.1 Academic progress:**

The Recipient must maintain a minimum Pass average (WAM 50+) per session.

### **8.2 UTS Enrolment:**

- Must continue to be enrolled full time (minimum of 18 credit points in both Autumn and Spring sessions) in an eligible Engineering or IT course at UTS.
- The Recipient may in exceptional circumstances<sup>2</sup> apply to the Chair of the Selection Committee for approval of a part-time study load. The Recipient with an approved part-time study load may receive reduced payments for the period of part-time study.

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

- If the Recipient withdraws from the UTS course after the start of their first session in which the Scholarship is first awarded, the Scholarship may be terminated and any Scholarship payment already made for the session in which they withdraw is to be reimbursed to UTS.
- After the first session in which the Scholarship is awarded, the Recipient may apply to the Chair of the Selection Committee to place the Scholarship on hold for the duration of approved leave of absence from studies. If the application is approved, tuition fee payment of the Scholarship will be suspended for the period of leave. The Scholarship may be terminated if the Recipient takes leave without approval from the Scholarships Office.

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<sup>2</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 Selection Committee on a case-by-case basis.

- Provided the Recipient remains eligible, scholarship benefit 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. 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) may result in the termination of this Scholarship and the University reserves the right to 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, the 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 per Clause 8.2, 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 case-by-case.

### **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.