



# UTS Scholarship Conditions of Award

## Scholarship for Gaokao Students from People's Republic of China

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:

Scholarship for Gaokao Students from People's Republic of China

### 2. PURPOSE

To attract top achieving commencing international students completing the Senior Secondary School from the People's Republic of China and are admitted based on their Gaokao results into an undergraduate program at UTS in Sydney.

### 3. VALUE AND BENEFIT

#### 3.1 Number of Recipients

Up to one (1) new Recipient will be awarded the Scholarship each year in Autumn session for both category one (1) and category two (2).

#### 3.2 Benefit/s to Recipient

- **Category One**  
UTS will pay 75% of each Recipient's UTS tuition fees for the course enrolled in for the duration of the Scholarship as defined in clause 4.
- **Category Two**  
UTS will pay 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 sessions and credit points required for completion of the Recipient's enrolled undergraduate course up to 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 the following criteria:

- Must be an international student (not an Australian citizen, New Zealand citizen or permanent resident of Australia); and
- Must have completed Senior Secondary School (Gao San) in China and undertaken the Gaokao administered by Provincial or Municipal Education Examination Authority, China; and
- Must meet all UTS admission criteria for the selected UTS undergraduate degree course; and
- Must have completed the Gaokao with a competitive score, within one year prior to commencing at UTS, and be admitted based on this qualification to UTS; and
- Must commence full-time and on-campus (Sydney)<sup>1</sup>; and
- Must not:
  - be studying a UTS online degree or distance 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 on the basis of academic merit, ranked in order of the Gaokao results.

Where there are multiple applicants with the same results, further consideration will be given to the applicant's response to the following question:

- How do you intend to utilise your UTS degree to contribute to the community.

Applicants may be informed in writing to submit a one-page statement to address the above question.

The decision to award Scholarships 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 from China who have completed the Gaokao no longer than one year prior to commencing at UTS, and are applying for an undergraduate coursework program at UTS in Sydney.

Applications of eligible candidates will be presented to a Scholarships Selection Committee, which will undertake the selection of Recipients, usually in September/October the previous year for Autumn session.

The Scholarships Committee will be made up of at least three relevant members of the UTS community and is to include:

- Chair: Deputy Head, Admissions Services and Scholarships (or nominee)
- Representative from UTS Scholarship Office
- And may include another UTS staff member

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

## 8. ONGOING RECIPIENT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

### 8.1 Academic progress

The Recipient must maintain a minimum Pass average (WAM 50+) per session for the duration of the Scholarship. Where a Pass average is not achieved, payment of the Scholarship may be suspended or terminated, unless the Recipient can demonstrate exceptional circumstances<sup>2</sup> for the consideration of the Scholarship Selection Committee.

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

<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 on a case-by-case basis.

## 8.2 UTS enrolment

- The Recipient must continue to be enrolled as a full-time international student (minimum of 48 Credit Points, usually 24 Credit Points in Autumn and Spring sessions) 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.
- The Recipient must continue to be enrolled as an international student in their first enrolled undergraduate degree course at UTS.
- The Scholarship is not transferrable to another UTS course.

## 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 circumstances<sup>2</sup>, they may apply to the Selection Committee via the 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 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 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.
- 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 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.
- 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 change in the Recipient's circumstances not addressed by these Conditions of Award will be considered by the Scholarship Selection Committee case-by-case.
- The Recipient must 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
- 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.