



## UTS Scholarship Conditions of Award

# Diploma to Degree Scholarship for Students from South East Asia

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, in accordance with UTS Rules, Policy and Procedures.

### 1. SCHOLARSHIP NAME: Diploma to Degree Scholarship for Students from South East Asia

#### 2. PURPOSE

To attract high achieving commencing international students from South East Asia to enrolling in an undergraduate coursework program at UTS in Sydney.

#### 3. VALUE AND BENEFIT

##### 3.1 Number of Recipients

Up to forty (40) new Recipients will be awarded the Scholarship each year.

##### 3.2 Benefit/s to Recipient

- UTS will pay for 25% of each Recipient's UTS tuition fees for the course enrolled in for the duration of the Scholarship as defined in clause 4.
- The Scholarship cannot be transferred, deferred or redeemed for cash.

##### 3.3 Payment of benefit/s:

- The tuition fee contributions will be made directly to the Recipient's UTS fees account each session for the duration of the Scholarship as defined in clause 4.
- The tuition fee contributions are subject to the Recipient satisfying ongoing eligibility criteria as defined in clause 8.

#### 4. DURATION

The duration of the Scholarship is the standard number of sessions required for completion of the Recipient's enrolled undergraduate coursework program on the basis of a full-time study load, as specified in the letter of offer for admission to the course. Where the Recipient does not follow the usual standard full-time course structure, the total value of the Scholarship may be exhausted prior to course completion.

#### 5. RECIPIENT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

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

- Must be a citizen of a country in the South East Asia region (Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar [Burma], Philippines, Singapore, Thailand or Vietnam); and
- Must be an international student (not an Australian citizen, New Zealand citizen or permanent resident of Australia); and
- Must be admitted to UTS based on a UTS recognised Diploma qualification from South East Asia (Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar [Burma], Philippines, Singapore, Thailand or Vietnam) with a GPA of 3.4 out of 4.0 or equivalent; and
- Must meet all admission requirements for the selected UTS undergraduate coursework program; and
- Must be commencing full-time time study at UTS on campus; and
- Must not have completed studies in Australia; and
- Must not be in receipt of any other UTS scholarship/s ; and
- Must not be enrol in a UTS Transnational Program.

## **6. RECIPIENT SELECTION CRITERIA**

Academic merit in a Diploma qualification completed in South East Asia that is recognised by UTS for entry into the selected UTS undergraduate coursework program.

## **7. SELECTION**

Recipients will be awarded based on academic merit.  
Offers will be authorised by UTS International

## **8. ONGOING RECIPIENT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

### **8.1 Academic progress:**

- The Recipient must maintain the minimum progression rules of the University for the duration of the Scholarship. If the minimum progression rules are not maintained, payment of the Scholarship may be suspended or terminated, unless the Recipient can demonstrate exceptional circumstances<sup>1</sup> for the consideration of Scholarships Office.

### **8.2 UTS Enrolment:**

- The Recipient must continue to be enrolled as a full-time (22-24 credit points or more, in Autumn and Spring sessions) international student in the eligible UTS program for the duration of the Scholarship, unless he/she has been approved to study a reduced study load through the standard International Student Visa Holders Application to Reduce Study Load application process through a UTS Student Centre.
- The Recipient must continue to be enrolled as an international student in their first enrolled undergraduate coursework degree at UTS.

### **8.3 Leave / Deferral / Course withdrawal:**

- All deferral or suspension requests are subject to approval from UTS.
- 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 tuition fee Scholarship payment already made for that session will be reversed.
- After the first session, if the Recipient can demonstrate exceptional circumstances, he/she may apply to the Scholarships Office and UTS International for an approved leave of absence from studies. The Scholarship will be terminated if the Recipient takes leave without approval from both the Scholarships Office and UTS International.

### **8.4 Other obligations and conditions:**

- The offer of the Scholarship is made subject to all information provided by the Recipient being true and accurate.
- By accepting the offer of the Scholarship, each Recipient agrees to the Conditions of Award.
- Recipients must comply with all of UTS's rules, policies and procedures including those relating to conduct.
- The offer of the Scholarship is only valid for the intake defined in the Scholarship letter of offer and cannot be deferred.
- 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, including but not limited to taking Leave of Absence or deferring study, and changing his/her international students visa status to another visa category, including but not limited to Permanent Residency Visa.
- Any changes to the Recipient's circumstances not addressed by the Conditions of Award will be considered by the Scholarships Office and UTS International on a case-by-case basis.
- The Recipient does not need to re-apply for the Scholarship each year.
- The recipient must consent to allowing his/her name, photograph and/or short article to be used for the promotion of UTS.
- The Scholarship is not transferable to another UTS course.

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<sup>1</sup> Exceptional circumstances include disability, ongoing illness, carer's responsibilities and other educational barriers, and are considered by the Scholarships Office 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 misconduct and after consultation with the University Secretary the delegate able to award the Scholarship deems that it is not appropriate for the Recipient to continue to hold the Scholarship.
- If the Recipient obtains Permanent Residency status, the Scholarship will be terminated as outlined below:
  - For Recipients obtaining Permanent Residency before Census date in any Session: The Scholarship will be terminated and any Scholarship payment already made for that session will be reversed.
  - For Recipients obtaining their Permanent Residency after census date in any Session: the Scholarship will be terminated the following session.