



UTS Scholarship Conditions of Award

Australian Indigenous Education Foundation (AIEF) – University of Technology (UTS) 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: AIEF-UTS Scholarship

2. PURPOSE

To provide support for Indigenous students with accommodation and living expenses and thereby enable Recipients to complete undergraduate or postgraduate study at UTS.

3. VALUE AND BENEFIT

3.1 Number of Recipients:

Up to three (3) recipients may be awarded an AIEF-UTS Scholarship each year, provided funding capacity is sufficient.

3.2 Benefit/s to Recipient:

The Scholarship covers the accommodation costs for each Recipient while living in a UTS Housing Residence (or recognised partner residence). The Recipient will also receive a \$10,000 living allowance per year.

3.3 Payment of benefit/s:

- The Recipient will receive the living allowance from UTS in equal fortnightly instalments by electronic funds transfer to their nominated bank account, usually for the period April – December.
- The equal fortnightly instalments will amount to the total value of \$10,000 per annum.
- Accommodation costs will be paid directly to the UTS Housing (or the recognised partner residence) on behalf of the Recipient.
- Payments are subject to the Recipient satisfying the Ongoing Eligibility Criteria and the Scholarship Conditions as defined in clause 8 below.

4. DURATION

The duration of the Scholarship is dependent on the standard full-time duration of the Recipient's degree, remaining at the time of award and ongoing satisfaction of the Eligibility Criteria and the Scholarship Conditions as defined in clause 5 and clause 8.

5. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be eligible for the Scholarship, an applicant must:

- Be an Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander (must complete a Confirmation of Aboriginality form and/or provide a statutory declaration¹); and
- Be eligible for and in receipt of ABSTUDY, unless otherwise agreed by AIEF; and

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 recipients(s) community who can confirm the recipient(s) identity

- Be an AIEF Alum (having successfully completed Year 12 at an AIEF Partner School), unless otherwise agreed by AIEF; and
- Be (or will be on acceptance) a full-time UTS student undertaking an undergraduate or postgraduate degree and residing at (or intending to reside at) a UTS Housing Service Residence; and
- Require financial assistance to reside at a UTS Housing Service Residence, as assessed by UTS; and
- Not (and will not be) in receipt of any other scholarship, cadetship, internship, employment, careers support or similar unless otherwise agreed by AIEF (including any other AIEF Tertiary Scholarship); and
- Be enthusiastic about the educational opportunity offered by UTS and supportive of the objectives of AIEF and the Scholarship; and
- Commit to participating in relevant AIEF Pathways Program activities and AIEF events and not participate in similar activities arranged by any other program or organisation, unless otherwise agreed by AIEF; and
- Not be an employee of AIEF whilst in receipt of the Scholarship, unless otherwise agreed by AIEF; and
- All applicants must submit a completed AIEF-UTS Scholarship Application Form; and
- All applicants must submit the UTS online Scholarship Application form.

6. RECIPIENT SELECTION CRITERIA

As demonstrated in the Scholarship application:

- Involvement in extra-curricular and non-academic activities, particularly those that promote leadership qualities
- Motivation to succeed in your studies at UTS and achieve career and professional goals
- Ability to show initiative in order to overcome challenges
- Commitment to indigenous culture and the community
- That being a recipient of the AIEF-UTS scholarship will help you achieve your full potential.

7. SELECTION

Eligible candidates will be presented to a Scholarship Selection Committee, which will undertake the selection of Recipients based on the above selection criteria.

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

Representatives from AIEF will be invited to sit on the selection panel.

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

8. ONGOING RECIPIENT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

8.1 Academic progress:

The Recipient must maintain (at a minimum) a Pass average (WAM) each session. Recipients undertaking research must maintain a minimum standard of satisfactory academic progress, confirmed through their research supervisor.

8.2 UTS Enrolment:

The Recipient:

- Must continue to be enrolled with a standard full time load (minimum 18cp) in the Autumn and Spring sessions in an undergraduate or postgraduate program at UTS.
- May, in exceptional circumstances² apply to the Scholarships Office for approval of a part time study load. A Recipient with an approved part time study load may receive reduced pro rata payments for the period of part time study (subject to assessment and approval by AIEF).

8.3 Scholarship Conditions:

² Exceptional circumstances include, but are not limited to, severe disruptions, disability, ongoing illness, carer's responsibilities and other education barriers which must have independent supporting documentation, and will be considered by the Scholarships Office on a case-by-case basis.

