



# UTS Scholarship Conditions of Award

## Scape Accommodation 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 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

Scape Accommodation Scholarship

### 2. PURPOSE

The Scape Accommodation Scholarship has been established to support UTS students experiencing financial and/or other educational disadvantages to gain access to subsidised and affordable housing for first 12 months following the Scholarship being awarded.

Preference will be given to applicants who can demonstrate financial hardship at the time of award.

### 3. VALUE AND BENEFIT

#### 3.1 Number of Recipients:

Up to ten (10) new Recipients will be awarded the Scholarship in each calendar year.

#### 3.2 Benefit/s to Recipient:

The Recipient will receive a discount of fifty percent (50%) on their respective Scape Rental Accommodation Fees for their first 52-week Rental Tenancy Agreement in a Scape facility in Sydney for a single person occupancy.

The exact value will be based on each Recipient's room/bed type within the Scape Portfolio as per each Recipient's respective Rental Tenancy Agreement.

#### 3.3 Payment of benefit/s:

- Scape will apply the discount directly and evenly over the term of the relevant Recipient's Rental Tenancy Agreement beginning on, and from the date of, commencement of the relevant Lease Agreement and ending on the earlier of:
  - expiry of the relevant Rental Tenancy Agreement;
  - termination of the relevant Rental Tenancy Agreement; or
  - termination of the relevant Scholarship.
- The discount is subject to the Recipient satisfying ongoing eligibility criteria as defined in clause 8.

### 4. DURATION

- The duration of the Scholarship will be outlined in the relevant Recipient Rental Tenancy Agreement, normally there will be a minimum duration of fifty-two (52) weeks.
- The duration of the Scholarship will not be extended if part-time study has been approved by exception as per clause 8.2.
- Maximum duration of the Scholarship is one (1) year.

## 5. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be eligible for the Scholarship an applicant must:

- Apply by the published deadline using the Scape Accommodation Scholarship application form; and
- Be:
  - an Australian or New Zealand citizen; or
  - the holder of an Australian permanent resident visa or permanent humanitarian visa; or
  - Have temporary asylum seeker or refugee residence status and hold a Temporary Protection Visa (subclass 785), or Safe Haven Enterprise Visa (subclass 790), Bridging Visa A - E and has made an application for a Protection Visa <sup>1</sup> or Temporary Humanitarian Concern Visa (subclass 786).
- Be commencing one of the following courses in the session following selection:
  - A UTS undergraduate or postgraduate coursework degree; or
  - The Jumbunna UNISTART program; or
  - A UTS postgraduate research degree; and
- Be enrolled or intending to enrol full-time in the Autumn session proceeding award;
- To enter into a Rental Tenancy Agreement with Scape that complies with the requirements set out in clause 4;
- Be able to demonstrate one of the following:
  - Apply through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) for an Equity Scholarship and therein demonstrate financial disadvantage and/or other education barriers; or
  - Be relocating or planning to relocate from an outer regional, remote or very remote area in Australia as determined by Rural, Remote and Metropolitan Area (RRMA) classification tool.

## 6. RECIPIENT SELECTION CRITERIA

As demonstrated in the scholarship application:

- Evidence of financial need and/or other educational barriers as assessed by the UAC Equity Scholarship and 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
- Motivation to succeed in an eligible UTS course
- Evidence the scholarship would assist the student performance at a higher level than would be the case

Preference may be given to applicants who are able to demonstrate (In priority order):

- One or more educational disadvantages and financial hardship; or
- Financial Hardship; and/or
- Academic merit (as the basis of admission into their chosen UTS course).

## 7. SELECTION

### 7.1 Selection principles

the Selection Committee will meet to determine the recipients from the pool of eligible applicants (as set out in Clause 5 above), with preference given to applicants who demonstrate multiple educational barriers or financial hardship (as set out in Clause 6 above).

Usually, the ten recipients will be selected before Week 1 of Autumn Session each year. If a successful applicant:

- receives UTS offer and does not accept that offer, they will no longer be eligible for the Scholarship, and the next, highest ranking, eligible applicant will receive the Scholarship; and/or

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<sup>1</sup> Applicants holding an Australian Bridging Visa A - E will be required to provide a statement and/or letter from a community organisation verifying the applicant's experience of an asylum-seeker.

- does not enter into a Rental Tenancy Agreement with Scape by the tenancy start date, they will no longer be eligible for the Scholarship, and the next, highest ranking, eligible applicant will receive the Scholarship.

### **7.2 Selection committee**

The Scholarship Selection Committee will consist of at least three (3) relevant members of the UTS community, chaired by a nominee of the Director, Student Administration, Lifetime Learner Experience Unit. The Committee is to include a member from the Centre for Social Justice and Inclusion (or nominee), or Financial Assistance Service and a staff member from UTS Housing. Scape may also nominate a member to join the Scholarship Selection Committee.

### **7.3 Recommendations and selection**

Eligible applicants will be presented to the Scholarship Selection Committee, which will undertake the selection of Recipients based on the above selection criteria.

The University must also provide the Recipient/s with Scape's contact details (such details to be advised, from time to time, by Scape) and provide Scape with the contact details of the Recipients, so that Scape can arrange for the Scholarship to be administered to the relevant Recipients.

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

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

### **8.1 Academic progress:**

- The Recipient must maintain a minimum pass average (minimum WAM 50) per session for the duration of the Scholarship. If a pass average is not maintained the Scholarship may be suspended or terminated, unless the Recipient can demonstrate exceptional circumstances to the Chair of the Selection Committee.<sup>2</sup>

### **8.2 UTS enrolment:**

The Recipient:

- must continue to be enrolled full-time (minimum of 18 credit points in both Autumn and Spring sessions) in an eligible UTS course.
- may, in mitigating circumstances, apply to Scape for approval of a part-time study load.

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

- If the Recipient withdraws from the UTS course after the start of the session in which the Scholarship is first awarded, the Scholarship will be immediately terminated – any penalties incurred for the early termination of the Rental Tenancy Agreement are a matter for the Recipient and Scape.

### **8.4 Academic Integrity:**

- UTS takes Academic Integrity very seriously and breaches (e.g. plagiarism, cheating, etc.) are considered Academic Misconduct. 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 discount, and within the RTA termination provisions.

### **8.5 Other obligations and conditions:**

- The offer of the Scholarship is made subject to information provided by the Recipient being true and accurate.
- The offer of the Scholarship is only valid for the intake defined in the Scholarship letter of offer and cannot be deferred.

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<sup>2</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.

- By accepting the offer of the Scholarship, the Recipient agrees to the Conditions of Award.
- Recipients must comply with all UTS Rules, Policies and Procedures, including those relating to conduct.
- The Recipient is responsible for advising Scape of any changes in circumstances that would make them ineligible for continuation of the Scholarship, for example, but not limited to, reducing study load to part-time, taking leave of absence, or deferring study.
- Any change in circumstances of the Recipient not addressed by these Conditions of Award will be considered by Scape and the Chair of the Scholarship Selection Committee on a case-by-case basis
- The Recipient may be invited to consent to the use of their name, quotations, photographs, or videos of themselves for the promotion of UTS scholarships.

#### **9. TERMINATION OF RECIPIENT'S SCHOLARSHIP**

The Scholarship may be terminated if:

- the Recipient ceases to meet the eligibility criteria; or
- 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 - Lifetime Learner Experience, the delegate able to award the Scholarship deems that it is not appropriate for the Recipient to continue to hold the Scholarship.