

UTS Scholarship Conditions of Award

UTS Housing Resident Networker Scholarship

This document sets out the conditions of award for the below UTS Housing Resident Networker 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: UTS Housing Resident Networker Scholarship

2. PURPOSE:

The Resident Networker program is a leadership development program for UTS Housing residents and is a vital part of the UTS Housing community.

This Scholarship is an extension of the Resident Networker (**RN**) program. The Scholarship is offered on a voluntary basis and aims to provide financial support to students admitted to the Resident Networker program to assist with the costs of their education.

3. VALUE AND BENEFIT

3.1 Number of Recipients:

All eligible commencing Resident Networker candidates will receive an offer for this Scholarship in each year that funding is available. The Scholarship is offered on a voluntary basis and there is no obligation to accept an offer of a Scholarship.

3.2 Benefit/s to Recipient:

The total value of the Scholarship is \$5,500 per annum to each Recipient, or a pro-rated amount for RNs who join the program for part years. The Scholarship is intended to be used by Recipients for educational purposes.

3.3 Payment of benefit/s:

- Each Recipient will receive ten payments over the year for which the scholarship is awarded, five payments in each of Autumn and Spring sessions (or a reduced number of payments for part year scholarships, commensurate with the length of the scholarship).
- Payments are made by electronic funds transfer to his/her nominated bank account.
- Each payment will be \$550
- 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 minimum duration of the Scholarship is one (1) session, up to a maximum duration of one (1) year.

5. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

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

Applicants must be/have:

- Admitted to the Resident Networker program (having met all conditions therein) in the year of scholarship award (See attached "Resident Networker Leadership Program Description" for details); and
- A current resident of UTS Housing; and
- For the duration of the Scholarship: enrolment in any UTS undergraduate or postgraduate degree (coursework or research), Study Abroad or Exchange program or Jumbunna UNISTART.

6. RECIPIENT SELECTION CRITERIA:

The eligibility criteria outlined in clause 5 above and the Selection Criteria and Retention Criteria set out in the “Resident Networker Leadership Program Description” below, will be used to identify and select all Recipients.

To be eligible to participate in the RN program, applicants must:

- Participate in the RN Training Program.
- Be available throughout UTS Housing Welcome Week.
- For residents who are in the second year of their course or above, have attained, and maintained, a minimum pass grade average in the previous academic year.
- Be enrolled as a full-time or part-time UTS student.
- Be a current resident of UTS Housing.
- Be willing to move apartment, level or residence where required.
- Be endorsed by two current residents of UTS Housing supporting your application to become an RN.

DESIRABLE:

- For residents who are in the second year of their course or above, have attained, and maintained, a minimum credit, or higher, grade average in the previous academic year.
- Demonstrate prior involvement in community leadership roles, including volunteering, UTS clubs and societies, charity, etc.
- Demonstrate prior involvement in the UTS Housing community.
- Demonstrate leadership and personal qualities including empathy, responsibility, maturity, initiative, etc.

7. SELECTION:

Applications are not required for this Scholarship; eligible candidates will be identified through UTS Housing recommendation, as candidates will have been offered and accepted into the Resident Networkers program in the year of award. See attached “Resident Networker Leadership Program Description” which sets out the Resident Networker Selection Criteria and Retention Criteria.

The recommended eligible candidates will be presented to the Scholarship Selection Committee for endorsement of selection, usually in November and April each year.

The Committee will be made up of at least three relevant members of the UTS community, chaired by the Director of Student Services Unit (or nominee), and is to include a representative from the UTS Scholarships Office and UTS Housing. Scholarship offers will be authorised by the Chair of the Committee.

8. ONGOING RECIPIENT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

8.1 Academic progress:

The Recipient must maintain a minimum Pass average per session.

8.2 UTS Enrolment:

The Recipient must continue to be enrolled full-time in any undergraduate or postgraduate degree (coursework or research), Study Abroad or Exchange program, or Jumbunna UNISTART program at UTS.

8.3 Leave / Deferral:

The Scholarship cannot be deferred /postponed.

8.4 Other obligations and conditions:

- Scholarship Recipients must:
 - continue to be a resident of UTS Housing for the duration of the Scholarship.
 - abide by all Resident Networker Selection Criteria and Retention Criteria as defined in the attached “Resident Networker Leadership Program Description”, for the duration of the Scholarship.
- 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.
- The Recipient is responsible for advising the Scholarships Office and UTS Housing 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.
- If the Recipient withdraws or fails to meet the eligibility criteria for the Resident Networker Program after the start of Autumn or Spring session, the Scholarship will be terminated and any Scholarship payment already made for the session in which they withdraw may be required to be reimbursed to UTS.
- Previous Recipients may be awarded the Scholarship in subsequent years subject to meeting the eligibility criteria, as outlined in Clause 5.
- Any change in the Recipient's circumstances not addressed by these Conditions of Award will be considered by the Scholarships Office and/or the Scholarship Selection Committee on a case-by-case basis.
- It is recommended that the Scholarship recipient seeks professional advice on the taxation of this scholarship. The University cannot provide advice regarding taxation. Please refer to the Australian Tax Office Website for further information: <http://www.ato.gov.au>

9. TERMINATION OF RECIPIENT'S SCHOLARSHIP:

The Scholarship will terminate:

- If the Recipient ceases to meet the eligibility criteria (see Clauses 5 and 8 above); or
- If the Recipient breaches any conditions of the Scholarship;
- If UTS determines that the student is guilty of misconduct and, after consultation with the Director, Governance Support Unit, the delegate able to award the Scholarship deems that it is not appropriate for the Recipient to continue to hold the Scholarship; or
- If the Recipient ceases to be a Resident Networker during the term of the Scholarship.