



# UTS Scholarship Conditions of Award

## UTS Insearch to UTS Pathways Scholarship

### UTS International

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: UTS Insearch to UTS Pathways Scholarship**

#### **2. PURPOSE**

This Scholarship was established by UTS to support the UTS Insearch Pathway Program and support international students to succeed as they articulate to their UTS undergraduate degrees. The scholarship is to be offered to international students who exhibit the University's core values and can demonstrate commitment to excellence, innovation, entrepreneurship and social justice.

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

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

- Up to six (6) new Recipients will be awarded the Scholarship each calendar year at the time of admission to the UTS degree course.
- Usually three (3) Recipients will be awarded in the Autumn session and three (3) Recipients in the Spring session.

In the event there are two equally ranked applicants a Scholarship may be split so that each Recipient receives half the value of the Scholarship.

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

- UTS will pay for 50% of each Recipient's UTS tuition fees for the course enrolled in for the duration of the Scholarship as defined in clause 4.
- In the event one Scholarship is split, UTS will pay 25% of each of these Recipient's UTS tuition fees for the course enrolled in for the duration of the Scholarship as defined in clause 4.
- The Scholarship cannot be transferred, deferred or redeemed for cash.

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

- The tuition fee contributions will be made directly to the Recipient's UTS fees account each session for the duration of the Scholarship as defined in clause 4.
- The tuition fee contributions are subject to the Recipient satisfying ongoing eligibility criteria as defined in clause 8.

#### **4. DURATION**

The duration of the Scholarship is the standard number of sessions required for completion of the Recipient's enrolled undergraduate course on the basis of a full-time study load, as specified in the letter of offer for admission to the course.

Where the Recipient does not follow the usual standard full-time course structure, the total value of the Scholarship may be exhausted prior to course completion.

## 5. RECIPIENT 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
- Must have completed a UTS Insearch Diploma in Sydney, and have an overall GPA of 6.0 or above in their Diploma; and
- Meet the UTS admission criteria for the selected UTS undergraduate degree course; and
- Must be commencing studies in a UTS undergraduate degree that directly articulates from their UTS Insearch Diploma course, in the next available intake after completion of the candidate's Diploma; and
- All candidates must apply using the UTS online Scholarships Application form to be eligible.

## 6. RECIPIENT SELECTION CRITERIA

- Motivation to succeed in your chosen UTS degree program, as demonstrated by the Scholarship application; and
- Commitment to utilise your UTS degree to help your community, as demonstrated by the Scholarship application; and
- Personal experience and achievement, including but not limited to examples of community service, innovation or entrepreneurship, as demonstrated in the Scholarship application.
- Academic merit based on UTS Insearch Diploma results may also be considered.

## 7. SELECTION

Applications of eligible candidates will be presented to a Scholarships Selection Committee, which will undertake the selection of Recipients, usually in February and July each year.

The Scholarships Committee will be made up of at least three relevant members of the UTS community and is to include:

- Chair: Director, UTS International (or nominee)
- Manager, Student Commencement and Support, Student Administration Unit (or nominee)
- Another UTS staff member
- Optional: A staff member representing UTS Insearch nominated by the Insearch Dean of Studies

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 (WAM 65+) per session for the duration of the Scholarship. Where credit average is not achieved, payment of the Scholarship may be suspended or terminated, unless the Recipient can demonstrate exceptional circumstances<sup>1</sup> for the consideration of the Scholarship Selection Committee.

### 8.2 UTS enrolment:

The Recipient of the Scholarship:

- Must continue to be enrolled as a full-time (24 credit points or more/session) international student in an undergraduate course at UTS, 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.
- Must continue to be enrolled as an international student in their first enrolled undergraduate degree course at UTS. The Scholarship is not transferable to other UTS courses.

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

### **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 tuition fee Scholarship payment already made for that session will be reversed.
- After the first session, if the Recipient has obtained an approved leave of absence from studies from the faculty concerned, and can demonstrate exceptional circumstances<sup>1</sup>, he/she may apply to the Scholarship Committee via the Scholarships Office for a temporary suspension of the Scholarship during the period of approved leave. The Scholarship will be terminated if the Recipient takes leave without faculty approval or has not sought special temporary Scholarship suspension approval by the Scholarship Committee.

### **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.
- For the duration of the Scholarship the Recipient is not permitted to hold other UTS Scholarships that will total more than 100% of the value of their tuition fees.
- 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. 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.
- The Recipient will be responsible for any study costs incurred outside UTS tuition fees, including payment of the Student Services and Amenities Fee.
- If the Recipient obtains Australian 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 tuition fee 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.
- The Recipient does not need to re-apply for the Scholarship each year.
- 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 will be invited to consent to allowing his/her name, photograph and a short article to be used for the promotion of UTS.

### **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.