



UTS Scholarship Conditions of Award

The Robyn Kemmis Indigenous Student 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, in accordance with UTS Rules, Policy and Procedures.

1. SCHOLARSHIP NAME: The Robyn Kemmis Indigenous Student Scholarship

2. PURPOSE

The Scholarship aims to support a female Indigenous Australian commencing study at UTS following the completion of the UTS Jumbunna Unistart Program or a UTS Insearch Diploma.

3. VALUE AND BENEFIT

3.1 Number of Recipients:

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

3.2 Benefit/s to Recipient:

- The maximum value of the Scholarship to the Recipient is \$45,000.

3.3 Payment of benefit/s:

- The Recipient will receive two (2) payments per academic year by electronic funds transfer to her nominated bank account.
- Each payment will be \$ \$7,500 or the pro-rata amount if part time study has been 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 the eligibility criteria as defined in Clause 5 below.

4. DURATION

- The maximum duration of the scholarship is three (3)¹ year.

5. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

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

- Of Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent (must complete a Confirmation of Aboriginality form or provide a statutory declaration²); and
- Be female; and
- Commenced their degree during the calendar year the Scholarship is awarded; and
- Completed a UTS Jumbunna Unistart Program or UTS Insearch Diploma; 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, if required.

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

- Motivation to succeed in the nominated UTS course, as demonstrated by the Scholarship application process
- Potential for the receipt of the Scholarship increasing the likelihood the candidate will be able to complete the UTS degree at higher level of performance than would otherwise be the case, as demonstrated by the Scholarship application process.
- Commitment to benefiting the Indigenous community as demonstrated in the scholarship application.

In addition, preference will be given to:

- Students attempting to undertake their first undergraduate degree; and/or
- Students that have experienced any long-term educational barriers and/or personal hardship including:
 - Financial hardship / low socio-economic status
 - Regional or remote background
 - Sole parent responsibilities
 - Carer responsibilities
 - Long-term medical condition / disability or ongoing effects of abuse

Students wishing to demonstrate long-term educational barriers and/or personal hardship may submit an Equity Scholarship application via the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC), or a personal statement outlining their circumstances, together with supporting documentation.

7. SELECTION

Applications of eligible candidates will be presented to a Scholarship Selection Committee (Committee), which will undertake the selection of the Recipient based on the above criteria.

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

A representative of the Donors will be invited to sit on the Selection Committee.

8. OTHER CONDITIONS

8.1 Academic progress

- The Recipient must maintain a minimum Pass average (WAM of 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 an undergraduate course at UTS; or
- may, in particular circumstances apply to the UTS Scholarships Office for approval of a part-time study load. The Recipient with an approved part-time study load may receive pro rata payments for the period of part-time study.
- may apply to the Scholarships Office to transfer the Scholarship to another UTS undergraduate program, if a course transfer is being sought.

8.3 Leave / Deferral

- If the Recipient 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 is to be reimbursed to UTS. In this case, the availability of the Scholarship may be readvertised.
- After successful completion of the first session in which the Scholarship is awarded, the Recipient 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.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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 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.