Doctoral Scholarship Scoring System

UTS Business School is committed to attracting and supporting high quality applicants for the PhD program. As part of this process, applicants for scholarships (both national and UTS-specific) are ranked according to the following criteria:

1. **Academic Merit**: Points are awarded by the Graduate Research School (GRS). GRS scores academic merit on a scale from 10-21 recognizing research achievements in completing an honours’ year or research master’s degree from an Australian or overseas university. The award reflects the duration of the research component of the degree and GPA.

2. **Research Preparation**: this is a scale from 0-20 in recognition of the preparatory training as reflected in the applicant’s academic transcript. Reviewers will consider the appropriateness of the subjects taken for the research degree being pursued along with the performance in relevant subjects and standing and reputation of the universities from which degrees have been received. Evidence of research publications or other forms of research outputs/engagement are also recognized.

3. **Research capability and interest**: this is a scale from 0-10, which explicitly recognizes the applicant’s ability to convey their commitment to, and interest in, research. This will reflect the quality of a written submission about proposed area of research or other written material that might be requested and/or voluntarily provided by the applicant.

4. **Prior (non-research) experience**: this is a scale from 0-10 recognizing prior work experience, whether in a professional capacity or prior teaching experience. This score is explicitly intended to recognize that successful doctoral students are unlikely to come solely from recent research-oriented qualifications (such as the Australian-type honours degree), as well as the fact that many of the strongest international applicants will have significant post-qualification professional work experience and/or have served in lecturing/tutoring roles in non-Australian universities.

The scores in these four areas will be summed and applicants are therefore rated with a maximum score of 61.