



UTS Scholarship Conditions of Award

UTS Foundation Studies Scholarship

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: UTS Foundation Studies Scholarship

2. PURPOSE

To award high achieving commencing international students completing the UTS Foundation Studies at UTS College, Sydney and enrolling in an undergraduate program at UTS. The scholarship is to be offered to international students who exhibit the University's core values and can demonstrate commitment to excellence, innovation, entrepreneurship and social justice.

3. VALUE AND BENEFIT

3.1 Number of Recipients:

- Up to two (2) new recipients will be awarded the scholarships each year. A maximum of one (1) recipient will be awarded the Scholarship for commencement in Autumn session and Spring session intakes at UTS.

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 credit points required for completion of the Recipient's enrolled undergraduate 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, 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
- Complete a UTS Foundation Studies program undertaken at UTS College in Sydney with a minimum overall GPA of 8.5 out of 10.0 with no fails; and
- Meet all admission requirements for the selected UTS undergraduate course; and

- Be commencing studies full-time and on campus (Sydney)¹ in a UTS undergraduate degree in the next available intake after completion of the candidate's Foundation Studies program; and
- Must not:
 - be studying a UTS online degree or distance mode degree; or
 - be a government sponsored student; or
 - be a recipient of another UTS scholarship for the duration of this Scholarship.

6. RECIPIENT SELECTION CRITERIA

The Scholarship will be awarded to the applicant with the highest GPA in the UTS Foundation Studies program completed at UTS College in Sydney.

Where there are multiple applicants with the same results, further consideration will be given to the answer to the following:

- Motivation to succeed in your chosen UTS degree program; and
- Commitment to utilize your UTS degree to help your community.

Applicants may be informed in writing to submit a statement to address the above questions.

The decision to award the Scholarship will be made solely by the Scholarships Committee as described in Clause 7 below in its absolute discretion.

7. SELECTION

UTS Future Learner Recruitment and Admissions will automatically consider all commencing international students completing a UTS Foundation Studies program at UTS College in Sydney and applying for an undergraduate program at UTS for this Scholarship.

Applications of eligible candidates will be presented to a Scholarships Selection Committee, which will undertake the selection of Recipients, usually in February for Autumn session and June for Spring session.

The Scholarships Committee will be made up of at least three relevant members of the UTS community and will be chaired by the Deputy Head, Admissions Services and Scholarships (or nominee).

A staff member representing UTS College, and nominated by the UTS College Dean of Studies, may be invited to participate.

Offers will be authorised by the Chair of the Scholarship Selection Committee.

8. ONGOING RECIPIENT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

8.1 Academic progress:

The Recipient of the Scholarship must maintain overall pass average (WAM50+) for the duration of the Scholarship. Where the credit 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 Future Learner Recruitment and Admissions.

8.2 UTS Enrolment:

The Recipient:

- Must continue to be enrolled as a full-time international student (minimum of 48 Credit Points per year, usually 24 Credit Points in Autumn and Spring sessions) 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.
- Must continue to be enrolled as an international student in their first enrolled undergraduate degree course at UTS.

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

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.

- May apply to UTS Scholarships to transfer the Scholarship to another 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 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 circumstances², they may apply to the Scholarship Committee via UTS 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 duration of the approved leave period. However, The Scholarship will be terminated if the Recipient takes leave without approval from the 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) 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 the 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 other visa categories, including but not limited to Permanent Residency Visa.
- The Recipient will be responsible for any study costs incurred outside UTS tuition fees, including payment of the Student Services and Amenities Fee.
- 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 change in the Recipient's circumstances not addressed by the Conditions of Award will be considered by UTS Scholarships and/or the Scholarship Selection Committee case-by-case.
- 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 for the duration of the Scholarship.
- The recipient must consent to allowing their name, photograph and/or short article to be used for the promotion of UTS and/or UTS College.

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 any scholarship payments already made.