UTS Scholarship Conditions of Award
Faculty of Law Equity Scholarship

Faculty: Law

This document sets out the conditions of award for the below 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 UTS Rules, Policy and Procedures.

1. SCHOLARSHIP NAME: Faculty of Law Equity Scholarship

2. PURPOSE
The Law Equity Scholarship aims to support commencing UTS undergraduate Law students that demonstrate financial need and support them during their study.

3. VALUE AND BENEFIT
3.1 Number of Recipients:
• Usually one (1) new Recipient will be awarded the Scholarship each year.
• However if at any point a Recipient ceases to be eligible for the scholarship before all funds have been exhausted, an additional Recipient may be awarded the scholarship for the remaining value and duration.

3.2 Benefit/s to Recipient:
• The maximum total value of the scholarship is $20,000
• In addition the Recipient will be allocated an academic mentor to meet with twice per session for scholarship duration.

3.3 Payment of benefit/s:
• Each Recipient will receive two (2) payments per year by electronic funds transfer to his/her nominated bank account.
• Each payment will be $2,500 or the pro-rata amount if part-time study has been approved by exception.
• Payment will usually be made 4 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 duration of the Scholarship is usually four (4) years.
• If you are receiving the scholarship as an additional Recipient the duration will be determined on the basis of funds remaining.

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

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1 Value and duration of the scholarship will be defined in the scholarship offer letter.
2 The duration of the scholarship may be extended in the Recipient is approved to undertake part-time study, by exception.
• Australian or New Zealand citizens, or the holder of an Australian permanent resident visa or permanent humanitarian visa; and
• Have received an offer through Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) for a UTS Bachelor of Laws (single or combined) degree; and
• Have not already obtained any other undergraduate degree; and
• Apply through UAC for an Equity Scholarship and therein demonstrate financial disadvantage; and
• All candidates must apply using the 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 ATAR or equivalent order (excluding bonus points.)
• Evidence of financial need and/or other educational barriers as assessed by the UAC Equity Scholarship application.
• Motivation to succeed in the chosen Faculty of Law course, as demonstrated in the scholarship application and interview.
• Demonstrated initiative in personal and professional life, as demonstrated in the scholarship application and interview.
• Additionally, preference may be given to applicants that have experienced any long-term educational barriers as assessed by the UAC Equity Scholarship. The following equity criteria will be considered:
  o Carer responsibilities
  o English language difficulty
  o Regional and remote areas;
  o Refugee status:
  o Long-term medical condition/disability or ongoing effects of abuse;
  o Sole parent responsibilities;
  o Indigenous Australian.

7. SELECTION
Eligible candidates will be presented to a Scholarships Committee, which will undertake the selection of Recipients.

The Scholarships Committee will be made up of three relevant members of the UTS community, chaired by the Dean, Faculty of Law (or their nominee), and is to include a member experienced in the selection of equity scholarships. Offers will be authorised by the chair of the selection committee.

A Donor who has given support of the UTS Law Equity Scholarship Fund may also be invited to attend the selection committee meeting.

8. ONGOING RECIPIENT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA
8.1 Academic progress:
• The Recipient must maintain a minimum pass average (WAM 50+) per session.

8.2 UTS enrolment:
The Recipient:
• must continue to be enrolled full-time in a Faculty of Law undergraduate program at UTS; or
• may, in particular circumstances, apply to the Scholarships Office for approval of a part-time study load.
• may apply to the Scholarships Office to transfer the Scholarship to another UTS Faculty of Law (single or combined degree) undergraduate program, if an internal course transfer is being sought. The value of the Scholarship will be recalculated using the new undergraduate 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 Leave / Deferral:
• If the Recipient defers the UTS offer or withdraws from the UTS course after the start of his/her first session, the Scholarship will be terminated and any Scholarship payment already made 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.
• 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 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 them ineligible for continuation of the Scholarship including but not limited to reducing study load to part-time, taking leave of absence or deferring study.
• Where applicable, the Recipient must advise the Scholarships Office of their intention to undertake an Honours degree upon receiving their Honours course offer.
• The Recipient does not need to re-apply for the Scholarship each year.
• 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 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.
• Participate in the academic mentor program by attending two meetings per session, as required.

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 Registrar 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.