



# UTS Scholarship Conditions of Award

## UTS Academic Excellence International 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.

### 1. SCHOLARSHIP NAME: UTS Academic Excellence International Scholarship

#### 2. PURPOSE

To attract high performing commencing international students who wish to undertake an undergraduate or postgraduate coursework program at UTS in Sydney.

#### 3. VALUE AND BENEFIT

##### 3.1 Number of Recipients:

The annual number of Recipients will vary and is determined by the following variables:

- a) The availability of funding; and
- b) The number of eligible candidates.

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

- UTS will pay for thirty percent (30%) of each Recipient's UTS tuition fees for the course enrolled in for the duration of the Scholarship as defined in clause 4.
- The Scholarship cannot be transferred, deferred or redeemed for cash.

##### 3.3 Payment of benefit/s:

- The tuition fee contributions will be made directly to the Recipient's UTS fees account each session for the duration of the Scholarship as defined in clause 4.
- The tuition fee contributions are subject to the Recipient satisfying ongoing eligibility criteria as defined in clause 8.

#### 4. DURATION

The duration of the Scholarship is the standard number of credit points required for completion of the Recipient's enrolled undergraduate course up to a maximum of ten (10) sessions under any program or postgraduate course up to a maximum of four (4) sessions under any program. This is on the basis of a full-time study load, as specified in the letter of offer for admission to the course. Where the Recipient does not follow the usual standard full-time course structure, or if the Recipient receives approval to transfer course, the total value of the Scholarship may be exhausted prior to course completion.

#### 5. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

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

- Remain an international student (not an Australian citizen, New Zealand citizen or permanent resident of Australia); and
- Meet all admission requirements for the selected UTS undergraduate or postgraduate coursework program; and
- For undergraduate coursework admission, completed an Australian Year 12 or UTS recognised high school studies comparable to an Australian Year 12 or an Australian Foundation Studies program, and be admitted to UTS based on this qualification; or

- For Honours course admission, completed a UTS recognised bachelor degree and be admitted to UTS based on this qualification; or
- For postgraduate coursework admission, the most recently completed and UTS recognised tertiary qualification at an Australian Bachelor degree level or higher or the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT Exam) or the Graduate Record Examination (GRE General Test) (both tests accepted for admission into UTS Business School programs only), and be admitted to UTS based on this qualification; and
- Commence full-time and on campus (Sydney)<sup>1</sup>; and
- Must not:
  - Be studying a UTS online degree or distance degree; or
  - Complete an approved external articulation or pathway program from an institution outside of Australia; or
  - Be a recipient of other UTS scholarships or grants or the UTS Alumni Advantage Program for the duration of this Scholarship and be a government sponsored student.

## 6. RECIPIENT SELECTION CRITERIA

For undergraduate admission, academic merit in the Australian Year 12 or UTS recognised high school studies comparable to an Australian Year 12 or an Australian Foundation Studies for entry into the selected UTS Bachelor degree program, or a UTS recognised bachelor's degree for entry into the selected UTS Honours program.

For postgraduate coursework admission, academic merit in the most recently completed tertiary qualification at an Australian Bachelor degree level or higher or the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT Exam) or Graduate Record Examination (GRE General Test) (both tests accepted for admission into UTS Business School programs only) recognised by UTS for entry into the selected UTS postgraduate coursework program.

## 7. SELECTION

UTS Future Learner Recruitment and Admissions will automatically consider all commencing international students applying for an undergraduate or postgraduate coursework program at UTS in Sydney for this Scholarship. There is no separate scholarship application or documentation in addition to what is required for the course application.

Offers will be authorised by Head of Admissions Services and Scholarships, UTS Future Learner Recruitment and Admissions.

## 8. ONGOING RECIPIENT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

### 8.1 Academic progress:

- The Recipient must maintain a minimum Pass average (WAM 50+) in each session. Where a pass average is not achieved, payment of the Scholarship may be suspended or terminated, unless the Recipient can demonstrate exceptional circumstances<sup>2</sup> for the consideration of Scholarship Selection Committee.

### 8.2 UTS Enrolment:

- The Recipient must continue to be enrolled as a full-time (usually 24 credit points per session and 48 credit points per year) international student in the eligible UTS program for the duration of the Scholarship, unless they have been approved to study a reduced study load through the standard International Student Visa Holders Application to Reduce Study Load application process through a UTS Student Centre.
- May apply to UTS International Scholarships to transfer the Scholarship from an undergraduate program to another undergraduate program or from a postgraduate coursework program to another postgraduate program if an internal course transfer is being sought. The duration of the scholarship will not be extended due to a change in degree.

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<sup>1</sup> On campus studies include face-to-face and/or online (remote) learning in all degrees except online degrees and distance mode degrees.

<sup>2</sup> Exceptional circumstances may include, but are not limited to, disability, ongoing illness, carer's responsibilities and other educational barriers, and are considered on a case-by-case basis.

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

- All deferral or suspension requests are subject to approval from UTS.
- If the Recipient defers the UTS offer or withdraws from the UTS course after the start of their first session and before the census date, the Scholarship will be terminated and any tuition fee paid will be refunded according to the [Statement of protocol on fees and refunds for international students studying in Australia](#).
- After the first session, if the Recipient can demonstrate exceptional circumstances<sup>2</sup>, they may apply to UTS International Scholarships for a temporary suspension of the Scholarship during the period of approved leave. If a period of leave is approved, the Scholarship will be suspended for the duration of the approved leave period. However, the Scholarship may be terminated if the Recipient takes leave without approval from UTS International Scholarships or does not submit a request to retain application to take an approved leave of absence for the scholarship.

### **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 all information provided by the Recipient being true and accurate.
- By accepting the offer of the Scholarship, each Recipient agrees to the Conditions of Award.
- Recipients must comply with all of UTS's rules, policies and procedures including those relating to conduct.
- The Recipient is responsible for advising UTS International Scholarships of any changes in circumstances that would make them ineligible for continuation of the Scholarship, including but not limited to taking Leave of Absence or deferring study, and changing their international students visa status to another visa category, including but not limited to Permanent Residency Visa.
- If the Recipient obtains Permanent Residency status, the Scholarship will be terminated as outlined below:
  - For Recipients obtaining Permanent Residency before the census date in any Session, the Scholarship will be terminated and any tuition fee contribution already made for that session will be reversed.
  - For Recipients obtaining their Permanent Residency after census date in any Session, the Scholarship will be terminated the following session.
- For the duration of the Scholarship the Recipient is not permitted to hold UTS Grants or other UTS Scholarships if the total value of the scholarship per year amounts to more than the total tuition fee payable for 48 credit points (per year) of the course, unless an equity-based scholarship is approved by exception.
- The Recipient does not need to re-apply for the Scholarship each year.
- Any changes to the Recipient's circumstances not addressed by the Conditions of Award will be considered by the Head of Admissions Services and Scholarships on a case-by-case basis.
- The recipient will be invited to consent to allowing their name, photograph and/or short article to be used for the promotion of UTS.

## **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
- A recipient has misconduct allegation proven and after consultation with the Director, Student Administration and the delegate able to award the Scholarship deems that it is not appropriate for the Recipient to continue to hold the Scholarship; or
- The scholarship is terminated, the tuition fee contribution may be reserved, and the student may be liable to pay the full tuition fee upfront for the session in which the termination was applied.