



UTS Scholarship Conditions of Award

The GO Foundation Indigenous Scholarship

Unit: Jumbunna Institute for Indigenous Education and Research

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:

The GO Foundation Indigenous Scholarship

2. PURPOSE

The GO Foundation was founded by Adam Goodes and Michael O'Loughlin with a focus on educational attainment for Indigenous students, recognising that education is key to creating a brighter future for Indigenous Australians.

The GO Foundation Indigenous Scholarship is open to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students enrolled in any undergraduate program of the University of Technology Sydney.

3. VALUE AND BENEFIT

3.1 Number of Recipients:

- A minimum of one (1) recipient will be awarded the scholarship under the conditions.
- In the event the successful recipient is not eligible for the scholarship for the maximum tenure as outlined in Clause 4, the scholarship may be re-advertised in the following year until the remaining funding allocation has been exhausted.

3.2 Benefit/s to Recipient:

- The maximum total value of the scholarship is \$30,000 per recipient.
- The Recipient will have the opportunity to attend events held for GO Scholars throughout the year which may include attendance at up to three (3) events.
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3.3 Payment of benefit/s:

- The 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).
- Payment will usually be made within four weeks after the census dates in Autumn and Spring sessions.
- In the event a Recipient is selected mid-year, both first year payments will be made in the second half of the year.
- Payments are subject to the Recipient satisfying ongoing eligibility criteria as defined in clause 8 below.

4. DURATION

- For Recipients undertaking any degree, they will receive the scholarship for the remaining standard course duration for up to a maximum duration of three (3) years. The tenure under any program will be a maximum of six (6) sessions. ¹

5. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

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

- be 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
- Be enrolled full-time in an eligible UTS undergraduate degree excluding online degrees;
- For continuing students: Achieved a minimum of a Pass Average (WAM 50 or above) over the duration of their current UTS course.
- All candidates must apply using the UTS online Scholarships application form to be eligible; and
- All candidates must be available to attend an interview in person if requested.

6. RECIPIENT SELECTION CRITERIA

As demonstrated in the Scholarship application and interview:

- **Financial Need:** Likelihood that the receipt of the scholarship will increase the Recipient's ability to complete the UTS degree at a higher level of performance than would otherwise be the case;
- **Giving Back:** Potential for the Recipient to be an effective and energetic agent for positive change in both their chosen career and community;
- **Cultural Identity:** Commitment to the cultural identity and heritage of the Indigenous community in which they are a member;
- **Aspiration:** Motivation to succeed in the nominated UTS course.
- Academic Merit may be taken into consideration.

Preference may be given to female identifying students.

7. SELECTION

Applications of eligible candidates will be presented to a Scholarship Selection Committee (Committee), which will undertake the selection of Recipient based on the above selection criteria.

The Committee will be made up of at least three (3) relevant members of the UTS community, chaired by the Director, Jumbunna Indigenous Institute for Indigenous Education and Research (or their nominee). The Donor (or their representative) will be invited to participate on the Selection Committee.

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

- Recipients must maintain a minimum Pass average (WAM of 50+) for the duration of the scholarship.
- Where a minimum Pass average is not achieved, the Recipient will be required to attend and receive appropriate support by the Jumbunna Student Services and Learning Development to assist the Recipient return to a satisfactory performance level.
- If the student does not attend the meeting with Jumbunna, and/or a minimum Pass average is not achieved in the following session the Scholarship may be terminated, unless the Recipient can demonstrate exceptional circumstances for the consideration of the Scholarship Selection Committee.

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

8.2 UTS enrolment

The Recipient:

- must continue to be enrolled full-time (minimum of 18 credit points in the Autumn and Spring sessions) in an eligible undergraduate course at UTS; or
- in certain circumstances can apply to UTS Scholarships for approval of a part-time study load. The Recipient with an approved part-time study load may receive reduced pro-rata payments for the period of part-time study.
- may apply to UTS Scholarships to transfer the Scholarship to another eligible UTS undergraduate undergraduate program, if a course transfer is being sought. 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 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 payment received may be required to be reimbursed to UTS. In this case, the availability of the Scholarship may be readvertised.
- After successful completion of the first session in which the Scholarship is awarded, the Recipient may apply to UTS Scholarships to place the Scholarship on hold for the duration of an approved Leave of Absence from studies. If the application is approved, payment of the Scholarship will be suspended for the period of leave.
- 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 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.
- Before accepting their offer, the Recipient is encouraged to seek advice from Jumbunna about Scholarship conditions and ongoing eligibility requirements.
- By accepting the offer of the Scholarship, each Recipient agrees to the Conditions of Award.
- Recipients of another Jumbunna scholarship valued at or above \$5,000 will not be eligible for further Jumbunna scholarships for the duration of the scholarship currently held. However, the Jumbunna Scholarships Committee may seek approval from the Director of Jumbunna to waive this condition where exceptional circumstances exist at the time of selection.
- For the duration of the Scholarship the Recipient is not permitted to hold other, non Jumbunna & UTS Scholarships, unless an equity-based scholarship is approved by exception.
- The offer of the Scholarship is only valid for the intake defined in the Scholarship letter of offer and cannot be deferred.
- The Recipient is responsible for advising the UTS Scholarships 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 UTS Scholarships and/or the Scholarship Selection Committee case-by-case.
- The Recipient may be invited to consent to the use of their name, quotations, photographs, or videos of themselves for the promotion of UTS scholarships.

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

- The Recipient has a misconduct allegation proven 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