

How scholarship applications are assessed

UTS scholarships are awarded through a clear, merit-based assessment process that recognises excellence across diverse academic, professional, practice-based and creative backgrounds. We recognise that research potential may be demonstrated in different ways and through different career pathways. Particular consideration is given to achievements, experience and contributions within the past 10 years.

Scholarship applications are assessed holistically against a range of criteria, including:

- **Academic and professional preparation for research**, demonstrated through previous study, research training, industry experience, professional practice, leadership, or other relevant experience.
- **Research-relevant outputs and achievements**, such as publications, conference presentations, industry reports, policy contributions, creative works, or other recognised scholarly, professional or creative accomplishments.
- **The quality of the research proposal**, including the significance and originality of the proposed research, understanding of the field, and the feasibility of the proposed approach.
- **Alignment with UTS research strengths and priorities**, including opportunities for collaboration, impact and engagement.
- **Potential to succeed and contribute**, including readiness for research training and the capacity to make a positive contribution to the UTS research community.

Assessment is based on the evidence provided in the application. We recognise that applicants may demonstrate excellence in different ways, and strong applications may draw on a combination of academic achievement, professional experience, research outputs, creative practice, or other forms of relevant accomplishment.