



# UTS Scholarship Conditions of Award

## Lindsay Croft Postgraduate Memorial Scholarship

**Unit: Jumbunna Institute for Indigenous Education and Research**

This document sets out the conditions of award for the below scholarship ('Scholarship') and the obligations of recipients ('Recipient') and University of Technology Sydney ('UTS') in regards to this Scholarship. The administrative processes to support awarding this Scholarship will be managed, and may be amended, according to UTS Rules, Policy and Procedures.

### **1. SCHOLARSHIP NAME: Lindsay Croft Postgraduate Memorial Scholarship**

#### **2. PURPOSE**

The intention of this scholarship is to support a commencing Indigenous Australian student who is enrolled in a postgraduate degree (coursework or research). The Scholarship is to acknowledge and celebrate their excellence in achievements in higher education.

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

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

One (1) recipient will be awarded the scholarship each year.

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

The maximum value of this scholarship is \$5,000 to each recipient

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

- The Recipient will receive two payments per year by electronic funds transfer to their nominated bank account.
- Each payment will be \$2,500 for full-time students or \$1,250 for students enrolled part time.
- Payment will usually be made within four 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 standard 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 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
- Have completed study in an undergraduate course, or Advanced Diploma, or have relevant experience which allows entry to a postgraduate degree where transcripts of all prior non-UTS study is required; and
- Be enrolled full-time or part-time in the first year of a UTS postgraduate degree; and

- Must apply using the UTS online Scholarships application form.

## **6. RECIPIENT SELECTION CRITERIA, IN PRIORITY ORDER**

- Academic Merit (GPA)
- Motivation to succeed in the nominated UTS course, as demonstrated in the scholarship application;
- Commitment to benefiting the Indigenous community, as demonstrated in the scholarship application.

## **7. SELECTION**

Eligible applicants will be presented to the Scholarships Selection Committee, which will undertake the selection of Recipient, based on the above selection criteria.

The Scholarships 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 of the Committee in line with the Scholarships and Prizes Policy.

## **8. ONGOING RECIPIENT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

### **8.1 Academic progress**

For the duration of the Scholarship the Recipient must maintain:

- A minimum Pass average (WAM 50+) for coursework students; or
- Demonstrated Satisfactory Progress for Research students.

### **8.2 UTS enrolment**

The Recipient:

- must continue to be enrolled full-time or part-time in a UTS postgraduate program at UTS; or
- recipients who were enrolled full-time at the time of the award will need to apply to the UTS Scholarships Office for approval of a part-time study load. The Recipient with an approved part-time study load will receive reduced pro-rata payments for the period of part-time study, and the tenure may be extended.
- may apply to the Scholarships Office to transfer the Scholarship to another UTS postgraduate program, if a course transfer is being sought. The value of the Scholarship will be recalculated using the new program to determine duration as outlined in clause 4.
- If the Recipient seeks to transfer the Scholarship to another UTS program more than once, applications after the first will be considered by the Scholarship Committee on a case-by-case basis.

### **8.3 Leave / Deferral / Course withdrawal**

- 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 for the session in which they withdraw is to be reimbursed to UTS.
- After the first session in which the Scholarship is awarded, if the Recipient can demonstrate exceptional circumstances, they 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. The Scholarship will be terminated if the Recipient does not apply to the Scholarships Office 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 Academic Integrity:**

- UTS takes Academic Integrity very seriously and breaches (e.g. plagiarism, cheating, etc.) are considered Academic Misconduct. For more information on Academic Integrity at UTS can be found on the UTS Current Students 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.
- Recipients of a Jumbunna scholarship valued at or above \$5,000 will not be eligible for further Jumbunna scholarships for the duration of the Scholarship currently held. However, the Scholarship Selection Committee may seek approval from the Director of Jumbunna to waive this condition where mitigating circumstances exist at the time of selection.
- The Recipient is responsible for advising the Scholarships Office 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 UTS Scholarships Office and/or 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 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