



UTS Scholarship Conditions of Award

Jumbunna Honours Scholarship

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, according to UTS Rules, Policy and Procedures.

1. SCHOLARSHIP NAME: Jumbunna Honours Scholarship

2. PURPOSE

This Scholarship was established in 2012 to support Indigenous Australian students in their Honours year at UTS.

3. VALUE AND BENEFIT

3.1 Number of Recipients

Up to two (2) new recipients may be awarded the scholarship each year.

3.2 Benefit/s to Recipient

- The maximum value of the scholarship is \$15,000 to each Recipient.

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 \$7,500 or the pro-rata amount if part time study is approved by exception.
- Payment will usually be made within four (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 maximum duration of the Scholarship is for one (1) year.

5. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

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

- Be of Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander decent (must complete a Confirmation of Aboriginality form and/or provide a statutory declaration¹); and
- Have completed a UTS recognised undergraduate degree or be commencing the embedded Honours year of the UTS undergraduate degree; and
- Be enrolled full-time (minimum of 18 credit points in the Autumn and Spring sessions) in a UTS Honours degree or Honours year of their Undergraduate degree.

¹ The specified UTS Statutory Declaration form needs to be completed which must include two references from an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander persons within the recipients(s) community who can confirm the recipient(s) identity

6. RECIPIENT SELECTION CRITERIA, IN PRIORITY ORDER

- Academic merit in the undergraduate course;
- Motivation to succeed in the nominated UTS course, as demonstrated in the scholarship application;
- Commitment to benefiting the Indigenous community, as demonstrated in the scholarship application.

7. SELECTION

Eligible candidates will be presented to the Scholarship Selection Committee, which will undertake the selection of recipients based on the above selection criteria.

The Scholarship Selection Committee will be made up of at least three (3) relevant members of the UTS community, chaired by the Director of Jumbunna Institute for Indigenous Education and Research (or nominee).

Scholarship Offers will be authorised by the Chair Selection Committee in line with the Scholarship and Prizes Policy.

8. ONGOING RECIPIENT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

8.1 Academic progress

- The Recipient must maintain a minimum Pass average (WAM of 50+) for the duration of the scholarship
- Where a minimum Pass average is not achieved, the Recipient will be required to attend and receive appropriate academic counselling by the University to assist the recipient return to a satisfactory performance level. If the student does not attend academic counselling, and a minimum Pass average is not achieved in the following session the Scholarship will be terminated, unless the Recipient can demonstrate exceptional circumstances for the consideration of the Scholarships Committee.

8.2 UTS enrolment

The Recipient:

- must continue to be enrolled full-time (minimum of 18 credit points in the Autumn and Spring sessions) as per the requirements of their nominated UTS honours degree; or
- may, in exceptional circumstances, apply to the Scholarships Office for approval of a part-time study load. The Recipient with an approved part-time study load may receive reduced payments for the period of part-time study.

8.3 Leave / Deferral / Course withdrawal

- The Scholarship cannot be deferred. 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 for the session in which they withdraw is to be reimbursed to UTS.
- Leave of Absence will not usually be approved. If however, after the Recipient's first session of study he/she can demonstrate exceptional circumstances, he/she may apply to the Scholarships Office for an approved leave of absence from studies. If leave is approved, payment of the Scholarship will be suspended for the period of leave. The Scholarship will be terminated if the Recipient takes leave without approval from the Scholarships Office.
- 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, the 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 over \$5,000, 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 UTS 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 scholarships.

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 serious 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.