

UTS Scholarship Conditions of Award

Regional Australia Rowing Education (RARE) Scholarship

UTS Rowing Club

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: Regional Australia Rowing Education (RARE) Scholarship

2. PURPOSE:

To attract talented, aspiring athletes from rural or regional areas, with the desire to pursue world-class rowing and enhance their educational opportunities by providing support for expenses directly linked to their study.

3. VALUE AND BENEFIT

3.1 Number of Recipients:

- One (1) recipient will be awarded the Scholarship in 2017.

3.2 Benefit/s to Recipient:

- The value of the Scholarship is \$10,000 per year for the Scholarship's maximum duration as defined in clause 4.
- The total maximum value of the Scholarship is \$40,000.

3.3 Payment of benefit/s:

- Each Recipient will receive two payments per year by electronic funds transfer to his/her nominated bank account.
- Each payment will be \$5,000 (or the pro-rata amount if enrolled in part-time study as per clause 8.2).
- Payment will usually be made within four weeks after the Census date in Autumn and Spring sessions.
- Payments are subject to the Recipient satisfying ongoing eligibility criteria as defined in clause 8 below.

4. DURATION:

The duration of the Scholarship is the standard duration¹ of the UTS undergraduate or postgraduate course the Recipient is enrolled in, on the basis of a full-time study load (equivalent full-time study load of 48 credit points per academic year), to a maximum duration of 4 years.

Note: where the Recipient does not follow the standard full-time course structure, or is enrolled in a course with a standard full-time duration greater than 4 years, the total value of the Scholarship may be exhausted prior to course completion.

5. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

To be eligible for the Scholarship, an applicant must meet all of the following criteria:

- Australian or New Zealand citizens, or the holder of an Australian permanent resident visa or permanent humanitarian visa; and
- Enrolled in, or intend to enrol in, their first year of an undergraduate or postgraduate degree, and

¹ The standard course duration is listed in the UTS Handbook within the detailed entry for each course.

- Submit a reference letter from the Head Coach of their current Rowing Club outlining their:
 - a) rowing experience gained either through a school rowing program or through a rowing club; and
 - b) physical and mental capability to be an elite athlete either through testing protocols or past performance, and
- Must be accepted into the UTS Elite and Emerging Athlete Program and compete as a:
 - World Class Athlete (Olympian, World Championships); or
 - National Team (Open or Junior) member; or
 - Elite athlete who competes at a National level; or
 - Emerging Athlete competing at a state level; 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:

- Ranked in Sporting Achievement order, as determined by the UTS Elite and Emerging Athlete Program;
- Motivation to succeed in their course, as demonstrated in the Scholarship application and interview;
- Demonstrated initiative to seek opportunities to continually advance their personal, professional, community and sporting life, as demonstrated by the Scholarship application and interview;
- Having the physical and mental capability to be an elite athlete, as demonstrated by the Scholarship application and interview;
- Academic merit (ATAR or equivalent) may be taken into consideration;

Preference will be given to students from rural or regional areas outside the major capital cities.

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 UTS community, chaired by the Director, Student Administration Unit (or nominee) and will include the President, UTS Rowing Club (or nominee). The Donor will be invited to sit on the Committee.

Offers will be authorised by the chair of the Scholarships Selection 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 part-time or full-time in an undergraduate or postgraduate program at UTS; or
- may apply to the Scholarships Office to transfer the Scholarship to another UTS program, if an internal course transfer is being sought. The value of the Scholarship will be recalculated using the new program to determine duration as per clause 4. All payments received by the Recipient, under any program, will accumulate towards their total payments received.

8.3 Rowing participation:

The Recipient must:

- The Recipient must continue to be member of the UTS Elite and Emerging Athlete Program for the duration of the Scholarship and compete at a:
 - World Class Athlete (Olympian, World Championships); or
 - National Team (Open or Junior) member; or
 - Elite athlete who competes at a National level; or
 - Emerging Athlete competing at a state level
- Commit to becoming a valued, contributing member of UTS Rowing Club, including completing the full rowing program as determined by the head coach.

- Represent UTS Rowing Club and UTS as an active role model in promoting the RARE Scholarship program to other prospective applicants.

8.4 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 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.

8.5 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 the Scholarships Office 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.
- 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.
- The Recipient will be invited to consent to allowing his/her name, photograph and a short article to be used for the promotion of UTS.
- The Recipient does not need to re-apply for the Scholarship each year.

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.
- 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.

10. FUNDING

10.1 Internal UTS funding:

N/A

10.2 External Funding:

External funding has been secured by way of a gift agreement with The Katz Family Foundation.

10.3 Funding Projection:

Funding has been secured for up to 4 years.

Recipients	2017	2018	2019	2020*
New	1	0	0	0
Ongoing	0	1	1	1
Total annual	1	1	1	1
Annual Amounts	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000

*Should the Recipient's course extended into a 4th year.

11. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

11.1 Owning Faculties/Units: UTS Rowing Club

11.2 Managing Faculties/Units: Scholarships Office

12. PUBLICATION OF CONDITIONS OF AWARD:

- Scholarships Office must be notified of these Conditions of Award prior to approval.
- On approval, the Conditions of Award must be forwarded to the Scholarships Office for publication of clauses 1 to 9 on the UTS website.
- Recipients must be notified of clauses 1 to 9 at the time of Scholarship offer being made.

13. DOCUMENT REVIEW:

The formal review date for this document is by 30 June 2019.

14. APPROVAL*

Endorsement from all stakeholders listed at clause 11 must be sought before final approval. Approval must be in accordance with the Scholarships and Prizes Policy and UTS Standing Delegations.

Endorsed by: Alan Henry
Title: Deputy Director, Student Management
Date: 11th October 2016

Endorsed by: John Szabo
Title: Advancement Manager
Date: 10th October 2016

Approved by: Jacqui Wise
Title: Director, Student Administration Unit
Date: 14th October 2016

**Signatures not necessary if approval/endorsement is documented in writing.*