



# UTS Scholarship Conditions of Award

## Aurecon Galuwa Indigenous Engineering Scholarship

### Faculty: Engineering and Information Technology

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, according to UTS Rules, Policy and Procedures.

#### **1. NAME: Aurecon Galuwa Indigenous Engineering Scholarship**

#### **2. PURPOSE**

Aurecon provides engineering, management and specialist technical services for public and private sector clients globally. With offices in 25 countries, they have been involved in projects in over 80 countries across Africa, The Asia Pacific and the Middle East.

Aurecon is committed to creating relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and to contribute in closing the gap by supporting and promoting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people employment, both within Aurecon and the wider community.

The Aurecon Galuwa Indigenous Engineering Scholarship aims to support Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander applicants who have the personal potential and commitment to study engineering.

#### **3. VALUE AND BENEFIT**

##### **3.1 Number of Recipients**

- One (1) Recipient will be awarded the Scholarship.

##### **3.2 Benefit/s to Recipient**

- The Recipient will receive \$15,000 per year<sup>1</sup> for the Scholarship's maximum duration as defined in clause 4. The maximum total value of the scholarship is \$45,000 to the Recipient.
- In addition to the Scholarship, the Recipient will have an opportunity to undertake a paid internship at Aurecon, which are to take place at a mutually convenient time, and as arranged between the Recipient and Aurecon. The internship will help the candidate meet the minimum course requirements.

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

- The Recipient will receive equal fortnightly instalments by electronic funds transfer to his/her nominated bank account usually for the period March-December.
- Payments are subject to the Recipient satisfying ongoing eligibility criteria as defined in clause 8.

#### **4. DURATION**

The maximum duration of the Scholarship is three (3) years<sup>2</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> Recipients with an approved part-time study load may receive a reduce pro-rata payment for the period of part-time study.

<sup>2</sup> Course duration may be extended if the Recipient is approved for part-time study by exception

## 5. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applicants must be:

- Of Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent (must complete a Confirmation of Aboriginality form or provide a statutory declaration); and
- Commencing full-time enrolment in their first year of an undergraduate BEng(Hon)DipProfEngPrac Engineering degree or combined Engineering Program Diploma in Professional Engineering Practice at UTS; and
- Major in Civil, Civil and Environmental, Mechanical, Mechanical and Mechatronics or Electrical Engineering; and
- An ATAR (or equivalent) of 69 or above or have received an offer through the Jumbunna Direct Entry Program; and
- All candidates must apply using the UTS online Scholarships Application form to be eligible; and
- All candidates must be available to attend an interview in person.

## 6. RECIPIENT SELECTION CRITERIA

- Priority will be given to students that previously participated in the Galuwa Experience program
- Academic merit (based on ATAR or relevant UTS entry criteria)
- Motivation and commitment to succeed in their undergraduate Engineering course as demonstrated in the scholarship application and interview.
- Initiative in extra-curricular and non-academic activities as demonstrated in the scholarship application and interview.

## 7. SELECTION

Shortlisted applicants are interviewed and selected based on the above selection criteria. Scholarships will only be awarded to applicants who personally attend an interview.

Applications of shortlisted eligible candidates will be presented to a Scholarship Selection Committee, which will undertake the selection of Recipients. The Scholarship Selection Committee will be made up of at least three relevant members of the UTS community, chaired by the Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology (or their nominee), and is to include a member experienced in the selection of equity scholarships. 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 a Pass average (WAM 50+) for the duration of the scholarship.
- Where a minimum Pass average is not achieved, the Recipient will be required to attend and receive appropriate academic counselling by the University to assist her to return to a satisfactory performance level.
- If the student does not attend academic counselling, and/or a minimum Pass average is not achieved in the following session the Scholarship will be terminated, unless the Recipient can demonstrate exceptional circumstances for the consideration of the Scholarship Selection Committee.

### 8.2 UTS enrolment

The Recipient:

- must continue to be enrolled full-time (minimum of 18 credit points in the Autumn and Spring sessions) in the BEng(Hon)DipProfEngPrac or combined Engineering program DipProfEngPrac at UTS; or
- may, in particular circumstances apply to UTS for approval of a part-time study.

### 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 Scholarship payment already made is to be reimbursed to UTS.

- After their first year of study, if the Recipient can demonstrate exceptional circumstances<sup>3</sup>, he/she may apply to UTS for an approved leave of absence from studies. If leave is approved, payment of the Scholarship will be suspended for the period of leave. The Scholarship will be terminated if the Recipient takes leave without approval from UTS.
- Payments will be resumed to the Recipient after an approved leave of absence until the remaining value of the Scholarship has been paid.

#### **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.
- For the duration of the Scholarship the Recipient is not permitted to hold other UTS Scholarships with a value over \$5,000, unless an equity-based scholarship is approved by exception.
- The Recipient is responsible for advising UTS of any changes in circumstances that may make him/her ineligible for continuation of the Scholarship, e.g. reducing study load to part-time, taking leave of absence or deferring study.
- The Recipient does not need to re-apply for the Scholarship each year.
- The offer of the Scholarship is only valid for the intake defined in the Scholarship letter of offer and cannot be deferred.
- 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 Recipient understands that they have a responsibility to facilitate communication with the Donor whose contribution has made this opportunity possible. This communication may be informal or formal in nature, and may include but not limited to: correspondence via email, mail, or phone; providing updates on course progress; and attendance at Faculty events and/or prize nights in which the Donor may be in attendance.

#### **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 serious 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.

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<sup>3</sup> Exceptional circumstances may include, but are not limited to, severe disruptions, disability, ongoing illness, carer's responsibilities and other education barriers, and are considered by the Scholarship Selection Committee on a case-by-case basis.