



UTS Scholarship Conditions of Award

Faculty Women in Engineering and IT Scholarship

This document sets out the conditions of award for the below scholarship ('Scholarship') and 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.

FACULTY: Engineering and Information Technology

1. NAME: Faculty Women in Engineering and IT Scholarship

2. PURPOSE

The Faculty Women in Engineering and IT Scholarship has been established by UTS Faculty of Engineering and IT with the goal of increasing the participation of women in Engineering and IT as a non-traditional area of study. The Scholarship will provide financial assistance for the first year of study in their chosen Engineering or IT degree.

3. VALUE AND BENEFIT

3.1 Number of Recipients:

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

3.2 Benefit/s to Recipient:

The maximum total value of the Scholarship is \$10,000 to each Recipient.

3.3 Payment of benefit/s:

- The Recipient will receive one payment per session by electronic funds transfer to her nominated bank account.
- Each payment will be \$5,000 (or the pro-rata amount if part-time study has been approved by exception as defined in clause 8).
- 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 one (1) year.¹

5. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be Female identifying;
- Be an Australian citizen, or New Zealand citizen or the holder of an Australian Permanent Resident visa or Permanent Humanitarian visa;

¹ A maximum duration may be extended if the Recipient is approved for part-time study by exception, as defined in Clause 8.

- Be a current or non-current school leaver with an ATAR (or equivalent) of 85 or above (excluding adjustment points); the Faculty may consider applicants whose ATAR falls in the range of 80 to 85 depending on their suitability of the Scholarship.
- Be commencing their first year of study in an undergraduate degree in the Faculty of Engineering and IT including double degrees;
- All candidates must apply using the online UTS Scholarships Application form;
- All candidates must be available to attend an interview in person (online or face-to-face).

6. RECIPIENT SELECTION CRITERIA

- Academic merit.
- As demonstrated in the Scholarship application and interview:
 - Interest in Engineering or IT and motivation to succeed in the UTS course;
 - Initiative in extra-curricular and non-academic activities;
 - Motivation for women in engineering and IT.
 - Other suitability criteria for the scholarship program identified by the Selection Committee, including but not limited to commitment, professionalism and engagement²

7. SELECTION

The interview panel will be made up of at least three relevant members of the UTS community, and is to include a representative of the Women in Engineering & IT Program.

Candidates will be ranked on the above selection criteria and their interview score, and will be presented to a Scholarships Committee which will undertake the final selection of the Recipient.

The Scholarships 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 representative of the Women in Engineering & IT Program and a member of staff experienced in assessment and award of scholarships, and where possible a member of the interview panel.

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

8. ONGOING RECIPIENT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

8.1 Academic progress:

The Recipient is expected to maintain a minimum Credit average (WAM 65 +) for the duration of the Scholarship.

8.2 UTS enrolment:

The Recipient:

- must continue to be enrolled full-time in an eligible Engineering or IT undergraduate course at UTS²; or
- may, in exceptional circumstances³, apply to 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.
- may apply to the Faculty to transfer the Scholarship to another UTS Engineering or IT undergraduate course, if an internal course transfer is being sought. The duration of the Scholarship will not be extended due to a change in course.

8.3 Leave / Deferral / Course Withdrawal:

- The scholarship cannot be deferred unless approved under exceptional circumstances and will only be assessed on a case-by-case basis by the Selection Committee.

² Recipients enrolled in non-standard subjects including but not limited to practical professional experience subjects required for course completion, or Recipients undertaking a session of exchange approved by UTS who maintain their enrolment status at UTS through exchange subjects, will be considered case-by-case as part of the standard ongoing eligibility checking each session.

³ Exceptional circumstances refer to and may not be limited to severe disruptions, disability, ongoing illness, carer's responsibilities and other education barriers.

- If the Recipient defers the UTS offer or withdraws from the eligible UTS course after the start of the session in which the Scholarship is first awarded, the Scholarship will be terminated and any Scholarship payment already made may need to be reimbursed to UTS.
- After the first session in which the Scholarship is awarded, a Recipient who can demonstrate exceptional circumstances⁴ may apply to the Faculty 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 will be terminated if the Recipient takes leave without approval from UTS.
- 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) may result in the termination of this Scholarship and the University might require the Recipient to repay the total benefit received at the 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.
- 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 Faculty 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 Scholarship Selection Committee on a case-by-case basis.
- The Recipient will be invited to consent to allow their name, photograph and a short article to be used for the promotion of UTS.
- The recipient is expected to contribute and participate in Women in Engineering and IT (WiEIT) initiatives and events.

9. TERMINATION OF RECIPIENT'S SCHOLARSHIP

The Scholarship may be terminated if:

- The Recipient ceases to meet the eligibility criteria; or
- The Recipient breaches any conditions of the Scholarship; or
- 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.