



# UTS Scholarship Conditions of Award

## Law Diversity and Equity Scholarship

**Unit: Faculty of Law**

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 regard 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**

Law Diversity and Equity Scholarship

### **2. PURPOSE**

This Scholarship has been established to support UTS undergraduate law students who can demonstrate financial disadvantage.

Female applicants from refugee, asylum seeker, migrant, or Indigenous backgrounds facing disadvantage may be given preference.

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

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

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

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

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

#### **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 \$5,000 (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 each Scholarship is one (1) year.<sup>1</sup>

### **5. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

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

- Be an Australian or New Zealand citizen, or the holder of an Australian permanent resident visa or humanitarian protection visa;<sup>2</sup> and

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<sup>1</sup> The Scholarship duration may be extended if part-time study is approved in particular circumstances as approved by the Chair of the Selection Committee

<sup>2</sup> A humanitarian protection visa includes a permanent humanitarian visa. The applicant may have temporary asylum seeker or refugee residence status and hold a Bridging Visa E or A (and has made an application for a Protection Visa), or Temporary Protection Visa (Subclass 785), or Safe Haven Enterprise Visa (Subclass 790).

- Be a commencing, or continuing student (with of minimum of at least 36 credit points to complete), in an undergraduate UTS Faculty of Law degree (or combined Law degree); and
- Be intending to enrol or enrolled full-time (minimum of 18 credit points per session) in the session of selection; and
- Demonstrate financial hardship as assessed by a UAC Equity Scholarship application or an independent financial assessment through the Financial Assistance Service that confirms they meet the financial hardship criteria; 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 or via Zoom).

## 6. RECIPIENT SELECTION CRITERIA

As demonstrated in the Scholarship application and interview:

- Motivation to succeed in their chosen Faculty of Law course;
- Demonstrated initiative to seek opportunities to continually advance their professional and personal lives.
- Motivation to contribute to the community.
- Financial Hardship as outlined by the UAC Equity Scholarship or as confirmed by the Financial Assistance Service

Preference may be given to female students who:

- Hold a permanent humanitarian visa; or
- Have temporary asylum seeker or refugee residence status and hold a Bridging Visa E or A (and has made an application for a Protection Visa), or Temporary Protection Visa (Subclass 785), or Safe Haven Enterprise Visa (Subclass 790)<sup>3</sup>; or
- Are of Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent and provide either:
  - a Confirmation of Aboriginality from a Local Aboriginal Land Council or other Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander organisation; or
  - a UTS Statutory Declaration form accompanied by two written references from Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people from the applicant's community who can confirm their identity and are not an immediate family member; and

## 7. SELECTION

Eligible applicants will be presented to the Scholarship Selection Committee, which will undertake the selection of the Recipient based on the above selection criteria.

The Scholarship Selection Committee will consist of at least three (3) relevant members of the UTS community, chaired by the Dean, Faculty of Law (or their nominee). The Committee is to include a member nominated by the Centre for Social Justice and Inclusion.

Shortlisted applicants are interviewed and selected based on selection criteria as outlined in Clause 6. Scholarship offers will be authorised by the Chair of the Scholarship Selection Committee in line with the Scholarships and Prizes Policy.

## 8. ONGOING RECIPIENT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

### 8.1 Academic progress:

The Recipient must maintain a minimum Pass average (WAM 50 +) per session. Where a Pass average is not achieved, the scholarship may be terminated unless the Recipient can demonstrate exceptional circumstances.

### 8.2 UTS Enrolment:

The Recipient:

- must continue to be enrolled full-time<sup>4</sup> (minimum of 18 credit points/session) in an eligible UTS undergraduate law program; or

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<sup>3</sup> Applicants holding an Australian Bridging Visa will be required to provide a statement and/or letter from a community organisation verifying the applicant's experience of an asylum-seeker.

<sup>4</sup> Recipients enrolled in non-standard subjects (including but not limited to practical professional experience subjects required for course completion), or Recipients undertaking a semester of exchange approved by UTS

- in particular circumstances, may apply to the Scholarships Office for approval of a part-time study load (and a Recipient with an approved part-time study load may receive reduced pro-rata payments for the period of part-time study). The Scholarships Office in consultation with the Donor's representative will refer the request to the Chair of the Selection Committee for outcome in each case.
- All payments received by the Recipient, under any course, will accumulate towards their total payments received.

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

- 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 the Recipient may be required to reimburse to UTS any Scholarship payment already made for the session in which they withdraw.
- After successful completion of the first session in which the Scholarship is awarded, if the Recipient can demonstrate exceptional circumstances<sup>5</sup>, then they may apply to the Scholarships Office to place the Scholarship on hold for the duration of approved leave of absence from studies. If their application is approved, then payment of the Scholarship will be suspended for the period of leave. However, the Scholarship may be terminated and the Recipient may be required to reimburse to UTS any Scholarship payment(s) already received if, without a reasonable explanation, the Recipient takes extended leave without prior approval from the Scholarships Office.
- Provided the Recipient remains eligible, Scholarship payments to the Recipient will be resumed 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 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 in all material respects.
- 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 any other UTS scholarship, unless an equity-based scholarship is approved by exception
- The Recipient is responsible for advising the UTS 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.
- Without limiting the Recipient's responsibility to advise the UTS Scholarships Office of any changes in circumstances relevant to their eligibility for continuation of the Scholarship, the Scholarships Office and/or the Scholarship Selection Committee will consider case-by-case any change in the Recipient's circumstances not addressed by these Conditions of Award which are relevant to the Scholarship.
- The Recipient agrees that they will be invited to consent to allowing their name, photograph and a short article to be used for the promotion of UTS and for donor reporting purposes.

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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 semester

<sup>5</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.

## **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 a student has a misconduct allegation proven, after consultation with the Executive Director, Lifetime Learner Experience Unit and 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.