



UTS Scholarship Conditions of Award

Schiff Family Honours 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: Schiff Family Honours Scholarship

2. PURPOSE

This Scholarship was established to support female Indigenous Australian students in their Honours year at UTS.

3. VALUE AND BENEFIT

3.1 Number of Recipients

- One (1) new Recipient will be awarded the Scholarship each year.

3.2 Benefit/s to Recipient

- The maximum total value of the Scholarships is \$20,000.

3.3 Payment of benefit/s:

- Each Recipient will receive two (2) payments per year by electronic funds transfer to her nominated bank account.
- Each payment will be \$10,000 or the pro-rata amount if part time study is approved by exception.
- Payment will usually be made within four (4) 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 maximum duration of the Scholarship is one (1) year.

5. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

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

- Be female; and
- Be of Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent and provide either:
 - a Confirmation of Aboriginality from a Local Aboriginal Land Council or other Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander organisation; or
 - a UTS Statutory Declaration form accompanied by two written references from Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people from the applicant's community who can confirm their identity and are not an immediate family member; and
- Be enrolled full-time in a UTS Honours degree or the embedded Honours year of their undergraduate degree.
- All applicants must apply using the UTS online Scholarship Application form to be eligible.
- All applicants must be able to attend an interview, if required.

6. RECIPIENT SELECTION CRITERIA

- Outstanding academic merit in their undergraduate course; and
- Motivation to succeed in the nominated UTS Honours degree as demonstrated in the scholarship application; and
- Commitment to benefiting the Indigenous community as demonstrated in the scholarship application.
- Preference will be given to students who completed their undergraduate degree at UTS.

7. SELECTION

Eligible candidates will be presented to the Scholarship Selection Committee, which will undertake the selection of recipients based on the above selection criteria.

The Scholarship Selection 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 Selection Committee.

8. ONGOING RECIPIENT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

8.1 Academic progress

- The Recipient must maintain a minimum Pass average (WAM of 50+) per session for the duration of the scholarship.
- In the first instance where a minimum Pass (WAM 50+) average is not achieved, the Recipient will receive a warning letter and should contact Jumbunna for assistance. The Chair of the Selection Committee will be notified.
- If the Recipient does not achieve a minimum Pass average in the subsequent session the Scholarship may be terminated.

8.2 UTS enrolment

- The Recipient must continue to be enrolled full-time as per the requirements of their nominated UTS Honours degree; or
- May, in exceptional circumstances, 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 payments for the period of part-time study.

8.3 Leave / Deferral / Course withdrawal

- The Scholarship cannot be deferred. If the Recipient defers the UTS offer or withdraws from the UTS course after the start of 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.
- Leave of Absence will not usually be approved. If however, after the Recipient's first session of study she can demonstrate exceptional circumstances, she may apply to the Scholarships Office for an approved leave of absence from studies. If leave 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.
- 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 Academic Integrity

- UTS takes Academic Integrity very seriously and breaches (e.g. plagiarism, cheating, etc.) are considered Academic Misconduct. More information on Academic Integrity at UTS can be found on the Current Student pages of the UTS website.
- Any Academic Misconduct allegations proven by the University (and upheld if appealed) will result in the termination of this Scholarship and the University might require the Recipient to repay the total benefit received at time of termination.

8.5 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 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.