



# UTS Scholarship Conditions of Award

## Arcadia Landscape Architecture Indigenous Scholarship

**Unit: Faculty of Design, Architecture and Building**

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

Arcadia Landscape Architecture Indigenous Scholarship

### 2. PURPOSE

The aim of the Arcadia Landscape Indigenous Scholarship is to support Indigenous students studying Landscape Architecture in either an eligible undergraduate degree or postgraduate Masters degree by providing financial assistance, industry mentorship and the potential opportunity for a paid work placement.

### 3. VALUE AND BENEFIT

#### 3.1 Number of Recipients:

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

#### 3.2 Benefit/s to Recipient:

- Recipients will receive \$5,000 per year for the remaining standard duration of the course at the time of award as outlined in Clause 4: Duration at to a maximum value of \$20,000 for recipients enrolled in an undergraduate degree and \$10,000 for recipients enrolled in a Masters coursework degree.
- The Recipient will receive mentorship, including:
  - A minimum of two (2) meetings per year with the Donor; and
  - An introduction to a previous Recipient, who is currently working in industry.

The Recipient may also have an opportunity to undertake a paid work placement at Arcadia Landscape, which is to take place at a mutually convenient time as arranged between the Recipient and Arcadia Landscape, usually in the Recipient's final year of study.

#### 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 \$2,500 or the pro rata amount if part-time study has been approved for the duration of the Scholarship.
- 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 maximum duration of the Scholarship is the remaining standard duration of the course at the time of award. This is a maximum of four (4) years for undergraduate students and two (2) years for Masters students.
- The duration of the Scholarship may be extended if part-time study has been approved as per clause 8.2.

## **5. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

To be eligible for the Scholarship an applicant must:

- Be of Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent and is able to provide either:
  - A Confirmation of Aboriginality from a Local Aboriginal Land Council or other Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander organization; or
  - A UTS Statutory Declaration form accompanied by two written references from Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people from the applicant community who can confirm their identity and are not an immediate family member; and
- Be enrolled in the Bachelor of Landscape Architecture (Honours) or
- Be enrolled in the Master of Landscape Architecture; and
- For students who have completed at least 24 Credit Points at the time of applying must have a minimum of a Pass Average (WAM 50+);
- Provide a curriculum vitae; and
- All applicants must apply using the UTS online Scholarships Application form to be eligible.
- All applicants must be able to attend an interview, if required.

## **6. RECIPIENT SELECTION CRITERIA**

As demonstrated in the Scholarship application and interview:

- Commitment to benefiting the Indigenous community through landscape architectural culture and production; and
- Initiative to seek opportunities to continually advance their professional and personal lives;
- Alignment of values, goals and culture with those of Arcadia; and
- Motivation and interest in participating in a paid work placement at Arcadia and to pursue a career in landscape architecture.

## **7. SELECTION**

Eligible applicants will be presented to the Scholarship Selection Committee, which will undertake the selection of Recipients 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 (or their nominee). The Committee will include the Director, Jumbunna Institute for Indigenous Education and Research (or their nominee). The Donor (or their nominee) will be invited to sit on the 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:**

- The Recipient must maintain a minimum Pass average (WAM 65+) per session.

### **8.2 UTS enrolment:**

The Recipient:

- must continue to be enrolled full-time (minimum of 18 credit points in both Autumn and Spring sessions) in an eligible course at UTS; or
- must continue to be enrolled full-time in Master of Landscape Architecture; or
- May apply to UTS Scholarships for approval of a part-time study load. The Recipient with an approved part-time study load may receive pro-rata 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 the session in which the Scholarship is first awarded, the Scholarship will be terminated and any Scholarship payment already made is to be reimbursed to UTS. In this instance the Scholarship will be awarded to the second ranked applicant.

- 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 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 Scholarships.
- 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.
- Before accepting their offer, the Recipient is encouraged to seek advice from Jumbunna about Scholarship conditions and ongoing eligibility requirements.
- The offer of the Scholarship is only valid for the intake defined in the Scholarship letter of offer and cannot be deferred.
- By accepting the offer of the Scholarship, the Recipient agrees to the Conditions of Award.
- Recipients must comply with all UTS Rules, Policies and Procedures, including those relating to conduct.
- 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 UTS Scholarships of any changes in circumstances that would make them ineligible for continuation of the Scholarship, for example, but not limited to, reducing study load to part-time, taking leave of absence, or deferring study.
- Any change in circumstances of the Recipient not addressed by these Conditions of Award will be considered by UTS Scholarships and/or the Scholarship Selection Committee on a 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
- If the Recipient breaches any conditions of the Scholarship; or
- If the student 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.
- 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.