UTS Scholarship Conditions of Award

Lindsay Croft Postgraduate Memorial Scholarship

This document sets out the conditions of award for the below scholarship ('Scholarship') and the obligations of recipients ('Recipient') and UTS in regards to this Scholarship. The administrative processes to support awarding this Scholarship will be managed, and may be amended, according to UTS Rules, Policy and Procedures.

1. NAME: Lindsay Croft Postgraduate Memorial Scholarship

2. PURPOSE
The intention of the scholarship is to award $5,000 to a commencing Indigenous student who is enrolled in a full-time postgraduate degree (coursework or research). The Scholarship is to acknowledge and celebrate their excellence in achievements in higher education.

3. VALUE AND BENEFIT

3.1 Number of Recipients
One (1) recipient will receive a total value of $5,000 over two (2) years.

3.2 Benefit/s to Recipient
The recipient will receive $2,500 per year for its maximum duration as defined in clause 4.

3.3 Payment of benefit/s:

- The Recipient will receive two payments per year by electronic funds transfer to his/her nominated bank account.
- Each payment will be $1,250.
- Payment will usually be made within four weeks after the Census dates 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 two (2) years.

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

- Indigenous Australian (must complete a Confirmation of Aboriginality form or provide a statutory declaration); and
- Completed study in an undergraduate course, or Advanced Diploma, or have relevant experience which allows entry to a postgraduate degree. Transcripts of all prior (non-UTS) tertiary studies is required; and
- Enrolled full-time in the first year of a UTS postgraduate degree; and
- Previous recipients of this scholarship cannot reapply.

6. RECIPIENT SELECTION CRITERIA, IN PRIORITY ORDER

- Academic achievement in previous studies.

7. SELECTION

Eligible scholarship applications will be presented to the Scholarships Selection Committee for selection based on the above selection criteria.

This is a merit-only scholarship; therefore applicants' personal and financial circumstances including care responsibilities will not be taken into consideration.

The Scholarships Committee will be made up of at least three relevant members of the UTS community, chaired by the Director of Jumbunna Indigenous House of Learning (or nominee), and a representative from the UTS Scholarships Office.

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

8. ONGOING RECIPIENT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

8.1 Academic progress

As applicable, the Recipient for the duration of the Scholarship must maintain:

- Coursework students: A minimum Pass average
- Research Students: Review of Progress as Satisfactory
  Where this is not achieved, the scholarship will be terminated, unless the Recipient can demonstrate exceptional circumstances[1] to the satisfaction of the Scholarships Selection Committee.

8.2 UTS enrolment

- The Recipient must continue to be enrolled full-time in a UTS postgraduate degree; or may, in exceptional 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.
- The Recipient may apply to the Scholarships Office to transfer the Scholarship to another UTS postgraduate degree, if an internal course transfer is being sought. The value of the Scholarship will be recalculated using the new postgraduate degree to determine duration as per clause 4. All payments received by the Recipient, under any program, will accumulate towards their total payments received.

8.3 Leave / Deferral / Course withdrawal

- The Scholarship cannot be deferred. If the Recipient defers the UTS offer or withdraws from the UTS course after the start of his/her first session, the Scholarship will be terminated and any Scholarship payment already made for the session in which they withdraw is to be reimbursed to UTS.
- The Scholarship will usually be terminated if the Recipient takes a Leave of Absence. However, after the Recipient's first session of study if he/she can demonstrate exceptional circumstances, he/she may apply to the Scholarships Office for an approved leave of absence from studies. If leave is approved, payment of the Scholarship will be suspended for the period of leave. The Scholarship will be terminated if the Recipient takes leave without approval from the Scholarships Office.
- Payments will be resumed to the Recipient after an approved leave of absence until the remaining value of the Scholarship has been paid.

[1] Exceptional circumstances include but are not limited to severe disruptions, disability, ongoing illness, carer's responsibilities and other education barriers which must have independent supporting documentation, and will be considered by the Scholarships Office on a case-by-case basis.

8.4 Other obligations and conditions

- The Recipient must comply with all of UTS' rules, policies and procedures including those relating to conduct.
- The offer of the Scholarship is made subject to information provided by the Recipient being true and accurate.
- Recipients of a Jumbunna IHL 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 IHL to waive this condition where exceptional circumstances exist at the time of selection.
- Before accepting his/her offer, the Recipient is encouraged to seek advice from Jumbunna Indigenous House of Learning about scholarship conditions and ongoing eligibility requirements.
- By accepting the offer of the Scholarship, the Recipient agrees to the Conditions of Award.
- The Recipient is responsible for advising the Scholarships Office of any changes in circumstances that would make him/her ineligible for continuation of the Scholarship, e.g. reducing study load to part-time, taking leave of absence or deferring study.
- The Recipient will be invited to consent to allowing his/her name, photograph and a short article to be used for the promotion of UTS scholarships.
- The Recipient will be required to attend an award ceremony coordinated by Jumbunna Indigenous House of Learning, and may be invited to attend other scholarship presentation ceremonies.
- Any change in the Recipient's circumstances not addressed by these Conditions of Award will be considered by the UTS Scholarships Office and/or the Scholarship Selection Committee case-by-case.

9. TERMINATION OF RECIPIENT'S SCHOLARSHIP

The Scholarship will terminate:

- 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 serious misconduct and after consultation with the Director (Student Administration Unit), the delegate able to award the Scholarship deems that it is not appropriate for the Recipient to continue to hold the Scholarship.