



UTS Scholarship Conditions of Award

Lindsay Croft Postgraduate Memorial Scholarship

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, according to UTS Rules, Policy and Procedures.

1. SCHOLARSHIP NAME: Lindsay Croft Postgraduate Memorial Scholarship

2. PURPOSE

The intention of this scholarship is to support a commencing Indigenous Australian student who is enrolled in a full-time postgraduate degree (coursework or research). The Scholarship is to acknowledge and celebrate their excellence in achievements in higher education.

3. VALUE AND BENEFIT

3.1 Number of Recipients

One (1) recipient will be awarded the scholarship each year.

3.2 Benefit/s to Recipient

The maximum value of this scholarship is \$5,000.

3.3 Payment of benefit/s:

- The Recipient will receive two payments per year by electronic funds transfer to his/her nominated bank account.
- Each payment will be \$2,500 or the pro-rata amount if part time study is approved by exception.
- Payment will usually be made within four weeks after the Census dates in Autumn and Spring sessions.
- Payments are subject to the Recipient satisfying ongoing eligibility criteria as defined in clause 8.

4. DURATION

The standard duration of the Scholarship is one (1)¹ year.

5. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

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

- Be of Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander decent (must complete a Confirmation of Aboriginality form and/or provide a statutory declaration²); and
- Have completed study in an undergraduate course, or Advanced Diploma, or have relevant experience which allows entry to a postgraduate degree where transcripts of all prior non-UTS study is required; and
- Be enrolled full-time in the first year of a UTS postgraduate degree; and
- Must apply using the UTS online Scholarships application form.

¹ The duration of the scholarship may be extended if part-time study has been approved by exception as per Clause 8.2

² 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

6. RECIPIENT SELECTION CRITERIA, IN PRIORITY ORDER

- Academic Merit (based on previous studies)
- Motivation to succeed in the nominated UTS course, as demonstrated in the scholarship application;
- Commitment to benefiting the Indigenous community, as demonstrated in the scholarship application.

7. SELECTION

Eligible applicants will be presented to the Scholarships Selection Committee, which will undertake the selection of Recipient, based on the above selection criteria.

The Scholarships Committee will be made up of at least three (3) relevant members of the UTS community, chaired by the Director of Jumbunna Institute for Indigenous Education and Research (or nominee).

Scholarship Offers will be authorised by the Chair of the Committee in line with the Scholarships and Prizes Policy.

8. ONGOING RECIPIENT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

8.1 Academic progress

For the duration of the Scholarship the Recipient must maintain:

- A minimum Pass average (WAM 50+) for coursework students; or
- Demonstrated Satisfactory Progress for Research students.

8.2 UTS enrolment

The Recipient:

- must continue to be enrolled full-time (minimum of 18cp in Autumn and Spring sessions) in a UTS postgraduate program at UTS; or
- may, in exceptional circumstances³ apply to the UTS Scholarships Office for approval of a part-time study load. The Recipient with an approved part-time study load will receive reduced pro-rata payments for the period of part-time study.
- may apply to the Scholarships Office to transfer the Scholarship to another UTS postgraduate program, if a course transfer is being sought. The value of the Scholarship will be recalculated using the new program to determine duration as outlined in clause 4. Furthermore;
- If the Recipient seeks to transfer the Scholarship to another UTS program more than once, applications after the first will be considered by the Scholarship Committee case-by-case.

8.3 Leave / Deferral / Course withdrawal

- If the Recipient defers the UTS offer or withdraws from the UTS course after the start of the session in which the Scholarship is first awarded, 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 the first session in which the Scholarship is awarded, if the Recipient can demonstrate exceptional circumstances, he/she may apply to the Scholarships 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 does not apply to the Scholarships Office to place the Scholarship on hold.
- 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, the Recipient agrees to the Conditions of Award.

³ Exceptional circumstances include disability, ongoing illness, carer's responsibilities and other education barriers, and are considered by the Scholarship Selection Committee case-by-case.

- The offer of the Scholarship is only valid for the intake defined in the Scholarship letter of offer and cannot be deferred.
- For the duration of the Scholarship the Recipient is not permitted to hold other UTS Scholarships over \$5,000, unless an equity-based scholarship is approved by exception.
- 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 UTS Scholarships Office and/or the Scholarship Selection Committee on a case-by-case basis.
- 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 scholarships.

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.