



UTS Scholarship Conditions of Award

The Helen McFadyen Memorial Indigenous 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

The Helen McFadyen Memorial Indigenous Scholarship

2. PURPOSE

The Scholarship was created in memory of Helen McFadyen to provide financial support to Indigenous Australian students commencing or continuing an undergraduate course at the University of Technology Sydney. The goal of the scholarship is to increase the ability of the recipient to complete their UTS course at a higher level of performance than would otherwise be the case.

Preference will be given to Indigenous students undertaking a UTS undergraduate Law (single or combined) degree or Indigenous students who can demonstrate financial hardship and/or other educational disadvantages.

3. VALUE AND BENEFIT

3.1 Number of Recipients:

Up to one (1) new recipient will be awarded the Scholarship each year.

3.2 Benefit/s to Recipient:

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

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.
- 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 one (1) year.
- The duration of the Scholarship may be extended if part-time study has been approved by exception 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 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 a commencing or continuing full-time student in any UTS undergraduate course (single and combined) during the calendar year the Scholarship is awarded; and
- Have a minimum of 36 credit points remaining to complete in their enrolled course, in the year of award; and
- Apply for this Scholarship online using the UTS Scholarship Application Form; and
- Be available to attend an interview in person.

Preference may be given to students who:

- Are undertaking a Faculty of Law undergraduate degree (single or combined); and/or
- Can demonstrate financial hardship and/or other educational disadvantage as evidenced via the UAC Equity Scholarship

6. RECIPIENT SELECTION CRITERIA

As demonstrated in the Scholarship application and interview:

- Likelihood that the Scholarship will increase the ability of the Recipient to complete their UTS course at a higher level of performance than would otherwise be the case;
- Initiative and leadership potential as evidenced by extracurricular and non-academic activities;
- Passion and motivation to succeed in their chosen UTS undergraduate degree

Additionally, preference may be given to applicants

- Are undertaking a Faculty of Law undergraduate degree (single or combined); and/or
- Experiencing any long-term educational barriers and/or personal hardship including:
 - financial hardship, low socio-economic status;
 - carer responsibilities;
 - long-term medical condition, disability, or ongoing effects of abuse;
 - regional or remote background;
 - sole parent.

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 Director, Jumbunna Institute for Indigenous Education and Research (or their nominee). The Committee is to include a member experienced in the selection of equity scholarships. 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 (minimum WAM 50 +) per session.
- Where a minimum pass average is not achieved, the Recipient will be required to attend and receive appropriate academic support by Jumbunna Student Support and/or the Faculty to assist them to return to a satisfactory performance level.
- If the student does not attend academic support and/or a minimum pass average is not achieved in the following session the Scholarship may be terminated, unless the Recipient can demonstrate mitigating circumstances for the consideration of the Scholarship Selection Committee.

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 undergraduate course at UTS; or
- may, in mitigating circumstances, apply to UTSScholarships 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.

- may apply to UTS Scholarships to transfer the Scholarship to another eligible UTS course, if a course transfer is being sought. The value of the Scholarship will be recalculated using the new course to determine duration as per clause 4. 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 will be terminated and any Scholarship payment already made may need to be reimbursed to UTS.
- 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. The Scholarship may 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. More information on Academic Integrity at UTS can be found on the Current Student 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.

8.4 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 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 Scholarship and/or the Scholarship Selection Committee case-by-case.
- UTS Scholarships in consultation with UTS Advancement may contact the recipient to participate in engagement opportunities including meeting with the donor, Faculty prize nights and/or other activities related to the administration of the scholarship including scholarship promotion.'
- Previous recipients of the scholarship cannot re-apply in future years.

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
- 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.
- 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.

