



# UTS Scholarship Conditions of Award

## Business Dean's Merit Scholarship

### UTS Business School

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: Business Dean's Merit Scholarship**

#### **2. PURPOSE**

This scholarship aims to support outstanding Year 12 students experiencing financial hardship and/or other educational disadvantages to undertake an undergraduate degree at UTS.

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

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

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

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

- The Recipient will receive \$10,000 per year for the Scholarship's maximum duration as defined in clause 4.
- A certificate of award will be presented to the Recipient at the UTS Business School annual prize-giving event.

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

- The Recipient will receive two payments per year to their nominated bank account.
- Each payment will be \$5,000 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 three (3) 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
- 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 Business School undergraduate degree; and
- Intended full-time enrolment in a UTS Business School undergraduate degree.
- Have applied for and/or been assessed under the Equity Scholarship or Educational Access Scheme via UAC, and therein demonstrated financial disadvantage and/or other education disadvantages (at the time of Scholarship selection).

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

## 6. RECIPIENT SELECTION CRITERIA, IN PRIORITY ORDER

- Academic excellence at year 12 level, ranked in ATAR order, excluding bonus points.
- First UAC preference for a UTS Business School undergraduate degree at the time of selection will be highly regarded.
- Candidates who have applied using the optional UTS online Elite School Leavers Scholarships Application form will be highly regarded.
  - Motivation to succeed in the chosen UTS Business School 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.
- Demonstrated financial disadvantage and/or other educational disadvantages (through the UAC Equity Scholarship or Educational Access Scheme application). This may include:
  - Financial Hardship
  - Exceptional Financial Hardship
  - Regional or remote background
  - Sole parent responsibilities
  - Carer responsibilities
  - Long-term medical condition / disability or ongoing effects of abuse
  - Indigenous Australian
  - Refugee status

Preference will be given to candidates that demonstrate in priority order:

- Financial Hardship and one or more educational disadvantages
- Financial Hardship only
- One or more educational barriers

## 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 UTS Business School Dean (or their nominee). A member from the Centre for Social Justice and Inclusion will be invited to participate (or their 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 of a Credit average (WAM 65 +) 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 Business School undergraduate program; or
- may in particular circumstances apply to UTS Scholarships 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 UTS Scholarships to transfer the Scholarship to another UTS Business School 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 in that session may be required to be reimbursed to UTS.
- After 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.

- 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) 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.

#### **8.5 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 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
- Breaches any conditions of the Scholarship; or
- Has a misconduct allegation proven 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.