



UTS Scholarship Conditions of Award

WJ & LM Sinclair Scholarship in Engineering

Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology

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. NAME: WJ & LM Sinclair Scholarship in Engineering

2. PURPOSE

The WJ & LM Sinclair Scholarship in Engineering aims to support applicants who have the personal potential and commitment to study engineering, are of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent and/or can demonstrate financial disadvantage or multiple other educational barriers.

The Scholarship is open to applicants commencing the first year of their undergraduate Bachelor of Engineering (Honours), Diploma in Professional Engineering Practice (BEng(Hon)DipProfEngPrac) course, including Engineering combined degrees. It is open to both current and non-current school leavers.

3. VALUE AND BENEFIT

3.1 Number of Recipients

A minimum of one (1) and a maximum of two (2) new Recipients will be awarded the Scholarship each year.

3.2 Benefit/s to Recipient

- Where one Recipient is awarded the scholarship in one year the Recipient will receive up to \$20,000 per year for the Scholarship's maximum duration as defined in clause 4.
- Where two recipients are awarded the scholarship in one year they will each receive up to \$10,000 per year for the Scholarship's maximum duration as defined in clause 4.

3.3 Payment of benefit/s:

- Each Recipient will receive equal fortnightly instalments by electronic funds transfer to their nominated bank account for the period March-December.
- Where one Recipient is awarded the scholarship the equal fortnightly instalments will amount to an approximate total value of \$20,000 per annum.
- Where two Recipients are awarded the scholarship the equal fortnightly instalments will amount to an approximate total value of \$10,000 per annum per Recipient
- Payments are subject to the Recipient satisfying ongoing eligibility criteria as defined in clause 8.

4. DURATION

The duration of the Scholarship is:

- Four (4) years for Recipients enrolled in Bachelor of Engineering (Honours);
- Five (5) years for Recipients enrolled in Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) Diploma in Professional Engineering Practice or combined Engineering courses.

5. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applicants must be:

- Australian or New Zealand citizens, or the holder of an Australian permanent resident visa or permanent humanitarian visa; and
- Apply through UAC for an Equity Scholarship and therein demonstrate financial disadvantage and/or other educational barriers, including;
 - Have carer responsibilities
 - Are from regional and remote areas;
 - Have language difficulties, including from a non-English speaking background;
 - Refugee background;
 - Have a disability or long-term medical condition;
 - Are a sole parent;
 - Are an Indigenous Australian;
 - Experienced educational disruption and/or personal hardship;
- Commencing their first year of an undergraduate Bachelor of Engineering (Honours), Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) Diploma in Professional Engineering Practice or combined Engineering courses at UTS; and
- Either a current or non-current school leaver with an ATAR (or equivalent) of 80 or above; or
- An Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander applicant, with an ATAR (or equivalent) of 69 or above or have received an offer through the Jumbunna Pathways Program; and
- All candidates must apply using the UTS online Scholarships Application form to be eligible; and
- All candidates must be available to attend an interview in person.

6. RECIPIENT SELECTION CRITERIA

- Applicants may be given preference who can demonstrate one or more of the following (in priority order):
 - Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent;
 - Financial Hardship; and/or
 - Be female Identifying
- Academic merit in the qualification as the basis of admission.
- As demonstrated in the scholarship application and interview:
 - Motivation to succeed in their undergraduate Engineering course
 - Initiative in extra-curricular and non-academic activities

7. SELECTION

Shortlisted applicants are interviewed and selected based on the above selection criteria. Scholarships will only be awarded to applicants who personally attend an interview.

Applications of shortlisted eligible candidates will be presented to a Scholarship Selection Committee, which will undertake the selection of Recipients. The Scholarship Selection Committee will be made up of at least three relevant members of the UTS community, chaired by the Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology (or their nominee), and is to include a member from the Centre for Social Justice and Inclusion (or their nominee). 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 pass average (WAM 50 +) per session for the duration of the scholarship.

Where the ongoing- academic eligibility criteria are not satisfied, the Recipient must be able to demonstrate mitigating circumstances for the consideration of the Scholarship Selection Committee. The Committee will determine the course of action, which in the first instance, is likely to result in the Recipient being directed to and required to undertake appropriate support services. The Scholarship may be terminated if the Recipient does not provide a written statement to the UTS Scholarships as requested or does not comply with any course of action reasonably determined by the Scholarship Selection Committee.

8.2 UTS enrolment

The Recipient:

- must continue to be enrolled full-time (minimum 18cp in Autumn and Spring sessions) in an approved UTS Faculty of Engineering and IT undergraduate course; or
- may in particular circumstances, apply to the UTS Scholarships to undertake a part-time¹ study load.

8.3 Leave / Deferral

- If the Recipient defers the UTS offer or withdraws from the UTS course after the start of their first session the Scholarship will be terminated and any Scholarship payment already made may need to be reimbursed to UTS.
- After the first session in which the Scholarship is awarded, the Recipient may apply to the UTS Scholarships 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 may be terminated if the Recipient does not apply to the UTS Scholarships to place the Scholarship on hold.
- Payments will be resumed to the Recipient after an approved leave of absence until the remaining value of the Scholarship has been paid.

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) may 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, 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, unless an equity-based scholarship is approved by exception.
- The Recipient is responsible for advising UTS 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 and/or the Scholarship Selection Committee case-by-case.
- The Recipient will be invited to consent to allowing their name, photograph and a short article to be used for the promotion of UTS.

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 conditions of the Scholarship; or
- If UTS determines that the student is guilty of misconduct and after consultation with the Director, Student Administration, 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.

¹ Recipients with an approved part-time study load may receive reduced pro-rata payments for the period of part-time study