

UTS Scholarship Conditions of Award

The Droga Indigenous Architecture Scholarship Program

Faculty of Design, Architecture & Building

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 regard 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: The Droga Indigenous Architecture Scholarship Program

2. PURPOSE

The Droga Indigenous Architecture Scholarship Program has been established to develop meaningful representation in Australian architecture of Indigenous professionals. The Scholarship aims to support a thriving Indigenous contribution to architectural culture and production, representing approaches to issues of design, construction, sustainability and landscape.

3. VALUE AND BENEFIT

3.1 Number of Recipients:

- Up to two (2) new Recipients may be awarded the Scholarship each year, with a maximum of ten (10) concurrent scholarships available in each year.

3.2 Benefit/s to Recipient:

- Where an undergraduate student is awarded the scholarship, the Recipient will receive up to \$10,000 per year for the Scholarship's maximum duration as defined in clause 4. The maximum total value of the Scholarship is up to \$50,000 to each Recipient.
- Where a Masters student is awarded the Scholarship, the Recipient will receive up to \$10,000 per year for the Scholarship's maximum duration as defined in clause 4. The maximum total value of the Scholarship is up to \$20,000 to each Recipient.

3.3 Payment of benefit/s:

- Each Recipient will receive two payments per year by electronic funds transfer to their nominated bank account.
- Each payment will be \$5,000 (or the pro-rata amount if part-time study has been approved by exception as defined in clause 8.2).
- Payment will be made approximately 4 weeks after the Census dates in Autumn and Spring sessions.
- Payments are subject to the Recipient satisfying ongoing eligibility criteria as outlined in clause 8.

4. DURATION

- The maximum duration of the Scholarship is:
 - Three (3) years for undergraduate Recipients; and
 - Two (2) years for Masters Recipients.
- A Recipient who graduates from their course and enrolls in the eligible Masters degree within one year of graduation will retain the scholarship for the Masters and not have to re-apply.
- An extension to the duration may be approved in exceptional circumstances, specifically:
 - the option for a one (1) year leave between undergraduate and Masters studies (see clause 8.3).
 - the Recipient is approved to study part-time.

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
- For undergraduate students:
 - continuing enrolment in the Bachelor of Design in Architecture having completed no more than 48 credit points, or
 - be commencing full-time enrolment in the Bachelor of Design in Architecture (single or combined), providing a copy of their high school report showing subjects studied and, if available, a school reference; and
 - be under 25 years of age at the commencement of the relevant year.
- For Masters students:
 - commencing the Masters of Architecture with a GPA of 4.25 or above in the undergraduate degree that formed their basis of admission; or
 - continuing enrolment in the Masters of Architecture having:
 - completed no more than 36 credit points, and
 - achieved a Weighted Average Mark of 50 or above in their Masters subjects undertaken to date; and
 - An academic reference.
- All applicants must provide a curriculum vitae.
- Applicants must apply using the UTS online Scholarships Application form to be eligible.
- Applicants must be available to attend an interview in person, if required.

6. RECIPIENT SELECTION CRITERIA

As demonstrated in the Scholarship application and interview:

- Passion and talent for architecture; and
- Motivation and interest in pursuing a career in architecture using innovative thinking and exceptional problem-solving skills; and
- Initiative to seek opportunities to continually advance their professional and personal lives; and
- Circumstances impacting the applicant's ability to support themselves and how receipt of the scholarship will assist their academic success; and
- Commitment to benefiting the Indigenous community through architectural culture and production in line with the purpose of the scholarship may also be taken into account.

7. SELECTION

Candidates that meet the eligibility criteria will be identified and invited to apply with consultation and/or assistance from Faculty of Design, Architecture and Building staff.

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

The Scholarships Committee will be made up of at least three relevant members of the DAB community, chaired by the Dean (or nominee), the Head of School, Architecture (or nominee) and an academic from the School of Architecture. The committee will also include the Director, Jumbunna Institute for Indigenous Education and Research (or nominee). The Donor (or their representative) will be invited to sit on the Committee.

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

8. ONGOING RECIPIENT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

8.1 Academic progress:

- The Recipient must maintain a minimum Pass (WAM 50+) average in each session.

8.2 UTS Enrolment:

The Recipient:

- Must continue to be enrolled full-time (minimum 18 credit points in Autumn and Spring sessions) in either a Bachelor of Design in Architecture (single or combined) or a Masters of Architecture; or

- May, in particular circumstances, apply to the Scholarships Office for approval of a part-time study load. The Recipient with an approved part-time study load may receive reduced payments for the period of part-time study.

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 successful completion of the first session in which the Scholarship is awarded, the Recipient may apply to the Scholarships Office to place the Scholarship on hold for the duration of approved leave of absence from studies. If the application is approved by the Scholarships office, 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.
- Recipients may apply for a maximum of a one (1) year break between the undergraduate and Masters studies. The Scholarship will be placed on hold for the duration of approved break and reinstated after not more than one (1) academic year.

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) 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.
- 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.
- The Recipient is responsible for advising the Scholarships Office of any changes in circumstances that may 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 the Scholarships Office 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 and the Droga Indigenous Architecture Scholarship Program.
- The Recipient understands that they have a responsibility to facilitate communication with the Donor whose contribution has made this opportunity possible. This communication may be informal or formal in nature, and may include but not limited to: correspondence via email, mail, or phone; providing updates on course progress; and attendance at Faculty events and/or prize nights in which the Donor may be in attendance.
- The Recipient does not need to re-apply for the Scholarship each year.
- Recipients eligible to transition directly from the Bachelor of Design in Architecture to the Master of Architecture will continue to receive the scholarship if they continue to meet the eligibility criteria of the scholarship
- Recipients undertake to engage in activities such as promoting the scholarship, providing feedback on the scholarship program and assisting in the further development of the scholarship program with UTS as an ambassador of the Droga Indigenous Architecture Scholarship Program

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.