

# UTS Scholarship Conditions of Award

## KPMG Indigenous 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: KPMG Indigenous Scholarship

### 2. PURPOSE

To provide financial assistance and the opportunity of a work placement at KPMG<sup>1</sup>, for a high achieving Indigenous student.

### 3. VALUE AND BENEFIT

#### 3.1 Number of Recipients

- One (1) Recipient will be awarded the Scholarship in the Autumn session, 2017.

#### 3.2 Benefit/s to Recipient

- The value of the Scholarship to the Recipient is \$11,000 per year for the remaining duration of the degree of the scholarship recipient, or for a period of 5 years (whichever is the lesser). The total value of the Scholarship may reach a maximum of \$55,000.
- The Recipient will also have the opportunity to undertake a work experience or vacation placement at KPMG, as arranged between the Recipient and KPMG.

#### 3.3 Payment of benefit/s

- Each Recipient will receive two payments per year by electronic funds transfer to the nominated bank account.
- Each payment will be \$5,500 (or the pro-rata amount if part time study has been approved by exception as defined in clause 8.2).
- 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 below.

### 4. DURATION

The duration of the Scholarship is dependent on the remaining standard full-time duration of the degree of the scholarship recipient at the time of selection. The maximum duration of the Scholarship may reach five (5) years.

### 5. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

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

- Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander (must complete a Confirmation of Aboriginality form or provide a statutory declaration); and
- Commence or continue in an undergraduate Business, Law, Engineering or Information Technology degree, including single and combined degrees at UTS; and
- Intending to enrol, or currently enrolled, full-time in an eligible course; and
- All candidates must apply using the UTS online Scholarships Application form to be eligible
- All candidates must be available to attend an interview in person.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://home.kpmg.com/au/en/home.html>

In addition preference may be given to applicants able to demonstrate financial disadvantage. This criterion will be assessed via the submission of a UAC Equity Scholarship application.

## **6. RECIPIENT SELECTION CRITERIA**

- Academic merit, demonstrated by:
  - ATAR (or equivalent) for School Leavers
  - GPA in current course for continuing UTS students
- Alignment of values, cultures and goals with that of KPMG as demonstrated in the Scholarship application and interview.
- Motivation to succeed in their UTS course, as demonstrated in the Scholarship application and interview.
- Demonstrated initiative in personal and professional life, as demonstrated in the Scholarship application and interview.
- Interest in undertaking work experience or a vacation placement at KPMG, as demonstrated in the Scholarship application and interview.
- Financial disadvantage as demonstrated by the UAC Equity Scholarship application may be taken into consideration.

## **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 Indigenous House of Learning (or their nominee).

The Donor (or their representative) 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 a minimum Credit average per session. Where a Credit average is not achieved, the scholarship will be terminated unless the Recipient can demonstrate exceptional circumstances.

### **8.2 UTS Enrolment**

The Recipient:

- should continue to be enrolled full-time (minimum of 18 credit points in the Autumn and Spring sessions) in an eligible program at UTS; or
- may, in exceptional circumstances<sup>2</sup> apply to the Scholarships Office for approval of a part-time study load. The Recipient with an approved part-time study load may receive reduced pro-rata payments for the period of part-time study.
- may apply to the Scholarships Office to transfer the Scholarship to another eligible UTS program, if a course transfer is being sought. The value of the Scholarship will be recalculated using the new undergraduate program to determine duration as per clause 4. All payments received by the Recipient, under any program, will accumulate towards their total payments received.

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

- 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.
- After successful completion of the first session in which the Scholarship is awarded, if the Recipient can demonstrate exceptional circumstances, he/she may apply to the Scholarships

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<sup>2</sup> 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.

Office to place the Scholarship on hold for the duration of approved leave of absence from studies. If the application 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 the Scholarships Office.

- Provided the Recipient remains eligible, payments will be resumed to the Recipient after an approved leave of absence until the remaining value of the Scholarship has been paid or another leave of absence is approved.

#### **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 Scholarships Office of any changes in circumstances that would make him/her ineligible for continuation of the Scholarship, e.g. reducing study load to part-time, 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.
- By accepting the Scholarship, each Recipient agrees to allow for their personal information to be provided to KPMG (or any third party engaged by KPMG) and authorises the External Funder (or third parties engaged by KPMG) to use that information for any purpose in connection with:
  - promoting the Scholarship Program or KPMG;
  - operating and developing the Scholarship Program
- The Recipient also agrees to take part in other promotional activity that may include, but is not limited to, attending events and writing a report on the impact that the scholarship has on their student experience.
- Recipients of JIHL scholarships valued at or above \$5,000 will not be eligible for further Jumbunna scholarships for the duration of any scholarship currently held. However, the JIHL Scholarships Committee may seek approval from the Director of JIHL to waive this condition where exceptional circumstances exist at the time of selection.
- The Recipient does not need to re-apply for the Scholarship each year.

#### **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.