

IMPORTANT: Please ensure you retain this copy of the conditions of award and continue to refer to them throughout your candidature.

Conditions of Award 2024

Joint UTS-CSC International Research Scholarship (IRS) conditions

The China Scholarship Council (CSC) and the University of Technology Sydney (UTS) have established a collaborative arrangement in providing high quality research education and scholarships to qualified students from the People's Republic of China to UTS.

The UTS-CSC IRS covers the **tuition fees** for a higher degree by research at UTS and provides a top up amount to supplement the China Scholarship Council (CSC) stipend. It does not provide for a full living allowance, travel, conference attendance, cost of a standard Overseas Student Health Cover (**OSHC**), medical costs associated with the issue or renewal of a student visa, thesis expenses, the cost of English language testing, tuition fees for bridging English language courses, or costs associated with study-related field trips. The UTS-CSC IRS is not transferable to another institution.

1. ELIGIBILITY

1.1. To be eligible for a UTS-CSC IRS, a student must:

- (a) be an overseas student as defined in *the Higher Education Support Act 2003* (Cth); and
- (b) be a holder of a current valid international student visa, meeting requirements as specified by the Commonwealth Department of Home Affairs, including the requirement to purchase and maintain a standard Overseas Student Health Cover policy approved by the Commonwealth Government Department of Health. Cancellation of student visa and/or termination will result in stipend being withheld or cancelled; and
- (c) meet the admissions criteria for research doctorate degrees or Master by Research studies as outlined in [UTS Admissions and Recognition of Prior Learning Policy](#); and
- (d) be nominated by the Faculty for the UTS-CSC IRS;
- (e) be a recipient of the China Scholarship Council (CSC) Scholarship; and
- (f) not be receiving a scholarship for which course tuition is a component under any other scholarship scheme.

2. VALUE OF SCHOLARSHIP

The UTS-CSC IRS consists of 2 main components:

- i. The maximum value of a UTS-CSC IRS in a year is equal to the estimated annual tuition fee, as specified in your Letter of Offer for the course. Where your enrolment goes beyond your UTS-CSC IRS funded period, you will incur tuition fees until you submit your thesis. The University fee information is available on the UTS website (<https://www.uts.edu.au/study/international/essential-information/fees-information>).

- ii. A UTS funded top-up scholarship to supplement the stipend paid by the China Scholarship Council (CSC) Scholarship. The top-up stipend raises the amount received by the scholarship holder to the current UTS stipend base rate in the year in which the scholarships commences.

3. DURATION

3.1. The following duration conditions apply to the UTS-CSC IRS:

- (a) The UTS-CSC IRS must be taken up by the census date of the relevant session for which the offer is made. The University may approve deferment of a UTS-CSC IRS for up to one session within the same calendar year.
- (b) The duration of a Joint UTS-CSC IRS is limited the tenure awarded for a CSC scholarship up to a maximum of four (4) years for doctoral degrees subjected to paragraph 3(c); and a maximum of two (2) years for visiting research students.
- (c) The duration of the scholarship will be reduced by any periods of study undertaken:
 - i. towards the course of study prior to the commencement of the UTS-CSC IRS; and
 - ii. during suspension of the UTS-CSC IRS.
- (d) No extensions are possible.

4. ONGOING ELIGIBILITY

4.1. The University monitors UTS-CSC IRS holders' ongoing eligibility and progress to ensure that each student continues to meet the eligibility requirements set out in section 1 and maintain satisfactory progress. Except in special circumstances as determined by Higher Degree Research Board, throughout the term of the UTS-CSC IRS a student shall:

- (a) diligently pursue a course of study in the University as a candidate for the degree enrolled in; and
- (b) maintain satisfactory progress of candidature as evidenced in the annual Review of Progress and Candidature Assessment in with the guidelines approved by the Higher Degree Research Board from time to time as per [UTS Student Rules 11.13](#); and
- (c) comply with the [UTS Student Rules Section 11](#) and regulations of the University concerning graduate research students.

5. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

5.1. During [Leave of Absence](#), the scholarship will be suspended for the equivalent number of calendar days matching the period of leave, and scholarship end date will be extended by the same number of days. Scholarship recipients will be advised via email of the date when the scholarship will be suspended and when it will be restarted.

6. PAID EMPLOYMENT

The following conditions apply if an UTS-CSC IRS holder wishes to undertake work other than work that is specified as a course requirement:

- (a) it is consistent with the conditions of the student visa; and
- (b) it is not in breach of a scholarship holder's CSC scholarship conditions; and
- (c) Full-time UTS-CSC IRS recipients are required to work on their research project and complete their thesis within the allocated period and are only permitted to undertake a limited amount of paid employment which must not interfere with their study and progress; and
- (d) HDR students are expected to devote a minimum of 35 hours per week for full-time study and 17.5 hours per week for part time study. Students engaging in other activities such as paid employment must not compromise the average weekly amount of time they devote to their research project. UTS-CSC IRS recipients must seek approval of the RAO in their Faculty or Institute prior to engaging in part-time work in excess of 8 hours per week; and
- (e) The RAO's decision will take the principal supervisor/s' recommendation into consideration. Details of paid employment or other activities, which temporarily interfere with the capacity to devote the required minimum hours per week to the research project, must be recorded in the student's review of progress.

7. TERMINATION OF SCHOLARSHIP

7.1. UTS-CSC IRS Scholarships will be immediately terminated in the event of an unsatisfactory progress (as outlined in [UTS Student Rules 11.14](#)), unsatisfactory candidature stage assessment (as outline in [UTS Student Rules 11.15](#)) and/or discontinuation of candidature following candidature assessment (as outlined in [UTS Student Rules 11.23 to 11.25](#)) or suspension due to student misconduct ([UTS Student Rules Section 16](#)).

7.2. The UTS-CSC IRS will terminate:

- (a) if the student ceases to meet the eligibility criteria specified in section 1 other than during a period in which the UTS-CSC IRS has been suspended with approval or during a period of leave in accordance with section 5.1; or
- (b) upon submission of the thesis for examination or when the UTS-CSC IRS expires, whichever is the earlier; or
- (c) if the student submits a request to relinquish their UTS-CSC IRS; or
- (d) if, after due enquiry, the University determines that:
 - i. University the course of study is not being carried out with competence and diligence or in accordance to the offer of the UTS-CSC IRS; or
 - ii. the student has failed to maintain satisfactory academic progress; or
 - iii. the student has been discontinued; or
 - iv. the student has committed serious misconduct, including, but not limited to, the provision of false or misleading information as outlined in section 8.

- 7.3. If the UTS-CSC IRS is terminated, it cannot be re-activated unless the termination occurred in error.

8. PROVISION OF FALSE OR MISLEADING INFORMATION

- 8.1. If the University knows or has reason to believe that a student in receipt of an UTS-CSC IRS has provided false or misleading information to the University in relation to the Scholarship, the University will immediately re-assess the student's entitlement to the Scholarship.

9. COMPLAINTS AND APPEALS PROCESSES

- 9.1. For information on the UTS complaints and appeals processes, refer to the UTS Handling of [Student Complaints Policy](#), as well as the [Student Complaints Management Procedure](#).