



UTS Scholarship Conditions of Award

Scholarship for Gaokao Students from People's Republic of China

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: Scholarship for Gaokao Students from People's Republic of China

2. PURPOSE

This Scholarship was established to attract top achieving commencing international students completing the Senior Secondary School from China, and are admitted based on Gaokao results into an undergraduate program at UTS in Sydney.

3. VALUE AND BENEFIT

3.1 Number of Recipients

Up to one (1) new Recipient will be awarded the Scholarship each year in Spring session 2018, and in Autumn sessions 2019 and 2020.

3.2 Benefit/s to Recipient

- UTS will pay 50% 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 and credit points required for completion of the Recipient's enrolled undergraduate course 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. The maximum duration of the Scholarship is eight sessions under any program.

5. RECIPIENT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

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

- Must be an international student (not an Australian citizen, New Zealand citizen or permanent resident of Australia); and
- Must have completed Senior Secondary School (Grade 12) in China and undertaken the Gaokao administered by Provincial or Municipal Education Examination Authority, China; and
- Must meet all UTS admission criteria for the selected UTS undergraduate degree course; and

- Must have completed the Gaokao no longer than one year prior to commencing at UTS, and be admitted based on this qualification to UTS; and
- Must not be enrolled in a UTS Transnational Program.

6. RECIPIENT SELECTION CRITERIA

The Scholarship will be awarded to the highest ranked applicant(s) on the basis of academic merit in the Gaokao results.

Where there are multiple applicants with the same results, further consideration will be given to the applicant's response to the following question:

- How do you intend to utilise your UTS degree to contribute to the community.

Applicants may be informed in writing to submit a one page statement to address the above question.

The decision to award Scholarships will be made solely by the Scholarships Committee as described in Clause 7 below in its absolute discretion.

7. SELECTION

UTS International will automatically consider all commencing international students from China who have completed the Gaokao no longer than one year prior to commencing at UTS, and are applying for an undergraduate coursework program at UTS in Sydney.

Applications of eligible candidates will be presented to a Scholarships Selection Committee, which will undertake the selection of Recipients, usually in July for Spring session and September/October for Autumn sessions.

The Scholarships Committee will be made up of at least three relevant members of the UTS community and is to include:

- Chair: Director, UTS International (or nominee)
- Representative from UTS Scholarship Office
- And may include another UTS staff member

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 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 circumstances¹ for the consideration of the Scholarship Selection Committee.

8.2 UTS enrolment

The Recipient of the Scholarship:

- Must continue to be enrolled as a full-time (22-27 credit points or more, in Autumn and Spring sessions) international student in an undergraduate course at UTS, unless he/she has been approved to study at reduced study load through the standard International Student Visa Holders Application to Reduce Study Load application process through a UTS Student Centre.
- Must continue to be enrolled as an international student in their first enrolled undergraduate degree course at UTS.
- The Scholarship is not transferrable to other UTS courses.

8.3 Leave / Deferral

- 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.

¹ Exceptional circumstances may include, but are not limited to, disability, ongoing illness, carer's responsibilities and other educational barriers, and are considered on a case-by-case basis.

- After the first session, if the Recipient has obtained an approved leave of absence from studies from the faculty concerned, and can demonstrate exceptional circumstances, he/she may apply to the Scholarship Committee via the Scholarships Office and UTS International for a temporary suspension of the Scholarship during the period of approved leave. The Scholarship will be terminated if the Recipient takes leave without faculty approval or has not sought special temporary Scholarship suspension approval by the Scholarship Committee.

8.4 Other obligations and conditions

- The offer of the Scholarship is made subject to information provided by the Recipient being true and accurate.
- By accepting the offer of the Scholarship, each Recipient agrees to the Conditions of Award.
- 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 UTS International 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, changing his/her international student visa status to other visa categories, including but not limited to Permanent Residency visa.
- The Recipient will be responsible for any study costs incurred outside UTS tuition fees, including payment of the Student Services and Amenities Fee and the Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC).
- For the duration of the Scholarship the Recipient is not permitted to hold other UTS Scholarships.
- If the Recipient obtains Permanent Residency status, the Scholarship will be terminated as outlined below:
 - for Recipients obtaining their Permanent Residency before census date in any session: the Scholarship will be terminated and any tuition fee Scholarship payment already made for that session will be reversed;
 - or Recipients obtaining their Permanent Residency after census date in any session: the Scholarship will be terminated the following session.
- The Recipient does not need to re-apply for the Scholarship each year.
- Any change in the Recipient's circumstances not addressed by these Conditions of Award will be considered by the UTS International and/or the Scholarship Selection Committee case-by-case.
- The Recipient will be invited to consent to allowing his/her name, photograph and a short article to be used for the promotion of UTS.

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.