Applicants must sign a declaration agreeing to the conditions of the Scholarship as part of the AIEF-UTS Scholarship Application Form.

Recipients have the responsibility to inform AIEF and/or Jumbunna Institute for Indigenous Education and Research immediately if they believe they are unable to fulfil any of the conditions of the Scholarship.

In completing the AIEF-UTS Scholarship Application Form, Recipients agree to commit to:

- Meeting the Eligibility Criteria and continuing to comply with all Eligibility Criteria on an ongoing basis.
- Maintain successful academic progression to the next academic year, including at least a Pass average WAM (as assessed by UTS).
- Remain enrolled in a full-time course of study at UTS and continue residing at a UTS Housing Service
- Not change or defer their course of study without consulting AIEF.
- Continue to receive ABSTUDY (unless otherwise agreed by AIEF).
- Take part in relevant AIEF Pathways Program activities and AIEF events and not participate in similar activities arranged by any other program or organisation, unless otherwise agreed by AIEF.
- Meet any costs not covered by the Scholarship from other sources that are not in contravention of the Eligibility Criteria, including but not limited to security/bond amounts, building levies, non-compulsory levies required by a UTS Housing Service Residence or any levies required by UTS.
- Conduct themselves properly, lawfully and in accordance with UTS and UTS Housing Service Residence regulations at all times and not act in a way which may bring themselves, AIEF, UTS or a UTS Housing Service Residence into disrepute, nor lead to disciplinary action against them.
- Remain in contact with AIEF throughout their course of study and the years following, providing regular updates on academic and career progress and milestones.
- Not be in receipt of any other scholarship, cadetship, internship, employment, careers support or similar unless agreed by AIEF (including any other AIEF Tertiary Scholarship).

As part of the AIEF-UTS Scholarship Application Form, Recipients consent to AIEF obtaining and providing information including:

- Copies of academic results, transcripts and other information relating to their curricular and co-curricular activities, which may include academic progress reports; past and present data about academic performance; summaries of progress, interests and achievements; other university reports by staff at UTS and/or a UTS Housing Service Residence; post-university destination and achievements and tracking data.
- Participation in AIEF, UTS and/or UTS Housing Service Residence programs, events and activities.
- Contact information, during and after their time at UTS and/or a UTS Housing Service Residence.
- Photos or video images and footage of the Recipient, provided to AIEF or taken by AIEF or on its behalf or by the media.
- Any financial information required by AIEF.

Recipients further consent to AIEF and its stakeholders collecting, using, reproducing, adapting, disclosing and exploiting this information for the purpose of:

- Assessing applications and ongoing eligibility for the Scholarship and program participation.
- Facilitating AIEF's business operations, including fulfilment of reporting requirements and reporting to third party funders.
- Disclosing and/or publishing information relating to, but not limited to, the Recipient's interests, achievements and ambitions (academic or otherwise), personal circumstances and photos for the purpose of reporting on the Recipients achievements and the AIEF Programs.
- AIEF's annual financial acquittal processes.
- Using it in reports, publications, advertisements, websites, newsletters, electronic communications, proposals or in the media.

Recipients also consent to:

- AIEF contacting them about other opportunities, including those offered by AIEF or any of its Corporate Partners;

- UTS and/or a UTS Housing Service Residence providing, and AIEF requesting, information about any change in their circumstances which may affect ongoing eligibility or compliance with the Eligibility Criteria and Scholarship Conditions;
- AIEF and representatives of AIEF or any other party nominated by AIEF to make enquiries to UTS, UTS Housing Services Residences or Centrelink or any Government Agency or any other party nominated by AIEF in relation to the Recipient, their ABSTUDY funding, financial circumstances or academic progress.
- UTS, UTS Housing Service Residences or Centrelink or any other party nominated by AIEF in providing any information to AIEF upon request, and where AIEF, UTS, UTS Housing Service Residences or Centrelink or any other party nominated by AIEF request consent, the Recipient will provide AIEF with a letter of consent authorising the release of this information.

9. TERMINATION OF RECIPIENT'S SCHOLARSHIP

The Scholarship will terminate:

- If the Recipient ceases to meet the Eligibility Criteria and/or Scholarship Conditions.
- 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.