UTS Scholarship Conditions of Award
Indigenous Relocation and Accommodation Scholarship

This document sets out the conditions of award for the below scholarship (‘Scholarship’) as well as 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: Indigenous Relocation and Accommodation Scholarship

2. PURPOSE
To provide Indigenous students from regional and remote areas access with financial assistance towards the cost of relocating to support their academic success.

3. VALUE AND BENEFIT
3.1 Number of Recipients
- The annual number of Recipients is dependent on the following variables:
  a) the availability of Commonwealth funding; and
  b) the number of eligible candidates.

3.2 Benefit/s to Recipient
- The maximum total value of the Scholarship to each Recipient is $5,355.

3.3 Payment of benefit/s
- Each Recipient will receive two payments by electronic funds transfer to the nominated bank account.
- Each payment will be:
  a) $2677.50 for students enrolled in a full-time load (18cp or more)
  b) $1338.75 for students enrolled in a part-time load (17cp or less)
- Payment will usually be made within four weeks after the Census date in Autumn and Spring sessions.
- Payments are subject to the Recipient satisfying ongoing eligibility criteria as defined in clause 8.

4. DURATION
The maximum duration of the Scholarship is one (1) year.

5. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA
To be eligible for the Scholarship, an applicant must meet all of the following criteria:
- Australian citizen; and
- an Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander (must complete a Confirmation of Aboriginality form or provide a statutory declaration\(^1\)); and
- intending to enrol, or currently enrolled in an eligible course, which includes:
  a) an undergraduate award course; or

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\(^1\) The specified UTS Statutory Declaration form needs to be completed which must include two references from an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander persons within the recipient(s) community who can confirm the recipient(s) identity
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2 o a postgraduate award course; or
2 o the Jumbunna Unistart program; and
2 • are relocating from a regional or remote area to attend UTS; and
2 • must not be in receipt of other Commonwealth funding which may make them ineligible for this Scholarship; and
2 • must apply using the UAC Equity Scholarship application form and therein demonstrate financial disadvantage:
2 o through receiving a means-tested Commonwealth income support payment (such as Parenting Payment Single, Disability Support Pension, Carers Allowance or ABSTUDY), or by providing comprehensive information demonstrating exceptional financial hardship.

NOTE: Students have the option to make an appointment for an alternative financial assessment with the UTS Financial Assistance Service in the Student Services Unit in order to evidence financial disadvantage. This is only available in cases when an applicant has been deemed ineligible for an Equity Scholarship on the basis of not meeting the financial hardship criteria as specified above and as outlined in the UAC application.

6. RECIPIENT SELECTION CRITERIA
2 • Applicants that meet the eligibility criteria are not guaranteed a Scholarship as there are a limited number available; the number of Scholarships offers will be based on commonwealth funding available to UTS each year.
2 • For undergraduate students, preference will be given to students commencing or enrolled in their first undergraduate degree.
2 • Continuing students that have not maintained a minimum Pass average (WAM 50+) in their previous session may not be considered for the scholarship.

7. SELECTION
2 Eligible candidates will be presented to a Scholarship Selection Committee, which will undertake the selection of Recipients.

The Scholarships Committee will be made up of three relevant members of the UTS community, chaired by the Director, Jumbunna Institute for Indigenous Education and Research (or their nominee).

Offers will be authorised by the chair of the Scholarship Selection Committee.

8. ONGOING RECIPIENT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA
8.1 Academic progress
2 • Students are expected to maintain a minimum Pass average (WAM 50+) per session for the duration of the scholarship.
2 • Where a minimum Pass average is not achieved, the Recipient is advised to attend and receive appropriate academic counselling by the University to assist them to return to a satisfactory performance level.

8.2 UTS Enrolment
2 The Recipient:
2 • should continue to be in an eligible program at UTS; or
2 • may apply to the Scholarships Office to transfer the Scholarship to another eligible UTS program, if a course transfer is being sought.

8.3 Leave / Deferral / Course withdrawal
2 • 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.

2 Regional or remote areas include Inner Regional, Outer Regional Remote or Very Remote areas as defined in the ASGC Remoteness Areas classification as described in the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare 2004 publication, ‘Rural, Regional and Remote Health: A Guide to Remoteness Classifications’.
• Leave of Absence is not available for this Scholarship.

8.4 Other obligations and conditions

• The Scholarship offer must be accepted in writing, and each Recipient must agree to the Conditions of Award.
• The offer of the Scholarship is made subject to information provided by the Recipient being true and accurate.
• 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, e.g. taking leave of absence or deferring study.
• Any change in the Recipient’s circumstances not addressed by these Conditions of Award will be considered by the Scholarships Office and/or the Scholarship Selection Committee case-by-case.
• The acceptance of this Scholarship offer may mean the Recipient does not qualify for certain other forms of Commonwealth assistance.
  1. A person in receipt of the Indigenous Education Costs Scholarship may not qualify for assistance intended for the same or similar purpose under the Social Security Act 1991, the ABSTUDY Scheme and the Student Assistance Act 1973, the Veterans’ Children Education Scheme, or the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act Education and Training Scheme 2004.
• It is the Recipient is receiving any Commonwealth funding, it is their responsibility to communicate to the relevant Commonwealth department that they are in receipt of this Scholarship.
• The acceptance of this Scholarship offer may be reported, if relevant, to:
  1) an employee of the Human Services Department;
  2) an employee of the Department administered by the Minister administering the Veterans’ Entitlements Act 1986;
  3) an employee of the Department administered by the Minister administering section 258 of the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004.

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 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.
• If the Scholarship is terminated due to breaching any conditions or misconduct, the Recipient may be required to reimburse UTS for any Scholarship payments already made.