



UTS Scholarship Conditions of Award

Undergraduate Academic Excellence 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: Undergraduate Academic Excellence Scholarship

2. PURPOSE

This Scholarship was established to attract high achieving commencing international students enrolling in an undergraduate program at UTS in Sydney.

The Scholarship is open to international students who have been made an offer, and are granted solely on the basis of academic merit.

3. VALUE AND BENEFIT

3.1 Number of Recipients

Approximately 70 each year

3.2 Benefit/s to Recipient

UTS will pay each recipient AUD \$10,000 towards their session tuition fees.

3.3 Payment of Benefit/s

The payment of AUD \$10,000 will be made by two equal instalments of AUD \$5,000 each, paid directly to the Recipient's UTS fees account each session for the duration of the Scholarship.

The payment will be made directly to the Recipient's UTS fees account after census date of each enrolled session.

4. DURATION

The duration of the Scholarship is a maximum of two (2) sessions of enrolment of the approved Bachelor degree course at UTS in Sydney. Extension of the Scholarship is not possible.

5. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

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

- Must be an international student (not an Australian citizen, New Zealand citizen or permanent resident of Australia); and
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- Must remain an international student post census date for the session in which they receive the Scholarship; and
- Must meet all admission criteria for the selected undergraduate course; and
- Must be commencing studies in a UTS degree full-time on-campus; and
- Must have completed Australian Year 12 or high school studies comparable to an Australian Year 12 no longer than 3 years prior to commencing at UTS, and be admitted based on this qualification into UTS.
- Must not be a recipient of a full tuition fee scholarship from UTS for the intended studies; and

- Must not be enrolled in a UTS transnational program; and
- Must not be a government sponsored student.

6. RECIPIENT SELECTION CRITERIA

Academic merit in the academic qualification used as basis of admission into the selected UTS Bachelor degree program.

7. SELECTION

UTS International will automatically consider all commencing international students applying for an undergraduate program at UTS in Sydney for this Scholarship. There is no separate scholarship application or documentation in addition to what is required for the coursework application.

Offers will be authorised by UTS International.

8. ONGOING RECIPIENT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

8.1 Academic progress

- The Recipient of the Scholarship must maintain satisfactory academic performance for the duration of the Scholarship. Where pass average is not achieved, payment of the Scholarship may be suspended or terminated, unless the Recipient can demonstrate exceptional circumstances¹ for the consideration of the UTS International.

8.2 UTS Enrolment

- The recipient must continue to be enrolled as a full-time international student in the eligible UTS program for the duration of the Scholarship, 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.
- This Scholarship is not transferable to another UTS course.

8.3 Leave / Deferral / Course Withdrawal

- All deferral or suspension requests are subject to approval from UTS.
- 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.
- After the first session, if the Recipient can demonstrate exceptional circumstances¹, he/she may apply to UTS International for an approved leave of absence from studies. The Scholarship will be terminated if the Recipient takes leave without approval from UTS International.

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.
- Recipients must comply with all of UTS' rules, policies and procedures including those relating to conduct.
- The Recipient is responsible for advising UTS International of any changes in circumstances that would make him/her ineligible for continuation of the Scholarship, for example but not limited to 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.
- 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 Scholarship payment already made for that session will be reversed.
 - For Recipients obtaining their Permanent Residency after census date in any session: the Scholarship will be terminated the following session.

¹ Exceptional circumstances include disability, ongoing illness, carer's responsibilities and other educational barriers, and are considered by the Scholarships Office case-by-case.

- Any change in the Recipient's circumstances not addressed by these Conditions of Award will be considered by UTS International on a case-by-case.
- The Recipient does not need to re-apply for the Scholarship each session.

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, SAU 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.