



UTS Scholarship Conditions of Award

Jumbunna Accommodation 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: Jumbunna Accommodation Scholarship

2. PURPOSE

To support Indigenous students that are ineligible for government accommodation funding or other forms of financial support, with accommodation (rental) costs and thereby enable them to complete undergraduate or postgraduate study at UTS.

3. VALUE AND BENEFIT

3.1 Number of Recipients:

The number of Recipients will be determined each session based on the availability of funding.

3.2 Benefit/s to Recipient:

The scholarship covers:

- the accommodation costs (rent) for each Recipient while living in UTS Housing residences; and
- if eligible, a fortnightly meal allowance for the duration of the Scholarship.

3.3 Payment of benefit/s:

- If eligible for the meal allowance the Recipient will receive in equal fortnightly instalments of \$475 (or pro rata for an incomplete fortnight of occupancy) by electronic funds transfer to their nominated bank account.
- Accommodation 'rental' costs will be paid directly to UTS Housing on behalf of the student.
- Payments are subject to the Recipient satisfying ongoing eligibility criteria as defined in clause 8 below.

4. DURATION

The maximum duration of the scholarships is one (1) study session.

5. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be eligible for the scholarship, an applicant must 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
- First apply for ABSTUDY and Residential Costs Option (RCO) payments, if not approved by Centrelink then provide evidence that the application was unsuccessful; and
- Be admitted into a UTS undergraduate (including Honours) or postgraduate course (by coursework or research and Unistart program); and

- Be intending to enrolled or be enrolled full-time (minimum of 18 credit points in Autumn and Spring sessions) in an eligible course at UTS; and
- Be residing, or intending to reside, in Yura Mudang Housing; and
- Apply online using the UTS Scholarships Application Form.
- Must provide the last three (3) months of bank statements to be assessed for the meal allowance as per the RCO requirements

6. RECIPIENT SELECTION CRITERIA

Not applicable, as this is not a competitive scholarship. Eligibility criteria will be used to identify and select all Recipients.

7. SELECTION

All eligible candidates will be approved to receive the scholarship by a Selection Committee and endorsed by the Director of Jumbunna Institute for Indigenous Education and Research ('Jumbunna', or their nominee).

The Selection Committee will be made up of at least three (3) members of the UTS community, chaired by the Director, Jumbunna Institute for Indigenous Education and Research (or their nominee), and is to include a representative from UTS Housing.

Scholarship 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:

- Coursework Recipients must maintain a minimum Pass average (WAM 50+) for the duration of the Scholarship.
- Research Recipients must maintain a minimum standard of satisfactory academic progress, confirmed through their research supervisor.

8.2 UTS enrolment:

The Recipient:

- must continue to be enrolled full-time (minimum of 18 credit points in the Autumn and Spring sessions) in an eligible course at UTS.
- in particular circumstances, may apply to the Jumbunna Student Services for approval of a part-time study load (and a Recipient with an approved part-time study load. The Jumbunna Student Services in consultation with the Director, Jumbunna (or their representative) will be assess on a case-by-case basis.

8.3 Leave / Deferral / Course withdrawal:

- If the Recipient defers the UTS offer or withdraws from the UTS course after the start of their first session, the Scholarship will be terminated. The Recipient will be responsible for any outstanding payments to UTS Housing for the duration of their rental agreement.
- After the first session in which the Scholarship is awarded, if the Recipient can demonstrate exceptional circumstances, they may apply to Jumbunna to place the Scholarship on hold for the duration of approved leave of absence from studies. If the application is approved, accommodation and payment will be suspended for the period of leave. The Scholarship will be terminated if the Recipient takes leave without approval from Jumbunna.
- Provided the Recipient remains eligible, accommodation and payments will be resumed to the Recipient after an approved leave of absence.

8.4 Other obligations and conditions:

- Scholarship Recipients must:
 - continue to be a resident of UTS Housing for the duration of the Scholarship
 - abide by the UTS Housing Service Licence Agreement for Student Residences
 - abide by the UTS Housing Rules for UTS Student Residences.
- 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.
- By accepting the offer of the Scholarship, the Recipient agrees to the Conditions of Award.
- The Recipient is responsible for advising Jumbunna 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.
- By accepting the scholarship offer, each Recipient authorises Jumbunna to access their UTS academic and enrolment record.
- If you have applied for or received the Commonwealth or Centrelink Indigenous Relocation Scholarship or any Indigenous Student Success Program Scholarships since moving into UTS Housing, you must notify Jumbunna as this may impact on your eligibility for the fortnightly meal allowance.
- Any change in circumstances of the Recipient not addressed by these Conditions of Award will be considered by Jumbunna and/or the Scholarship Selection Committee case-by-case.

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, the delegate able to award the Scholarship deems that it is not appropriate for the Recipient to continue to hold the Scholarship; or
- the Recipient's Licence Agreement at UTS Housing is terminated.

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.