



UTS Scholarship Conditions of Award

Women in Engineering and IT Cooperative Scholarship

FACULTY: Engineering and Information Technology

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: Women in Engineering and IT Cooperative Scholarship

2. PURPOSE

The Women in Engineering and IT Cooperative Scholarship is a cooperative education program between the University and sponsoring organisations. The aim of the program is to attract, retain and develop women in the fields of Engineering and Information Technology (IT). The scholarship will identify high achieving female students that have a passion and interest to pursue a career in Engineering or IT. The scholarship will include three (3) industry placements as well as mentoring, networking, leadership and professional development opportunities.

3. VALUE AND BENEFIT

3.1 Number of Recipients:

The number of Recipients is dependent on the pool of scholarship sponsors for that given cohort year.

3.2 Benefit/s to Recipient:

- The maximum total benefit of the Scholarship is \$66,000
- Each Recipient undertakes three unpaid industry placements during their degree. One in the first year (3 months over summer session), second year (6 months over spring session) and fourth year (6 months over autumn session)

3.3 Payment of benefit/s:

- Each Recipient will receive equal fortnightly payments by electronic funds transfer to their nominated bank account for the duration of the Scholarship
- Each Recipient will receive twenty-six (26) equal fortnightly payments per year or the pro-rata amount if part-time study has been approved. This amount may vary if the Recipient is undertaking their industry placement.
- Payments are subject to the Recipient satisfying ongoing eligibility criteria in line with the Scholarships and Prizes Policy and as outlined in clause 8 below.

4. DURATION

The duration of the Scholarship is four (4) years.

5. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be Female; and
- Be an Australian or New Zealand citizens, or the holder of an Australian permanent resident visa or permanent humanitarian visa; and

- Be enrolled or intend to enrol in the Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) Diploma in Professional Engineering Practice in the session immediately commencing the award.
- Be a Recent School Leavers with minimum ATAR of 85 and above as the basis of admission in an eligible UTS degree; or
- A Non-Recent School Leavers who have:
 - completed no more than 48 credit points in an engineering degree at UTS; or
 - completed no more than 48 credit points in an engineering degree at another university, and intend to transfer to an eligible UTS engineering degree; and
 - have achieved a Credit Average (WAM 65 +) in all credit points completed at the time of application; OR
 - have completed a qualification acceptable for entry to an eligible UTS engineering degree¹, achieving a qualification rank of 85 or above, and are commencing their first undergraduate engineering degree.
- All candidates must apply using the UTS online Scholarships Application form to be eligible; and
- Scholarships will only be awarded to applicants that attend an interview.

6. RECIPIENT SELECTION CRITERIA

- Academic merit
- Interest in Engineering or IT and motivation to succeed in the UTS course, as demonstrated by the Scholarship application and interview
- Initiative in extra-curricular and non-academic activities, as demonstrated by the Scholarship application and interview

7. SELECTION:

Eligible candidates will be presented to a Scholarships Selection Committee, which will undertake the selection of Recipients, based on the above selection criteria.

The Scholarships Committee will be made up of at least three relevant members of the Faculty of Engineering and IT community, and include a representative from Engagement (Teaching & Learning), a representative of the Business Relationship Team and an Academic Representative and the Committee will be **Chaired by the Dean of the Faculty of Faculty Engineering and Information Technology** (or their nominee).

Offers will be authorised by the Chair of the Selection Committee.

8. ONGOING RECIPIENT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

8.1 Academic progress:

- The recipient must maintain a minimum of Credit Average (WAM 65 +) for the duration of the Scholarship.
- A student may be excluded under any of the following circumstances:
- a student fails any subject on a second attempt

8.2 UTS Enrolment:

The Recipient:

- must continue to be enrolled full-time in the Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) Diploma in Professional Engineering Practice at UTS; or
- may, in exceptional circumstances² apply to the Program Coordinator 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.
- Must complete an internship in the first year (3 months over summer session), second year (6 months over spring session) and fourth year (6 months over autumn session).
- Internal Course Transfer is not permitted.

¹ Excluding applicants that received an offer on the basis of a Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT).

² Exceptional circumstances may include, but are not limited to, severe disruptions, disability, ongoing illness, carer's responsibilities and other education barriers which must have independent supporting documentation, and will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

8.3 Leave / Deferral:

- 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 in that session is to be reimbursed to UTS.
- After the first session in which the Scholarship is awarded, the Recipient may apply 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 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, each Recipient agrees to the Conditions of Award.
- For each industry placement the recipient must agree and abide by the Sponsor's Code of Conduct and on-boarding requirements, which may include confidentiality and intellectual property agreements.
- 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, unless a scholarship is approved by exception.
- The Recipient is responsible for advising the Faculty of any changes in circumstances that would make them 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 Scholarship Selection Committee on a case-by-case basis.
- The Recipient will be invited to consent to allowing their name, photograph and a short article to be used for the promotion of UTS.
- The recipient is expected to contribute and participate in Women in Engineering and IT (WiEIT) initiatives and events.

9. TERMINATION OF RECIPIENT'S SCHOLARSHIP

The Scholarship may be terminated:

- If the Recipient ceases to meet the eligibility criteria; or
- If the Recipient breaches any of the Conditions of Award; 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.