



UTS Scholarship Conditions of Award

Dean's Merit Scholarship (Juris Doctor)

Faculty: Law

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: Dean's Merit Scholarship (Juris Doctor)

2. PURPOSE

The Dean's Merit Scholarship (Juris Doctor) has been established to award and recognise the top ten (10) performing students annually who have demonstrated outstanding academic performance in the UTS Juris Doctor program.

3. VALUE AND BENEFIT

3.1 Number of Recipients:

Up to a maximum of ten (10) Recipients will be awarded the Scholarship each year, subject to clause 6. Usually five (5) students will be awarded in Autumn and five (5) students will be awarded in Spring each year.

3.3 Benefit/s to Recipient:

- The Faculty of Law will provide a twenty percent (20%) fee reduction for each Recipient's UTS tuition fees for each session for the remaining standard duration of their Juris Doctor degree subject to meeting the on-going eligibility criteria (Clause 8).
- The Scholarship cannot be transferred, deferred or redeemed for cash.

3.4 Payment of benefit/s:

- The tuition fee reduction will be applied directly to the Recipient's UTS fees each session for the duration of the Scholarship as defined in clause 4.
- The student will not be reimbursed the costs of the tuition fees incurred for previous subjects in their Juris Doctor studies undertaken prior to the Scholarship being awarded.
- The tuition fee contributions are subject to the Recipient satisfying ongoing eligibility criteria as defined in clause 8.

4. DURATION

The scholarship tenure will be confirmed at the time of award. Tenure will be based on the Recipient's remaining standard course duration as determined by the Scholarship Selection Committee at the time of award (based on full-time enrolment).

Recipients may enrol part-time and the tenure will be extended to a maximum of six years (6) including any approved leave of absence. Recipients who do not complete the Juris Doctor (single or combined degree) within six (6) years from being awarded the scholarship may not receive the full scholarship value.

5. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

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

- Be an Australian citizen, New Zealand citizen or the holder of Permanent Resident Visa or Global Special Humanitarian Visa; and
- Have completed a minimum of 46 credit points of study in their Juris Doctor course at the time of Scholarship award; and
 - Students who have received Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) from another institution must complete a minimum of 24 credit points at UTS in their chosen Juris Doctor course.
 - The RPL and 24 credit points completed in their UTS Juris Doctor course must combine to equal a minimum of 46 credit points completed in the UTS Juris Doctor course.
 - The 24 credit points completed at UTS will be used to identify the student's Weighted Average Mark (WAM)
- Be ranked with the highest WAM in either Autumn or Spring Sessions (subject to the number of scholarships allocated) in any of the following Juris Doctor degrees at UTS:
 1. C04236 Juris Doctor
 2. C04320 Juris Doctor Professional Legal Practice
 3. C04364 Juris Doctor Graduate Certificate in Trade Mark Law and Practice
 4. C04250 Juris Doctor Master of Business Administration
 5. C04363 Juris Doctor Master of Intellectual Property
- Students with a Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP) are not eligible for this scholarship.

6. RECIPIENT SELECTION CRITERIA

The Faculty of Law will assess the top five (5) students based on WAM of all continuing Juris Doctor coursework students twice a year. This will occur before the commencement of Autumn based on Spring results and the commencement of Spring Session based on Autumn results. There is no separate scholarship application or documentation required from students.

In the event, there two or more qualifying candidates have the same WAM, the scholarship will be awarded to all students with the tied WAM. To achieve such fairness, the total number of recipients that year may exceed ten (10).

7. SELECTION

The Dean's Academic Scholarship (Juris Doctor) will be awarded to continuing students for the following awarding periods:

- Five (5) students for Autumn session; and
- Five (5) students for Spring session.

The initial meeting of the Scholarship Selection Committee will take place after the release of the Spring 2023 results to determine the scholarship holders for Autumn 2024 and in Autumn 2024 at the end of the teaching period once results are released to determine the scholarship holders for Spring 2024. This pattern will be repeated in the 2024 and 2025 Academic Year.

Eligible candidates will be presented to the Faculty Scholarship Selection Committee (the Selection Committee), which will undertake the selection of Recipients based on the above selection criteria. The Selection Committee will consist of at least three members of the UTS Faculty of Law community, chaired by the Dean of the Faculty of Law (or nominee).

Scholarship offers will be authorised by the Chair of the Scholarship 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 average (maintain a WAM 50+) in each subsequent session. Where pass average is not achieved, the Scholarship may be suspended or terminated, unless the

Recipient can demonstrate exceptional circumstances¹ for the consideration of the Scholarship Selection Committee.

Where satisfactory academic progress is not achieved, the Recipient will be required to meet with the Faculty of Law representative to receive appropriate support or academic counselling to assist the Recipient to return to the required performance level. If the Recipient does not attend the Faculty meeting and/or the required performance is still not maintained, the Scholarship may be terminated, unless the Recipient can demonstrate exceptional circumstances for the consideration and satisfaction of the Selection Committee.

8.2 UTS enrolment:

The Recipient needs to enrol full-time in an eligible JD program in the UTS Faculty of Law (usually a minimum of 18 credit points per Autumn, Spring or Summer for at least two sessions per year). Recipients wanting to undertake part-time study should apply to UTS Scholarships to extend their scholarship tenure to cover the period of part-time study. The total tenure will not be extended beyond six(6) years under any program of study.

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 and before the census date in which the Scholarship is first awarded, the Scholarship will be terminated.
- If a Leave of Absence is approved, the Recipient may apply to the Chair of the Selection Committee via UTS Scholarships to retain their scholarship if approved for a leave of absence from studies. The Scholarship will be suspended for the duration of the approved leave period.
- However, the Scholarship may 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.
- Recipients must comply with all UTS rules, policies and procedures including those relating to conduct.
- The Recipient is responsible for advising UTS Scholarships of any changes in circumstances that would make them ineligible for continuation of the Scholarship, including but not limited to taking Leave of Absence or deferring study.
- The offer of the Scholarship is only valid for the intake defined in the Scholarship letter of offer and cannot be deferred.
- For the duration of the Scholarship, the Recipient is not permitted to hold other UTS Scholarships, unless an additional equity-based scholarship is approved by the Chair of the Selection Committee by exception.
- The Recipient will be responsible for any study costs incurred outside the scholarship award, including the remaining UTS tuition fees and the Student Services and Amenities Fee.
- Any changes to the Recipient's circumstances not addressed by these Conditions of Award will be considered by UTS Scholarships and the Chair of the Scholarship Selection Committees on a case-by-case basis.
- The Recipient does not need to re-apply for the Scholarship each year.

¹ Exceptional circumstances refer to and may not be limited to severe disruptions, disability, ongoing illness, carer's responsibilities and other education barriers.

- The recipient will be invited to consent to allow their name, photograph and/or short article to be used for the promotion of UTS.
- If it is determined that a Recipient has breached any of the Conditions of Award, the Recipient will be given the opportunity to submit an appeal to the Selection Committee as per the guidelines of the Scholarships and Prizes Policy and Procedures.

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 and 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.