



UTS Scholarship Conditions of Award

Diploma to Degree 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: Diploma to Degree Scholarship

2. PURPOSE

To attract high achieving commencing international students completing a Diploma or Higher Diploma qualification and enrolling in an undergraduate coursework program at UTS in Sydney.

3. VALUE AND BENEFIT

3.1 Number of Recipients

Up to fifty (50) new Recipients will be awarded the Scholarship each year.

3.2 Benefit/s to Recipient

- UTS will pay for 25% 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 sessions required for completion of the Recipient's enrolled undergraduate coursework program 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, the total value of the Scholarship may be exhausted prior to course completion.

5. RECIPIENT 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
- Be a citizen of Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar [Burma], Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, Sri Lanka or South Korea; and
- Be admitted to UTS based on a UTS recognised Diploma or Higher Diploma qualification from Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar [Burma], Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, Sri Lanka or South Korea and with a GPA of 3.4 out of 4.0 or equivalent; and
- Meet all admission requirements for the selected UTS undergraduate coursework program; and
- Be commencing full-time study at UTS on campus (Sydney)¹; and
- Must not:
 - have undertaken or completed studies in Australia;

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

- be studying a UTS online degree or distance mode degree; or
- be a recipient of other UTS international 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

Academic merit in a Diploma or Higher Diploma qualification completed from one of the listed countries in clause 5 and recognised by UTS for entry into the selected UTS undergraduate coursework program.

7. SELECTION

UTS Future Learners Recruitment and Admissions will automatically consider all commencing international students from the listed countries and applying for an undergraduate coursework program at UTS in Sydney for this Scholarship. No separate scholarship application or documentation is required other than the application for course admission.

8. ONGOING RECIPIENT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

8.1 Academic progress:

- The Recipient must maintain the minimum Pass average (WAM 50+) in each session. Where pass average is not achieved, payment of the Scholarship may be suspended or terminated, unless the Recipient can demonstrate exceptional circumstances² for the consideration of UTS Scholarships.

8.2 UTS Enrolment:

- The Recipient must continue to be enrolled as a full-time (minimum of 18 credit points per session) 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.
- The Recipient must continue to be enrolled as an international student in their first enrolled undergraduate coursework degree at UTS.
- The Scholarship is not transferable to other UTS courses.

8.3 Leave / Deferral / Course withdrawal:

- All 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 the tuition fees 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 circumstances², they may apply to UTS Scholarships to retain their scholarship if approved for leave of absence from studies for an approved leave of absence from studies. If a period of leave is approved, the Scholarship will be suspended for duration of the approved leave period. However, the Scholarship will be terminated if the Recipient takes leave without approval from UTS 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) may 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.

² 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.

- Recipients must comply with all of the University’s rules, policies and procedures including those relating to conduct.
- The Recipient is responsible for advising UTS 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 census date in any session, the Scholarship will be terminated and any Scholarship payment 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.
- Any changes to the Recipient’s circumstances not addressed by the Conditions of Award will be considered by UTS Future Learners Recruitment and Admissions on a case-by-case basis.
- The Recipient does not need to re-apply for the Scholarship each year.
- For the duration of the Scholarship the Recipient is not permitted to hold other UTS Scholarships that will total more than 100% of the value of their tuition fees, unless an equity-based scholarship is approved by exception.
- The recipient must 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
- If the Recipient breaches any conditions of the Scholarship; or
- If 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 the total benefit at the time of termination.