



UTS Scholarship Conditions of Award

UTS GCE A Level and International Baccalaureate (IB) 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: UTS GCE A Level and International Baccalaureate (IB) Scholarship

2. PURPOSE

This Scholarship was established by UTS to attract top achieving commencing international students who are completing the United Kingdom or Great Britain General Certificate of Education (GCE) Advanced Level examination and International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma and are enrolling in an undergraduate program at UTS in Sydney.

3. VALUE AND BENEFIT

3.1 Number of Recipients

- Up to four (4) new Recipients will be awarded the Scholarship each year, two in Autumn session and two in Spring session.
- In each session, up to one (1) new Recipient will be awarded to an applicant who has completed the United Kingdom or Great Britain General Certificate of Education (GCE) Advanced Level, and up to one (1) new Recipient will be awarded to an applicant who has completed the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma.

3.2 Benefit/s to Recipient

- UTS will pay for 50% 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 course up to a maximum of eight (8) sessions under any program. This is 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 to apply for the Scholarship, an applicant must meet all of the following criteria:

- Must be an international student (not an Australian citizen, New Zealand citizen or permanent resident of Australia); and
- Commence full-time studies on campus (Sydney)¹; and
- Meet the UTS admission criteria for the selected UTS undergraduate degree course; and
- Must be completing or have completed the United Kingdom or Great Britain General Certificate of Education Advanced Level examination or an International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma within one (1) year prior to commencing at UTS, and be admitted based on this qualification to UTS; and
- Must obtain an aggregate score including bonus and penalty points of 28 or above in their International Baccalaureate (IB) final grades, or 33 or above in their International Baccalaureate predicted grades, or an aggregate score of 12 or above in the best three Advanced Level (A2) subjects in the GCE at the point the scholarship decision is made; and
- All candidates must apply using the UTS online Scholarships application form to be eligible; 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

Academic merit based on the best three A2 subjects in the United Kingdom or Great Britain General Certificate of Education Advanced Level examination or the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma final results or International Baccalaureate predicted results.

- Where there are multiple applicants with the same United Kingdom or Great Britain General Certificate of Education Advanced Level examination and International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma results respectively, further consideration will be given to the answer to the following questions, as demonstrated by the Scholarship application:
 - Commitment to utilise your UTS degree to make a positive contribution to your home society/country; and
 - Personal experience and achievement to date, including but not limited to examples of community service, innovation or entrepreneurship.

In the event that there are no eligible applicants for either the United Kingdom or Great Britain General Certificate of Education Advanced Level or the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma, the Scholarship Selection Committee established under clause 7 may award two recipients from the one qualification as opposed to one to each qualification.

7. SELECTION

Applications of eligible candidates will be presented to a Scholarships Selection Committee, which will undertake the selection of Recipients, usually in May/June for Spring intakes and December/January for Autumn intakes each year.

The Scholarships Selection 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, Future Learner Recruitment and Admissions (or nominee).

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

8. ONGOING RECIPIENT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

8.1 Academic progress

The Recipient must achieve a minimum Pass average (WAM 50+) in each session. Where the 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 the Scholarship Selection Committee.

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.

8.2 UTS enrolment

The Recipient:

- must continue to be enrolled as a full-time international student in an undergraduate course at UTS, unless they have been approved to study at reduced study load through the standard International Student Visa Holders Application to Reduce Study Load application process through a UTS Student Centre.
- 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 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 circumstances¹, they may apply to the Chair of the Selection Committee 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 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. 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 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 offer of the Scholarship is only valid for the intake defined in the Scholarship letter of offer and cannot be deferred.
- 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. taking leave of absence or deferring study, changing their international student visa status to other visa categories, 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 their Permanent Residency before census date in any session, the Scholarship will be terminated and any tuition fee contribution 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.
- The Recipient will be responsible for any study costs incurred outside UTS tuition fees, including payment of the Student Services and Amenities Fee and the Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC).
- For the duration of the Scholarship the Recipient is not permitted to hold other UTS Scholarships.
- The Recipient does not need to re-apply for the Scholarship each year.
- Any changes in the Recipient's circumstances not addressed by these Conditions of Award will be considered by Deputy Head, Admissions Services and Scholarships 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
- The Recipient breaches any conditions of the Scholarship; or
- If a recipient has 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; or
- If the scholarship is terminated, the tuition fee contribution may be reversed, and the student may be liable to pay the full tuition fee upfront for the session in which the termination was applied.