

# UTS Scholarship Conditions of Award Engineering & Information Technology Dean's Scholarship

# **Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology**

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: Engineering and Information Technology Dean's Scholarship

#### 2. SCHOLARSHIP PURPOSE

To attract top achieving high school students to UTS Engineering and Information Technology undergraduate degrees, and support them financially during their first two years of study.

## 3. VALUE AND BENEFIT

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

• Up to four (4) new Recipients will be awarded the Scholarship each year.

Where possible, at least two (2) Recipients will be selected from each of:

- Engineering
- Information Technology

# 3.2 Benefit/s to Recipient:

- Each Recipient will receive \$15,000 per year for the Scholarship's maximum duration as defined in clause 4 below.
- A certificate of award will be presented to the Recipient at the UTS FEIT annual scholarship award event.

# 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 \$7,500 or the pro-rata amount if part-time study has been approved.
- Payment will be made approximately 4 weeks after the census date in Autumn and Spring sessions.
- Payments are subject to the Recipient satisfying ongoing eligibility criteria in line with the Scholarships and Prizes Policy and as outlined in clause 8 below.

## 4. DURATION

The maximum duration of the Scholarship is two (2) years.<sup>1</sup>

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

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

 Australian or New Zealand citizen, or the holder of an Australian permanent resident visa or permanent humanitarian visa; and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Scholarship duration may be extended if part-time study is approved by exception, as defined in Clause 8.

- Current school leavers; or gap year students who graduated in the previous year where no tertiary study was undertaken in the gap year; and
- Have received an offer through UAC for a UTS Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology undergraduate degree; and
- Intended full-time enrolment in a UTS Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology undergraduate degree; and
- Academic excellence in the final year of high school (ATAR of 95.0 or above, excluding bonus points);
- Note Students undertaking the Bachelor of Information Technology (Co-op) are not eligible.

# 6. RECIPIENT SELECTION CRITERIA, IN PRIORITY ORDER

- Ranked in ATAR order, excluding bonus points.
- First UAC preference to a UTS Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology (FEIT) undergraduate degree at the time of selection will be highly regarded.
- Candidates who have applied using the optional UTS online Elite School Leaver's Scholarships Application form will be highly regarded.
  - Motivation to succeed in the chosen FEIT degree program, as demonstrated in the Scholarship application may be considered.
  - Demonstrated initiative in personal and professional life as demonstrated in the Scholarship application may be considered.

#### 7. SELECTION

Eligible candidates will be presented to a Scholarships Selection Committee, which will undertake the selection of Recipients, usually on the date of ATAR release.

The Selection Committee will be made up of three relevant members of the UTS community, chaired by the Dean, Faculty of Engineering & Information Technology (or nominee).

Offers will be authorised by the chair of the Selection Committee.

## 8. ONGOING RECIPIENT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

## 8.1 Academic progress:

• The Recipient must achieve a minimum Distinction average (WAM 75+) in each session.

#### 8.2 UTS Enrolment:

The Recipient:

- must continue to be enrolled full-time (minimum 18cp in Autumn and Spring sessions) in a UTS Faculty of Engineering & Information Technology undergraduate program; or
- in particular circumstances may apply to the Scholarships Office for approval of a part-time study load. The Recipient with an approved part-time study load may receive reduced payments for the period of part-time study.
- may apply to the Scholarships Office to transfer the Scholarship to another UTS Faculty of Engineering & Information Technology undergraduate program, if an internal course transfer is being sought. The duration of the scholarship will not be extended due to a change in degree.

## 8.3 Deferral / Leave / Course withdrawal:

- If the Recipient defers the UTS offer or 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 the first session in which the Scholarship is awarded, the Recipient may apply to the
  Scholarships Office to place the Scholarship on hold for the duration of an approved leave of absence
  from studies. If the application is approved by the Scholarships office, 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) 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 the Scholarships Office 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 the Scholarships Office and/or the Scholarship Selection Committee on a case-by-case basis.
- The Recipient will be invited to consent to allowing their name, photograph and a 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
- If the Recipient breaches any conditions of the Scholarship; or
- UTS determines that the student is guilty of misconduct and 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.