



UTS Scholarship Conditions of Award

UTS Science Indigenous Scholarship

This document sets out the conditions of award for the 'Faculty of Science Indigenous Scholarship' ('Scholarship') and 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 University Rules and Procedures.

1. SCHOLARSHIP NAME: UTS Science Indigenous Scholarship

2. PURPOSE

To attract and support Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander high school students to UTS undergraduate Science degrees.

3. VALUE AND BENEFIT

3.1 Number of Recipients

A maximum of two (2) new Recipients will be awarded the Scholarship each year.

3.2 Benefit/s to Recipient

The maximum total value of the Scholarship is \$6,000 to each Recipient.

3.3 Payment of benefit/s:

- Each Recipient will receive two payments per year by Electronic Funds Transfer to their nominated bank account.
- Each payment will be \$1,000 per session
- Payment will be made after the Census dates in Autumn and Spring session.
- Payments are subject to the Recipient satisfying ongoing eligibility criteria as defined in clause 8.

4. DURATION

The duration of the Scholarship is three (3) years.

5. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be eligible for the Scholarship, a candidate must meet all of the following criteria:

- Identify as Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander through Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) course application; and
- Current school leaver; or gap year student who received an Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR) or equivalent score in the previous year, where no university study was undertaken in the gap year; and
- Have a UAC preference to an undergraduate courses at UTS in the Faculty of Science for the Autumn session directly following the Scholarship selection; and
- Gap year students only: must contact the UTS Scholarships Office to register their interest in the Scholarship Office prior to the Scholarship selection in the year before commencing their UTS course.

6. RECIPIENT SELECTION CRITERIA

- Ranked in ATAR (or equivalent score) order (identified through UAC course application data), excluding bonus points
- First UAC preferences to a UTS Faculty of Science undergraduate degree will be highly regarded.

7. SELECTION

Eligible candidates will be identified by ATAR (or equivalent score) and course preference by the UTS Scholarships Office, and presented to a Scholarship Selection Committee. A representative of the Jumbunna Indigenous House of Learning will be invited to attend. The Committee will undertake the selection of Recipients, usually on the date of ATAR release.

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 Science (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 of the Scholarship must maintain Pass average (WAM 50 +) and not fail more than one subject annually for the duration of the Scholarship.

8.2 UTS enrolment

The Recipient:

- Must continue to be enrolled full-time (minimum of 18 credit points per session) in the approved Science degree course at UTS.
- May apply to the Scholarships Office to transfer the Scholarship to another UTS Faculty of Science undergraduate program, if a course transfer is being sought.
- The value of the Scholarship will be recalculated using the new undergraduate program to determine duration as per clause 1. All payments received by the Recipient, under any program, will accumulate towards their total payments received.

8.3 Leave / Deferral/ Course withdrawal

- The Scholarship cannot be deferred.
- If the Recipient defers the UTS offer or withdraws from the approved UTS Faculty of Science undergraduate degree, the Scholarship will be terminated and any Scholarship payment already made for the session in which they withdraw is to be reimbursed to UTS.
- The Recipient may in exceptional circumstances¹ apply to the Scholarships Office for approval of a part-time study load. The Recipient with an approved part-time study load will still receive the full scholarship payment for the period of part-time study. The student will not receive an extension to the scholarship tenure.
- After the first session in which the Scholarship is awarded, the Recipient 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 may be terminated if the Recipient does not apply to the Scholarships Office to place the Scholarship on hold.

8.4 Other obligations and conditions

- Recipients of a Faculty of Science scholarship valued at or above \$5,000 will not be eligible for further Faculty of Science scholarships for the duration of the Scholarship currently held.
- By accepting the offer of the Scholarship, each Recipient agrees to the Conditions of Award.

¹ Exceptional circumstances may include, but are not limited to, severe disruptions, disability, ongoing illness, carer's responsibilities and other education barriers, and are considered by the Scholarship Selection Committee on a case-by-case basis.

- The offer of the Scholarship is made subject to information provided by the Recipient being true and accurate.
- 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 the UTS 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 case-by-case.

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.