

# UTS Scholarship Conditions of Award

## The Animal Logic Scholarship

### Faculty of Engineering and IT

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 Animal Logic Scholarship**

#### **2. PURPOSE**

The Animal Logic Scholarship provides financial support to talented individuals from under-represented groups or those experiencing financial hardship to enable them to participate in postgraduate study in the animation, visual effects and visualisation industries.

This scholarship will assist the Recipient(s) to complete their course by offering a stipend that can be used at the Recipient's discretion to assist with living and/or tuition costs.

Animal Logic is recognised as one of the world's leading independent 3D animation studios, producing award winning productions for over 30 years.

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

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

- Up to two (2) new Recipients will be awarded the Scholarship each year.

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

- The maximum total value of the Scholarship is \$18,000 per Recipient.

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

- The Scholarship payment is made via three (3) instalments of \$6,000 each by electronic funds transfer directly to the Recipient's nominated bank after each census date.
- Payment will be paid within four weeks of the census date each session.
- Payments are subject to the Recipient satisfying ongoing eligibility criteria as defined in Clause 8.

#### **4. DURATION**

- The duration of the Scholarship is one (1) year, unless otherwise arranged.<sup>1</sup>

#### **5. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

To be eligible for the Scholarship, an applicant must:

- Be an Australian or New Zealand citizen, or the holder of an Australian permanent resident visa or permanent humanitarian visa; and
- Be enrolled in or intend to enrol in the Master of Animation and Visualisation, and
- Apply under one (1) only of the following categories:
  - Diversity

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<sup>1</sup> Please refer to Clause 8.3 Leave / Course withdrawal

- Demonstrate a high-level of aptitude, enthusiasm and proficiency from an applicant from a diverse and under-represented background or group, such as (but not excluded to) ethnic diversity, gender or sexual orientation, neuro-diversity and First Nations' Heritage.
- Financial Hardship
  - Demonstrate a high-level of aptitude, enthusiasm and proficiency from an applicant that due to financial hardship, might otherwise not be able to complete the course.
- All candidates must apply using the UTS online Scholarships Application form to be eligible.
- In addition, applicants must complete the UAC Equity Scholarship application through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) therein demonstrating financial disadvantage<sup>2</sup> and/or other Educational Barrier/s that may include:
  - Regional or remote background
  - Sole parent responsibilities
  - Carer responsibilities
  - Long-term medical condition / disability or ongoing effect of abuse
  - Indigenous Australian
  - Refugee status
- All candidates must be available to attend an interview in person (online or face-to-face).

## 6. RECIPIENT SELECTION CRITERIA

- Applicants will be required to submit a statement of up to 1,000 words demonstrating each of the following in their nominated category:
  - Motivation to succeed in the field of animation, visual effects and/or visualisation
  - Initiative and achievements in personal and professional life
  - Evidence of how the scholarship would assist them perform and/or achieve in their course at a higher level than would otherwise be the case
  - Demonstrate how their personal circumstances align to the goals of the scholarship to increase representation of under-represented groups in the animation, visual effects and visualisation industries.
- Selection will consider financial hardship and/or other barriers as demonstrated via the UAC Equity Scholarship or as confirmed by the UTS Financial Assistance Service

## 7. SELECTION

Eligible candidates will be presented to a Scholarship Selection Committee, which will undertake the selection of the Recipient(s), based on the above selection criteria. The Head of the UTS Animal Logic Academy (or their representative) will facilitate an Interview Panel, conduct interviews, and make a recommendation to the Scholarship Selection Committee for Animal Logic's final approval.

The Scholarship Selection Committee will be made up of five (5) members, consisting of two (2) members from Animal Logic and two (2) additional members from UTS community with at least one (1) member must be experienced in the selection of equity scholarships, and chaired by the Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and IT (or their nominee).

Offers will be authorised by the Chair of the Scholarship Selection Committee in line with the Scholarships and Prizes Policy.

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<sup>2</sup> Through receiving a means-tested Commonwealth income support payment (such as Parenting Payment Single, Disability Support Pension, Carer's Allowance, Austudy, ABSTUDY, Youth Allowance); OR

By providing comprehensive information demonstrating exceptional financial hardship; OR

Students may make an appointment for an alternative financial assessment with the UTS Financial Assistance Service in the Student Services Unit in order to evidence financial disadvantage. This is only available in cases when an applicant has been deemed ineligible on the basis of not meeting the financial hardship criteria as specified above and as outlined in the UAC application, or has been unable to submit an Equity Scholarship

## **8. ONGOING RECIPIENT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

### **8.1 Academic progress:**

The Recipient must maintain a minimum Pass average (WAM 50+) per session, with no fails. Where a student does not achieve a Pass Average the scholarship may be terminated unless the Recipient can demonstrate exceptional circumstances<sup>3</sup> to the satisfaction of the Selection Committee.

### **8.2 UTS Enrolment:**

The Recipient must continue to be enrolled full-time in the Master of Animation and Visualisation at UTS.

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

- If the Recipient withdraws from the UTS course after the start of their first session, the Scholarship will be terminated.
- After the first session in which the Scholarship is awarded, the Recipient may in exceptional circumstances<sup>3</sup> apply 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 does not apply to place the Scholarship on hold.
- 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.
- By accepting the offer of the Scholarship, each 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 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, 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 will be invited to consent to allowing their name, photograph and a short article to be used for the promotion of UTS.
- The Recipient understands that they have a responsibility to facilitate communication with the Donor whose contribution has made this opportunity possible. This communication may be informal or formal in nature, and may include but not limited to: correspondence via email, mail, or phone; and providing updates on course progress.

## **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.

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<sup>3</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

- 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.