



# UTS Scholarship Conditions of Award

## UTS Council Indigenous Scholarship

**Unit: Jumbunna Institute for Indigenous Education and Research**

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 Council Indigenous Scholarship**

#### **2. PURPOSE**

The intention of this Scholarship is to support a commencing Indigenous Australian student, who is identified as a potential high achiever and who can demonstrate financial hardship, to undertake tertiary studies.

#### **3. VALUE AND BENEFIT**

##### **3.1 Number of Recipients:**

One (1) Recipient will be awarded the scholarship each year.

##### **3.2 Benefit/s to Recipient:**

- The maximum value of the scholarship is \$5,000

##### **3.3 Payment of benefit/s:**

- Each Recipient will receive two payments per year to their nominated bank account.
- Each payment will be \$2,500 or \$1,250 if part-time study has been approved.
- Payment will usually be made within four weeks after the census date in Autumn and Spring sessions.
- Payments are subject to the Recipient satisfying ongoing eligibility criteria as defined in clause 8.

#### **4. DURATION**

The duration of the Scholarship is one (1) year.<sup>1</sup>

#### **5. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

To be eligible for the Scholarship, an applicant must meet all of the following criteria:

- be of Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent and provide either:
  - a Confirmation of Aboriginality from a Local Aboriginal Land Council or other Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander organisation; or
  - a UTS Statutory Declaration form accompanied by two written references from Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people from the applicant's community who can confirm their identity and are not an immediate family member; and
- A commencing UTS Undergraduate coursework student in the session of the scholarship selection; and
- Applied through the University Admissions Centre (UAC) for an Equity Scholarship and therein

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<sup>1</sup> The duration of the Scholarship may be extended if part-time study has been approved by exception as per clause 8.2.

- demonstrate financial disadvantage and/or other educational barriers; and
- All candidates must apply using the UTS online Scholarships Application form to be eligible.

## **6. RECIPIENT SELECTION CRITERIA**

- Motivation for and potential to achieve excellence in the nominated UTS course, as demonstrated by the Scholarship application;
- Academic merit (ranked in ATAR order or equivalent)

In addition to financial need, preference will also be given to students who can demonstrate one or more other educational barriers as assessed by the UAC Equity Scholarship, including:

- Regional or remote background
- Sole parent responsibilities
- Carer responsibilities
- Long-term medical condition / disability or ongoing effect of abuse

## **7. SELECTION**

Eligible candidates will be presented to the Scholarships Selection Committee, which will undertake the selection of Recipient, based on the above selection criteria.

The Scholarship Selection Committee will consist of at least three (3) relevant members of the UTS community, chaired by the Director, Jumbunna Institute for Indigenous Education and Research (or their nominee). The Committee is to include a member experienced in the selection of equity scholarships. A representative from the UTS Council will be invited to sit on the Committee.

Offers will be authorised by the Chair of the Selection Committee in line with the Scholarships and Prizes Policy.

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

### **8.1 Academic progress:**

- The Recipient must achieve a minimum Pass (WAM 50+) average in each session.
- Where a minimum Pass average is not achieved, the Recipient will be required to attend and receive appropriate academic counselling by the University to assist them to return to a satisfactory performance level.
- If the student does not attend academic counselling, and a minimum Pass average is not achieved in the following session the Scholarship may be terminated, unless the Recipient can demonstrate exceptional circumstances for the consideration of the Scholarships Committee.

### **8.2 UTS Enrolment:**

- The Recipient must continue to be enrolled full-time (minimum 18 Credit points in Autumn and Spring sessions) or part-time in a UTS Undergraduate degree.<sup>2</sup>

### **8.3 Leave / Deferral:**

- 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 terminated and any Scholarship payment already made is to be reimbursed to UTS.
- After the first session in which the Scholarship is awarded, the Recipient may apply to UTS Scholarships to place the Scholarship on hold for the duration of approved leave of absence from studies. If the application is approved by UTS Scholarships, payment of the Scholarship will be suspended for the period of leave.
- Provided the Recipient remains eligible, payments will be resumed to the Recipient after an approved leave of absence until the remaining value of the Scholarship has been paid or another leave of absence is approved.

### **8.4 Academic Integrity:**

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<sup>2</sup> Recipients who wish to undertake part-time study will need to get in contact with the UTS Scholarships. For students undertaking part-time will receive a pro-rata payment, with the maximum duration of the scholarship will be two years.

- 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 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.
- Recipients must comply with all of UTS' rules, policies and procedures including those relating to conduct.
- For the duration of the Scholarship the Recipient is not permitted to hold other UTS Scholarships, unless an equity-based scholarship is approved by exception.
- Recipients of another Jumbunna scholarship valued at or above \$5,000 will not be eligible for further Jumbunna scholarships for the duration of the scholarship currently held. However, the Jumbunna Scholarships Committee may seek approval from the Director of Jumbunna IIER to waive this condition where exceptional circumstances exist at the time of selection.
- 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. reducing study load to part-time, taking leave of absence or deferring study.
- Any change in the Recipient's circumstances not addressed by these Conditions of Award will be considered by UTS Scholarships and/or the Scholarship Selection Committee on a case-by-case basis.
- The Recipient may 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
- If the Recipient breaches any conditions of the Scholarship; or
- UTS determines the student has had a misconduct allegation proven, 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.