



## UTS Scholarship Conditions of Award

### Lawrence Vidoni Scholarship

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: Lawrence Vidoni Scholarship

#### 2. PURPOSE

The Lawrence Vidoni Scholarship has been established to support an undergraduate UTS student with a physical disability<sup>1</sup> and demonstrated financial hardship to achieve their educational goals.

#### 3. VALUE AND BENEFIT

##### 3.1 Number of Recipients:

- One (1) Recipient will be awarded the Scholarship each year.

##### 3.2 Benefit/s to Recipient:

- The maximum total value of the Scholarship is \$5,000.

##### 3.3 Payment of benefit/s:

- The Recipient will receive two payments per year by electronic funds transfer to their nominated bank account.
- Each payment will be \$2,500.
- Payment will usually be made within four 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 below.

#### 4. DURATION

The duration of the Scholarship is one (1) year.

#### 5. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

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

- Australian or New Zealand citizen or holder of an Australian permanent resident visa or permanent humanitarian visa; and
- Be enrolled in a UTS undergraduate degree; and
- Have successfully completed a minimum of 24 credit points in their course at the time the scholarship is awarded; and
- Have a physical disability; visual or hearing impairment; or any other ongoing health condition with a significant impact on mobility; and
- Be registered with the UTS Accessibility Service on a permanent basis at the point of scholarship selection; and
- Have applied through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) for an Equity Scholarship and therein demonstrate financial disadvantage; and

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<sup>1</sup> Please refer to Eligibility Criteria for details

- All candidates must apply using the UTS online Scholarships Application form to be eligible.

## **6. RECIPIENT SELECTION CRITERIA**

- Motivation and commitment to succeed in their UTS degree, as demonstrated in the scholarship application
- Likelihood that receiving the scholarship will have a positive impact on the Recipient's ability to successfully complete their degree, as demonstrated in the scholarship application
- Personal and professional aspirations present and future, as demonstrated in the scholarship application
- Motivation to implement long-term goals to overcome adversity, as demonstrated in the scholarship application
- Financial need as assessed by the UAC Equity Scholarship application process.

NOTE: Preference may be given to students who, within the two years immediately prior to the start of their UTS study, lived in a regional or remote area of Australia for at least 12 months<sup>2</sup>.

## **7. SELECTION**

Eligible candidates will be presented to a Scholarships Committee, which will undertake the selection of Recipients usually between late February and early May, based on the above selection criteria.

The Scholarship Selection Committee will be made up of at least three relevant members of the UTS community, chaired by the Director of Student Administration (or their nominee), and is to include a representative from the Equity & Diversity Unit.

The Donor (or their representative) will be invited to sit on the Selection Panel. Offers will be authorised by the chair of the Selection Committee.

## **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 in a UTS undergraduate program at UTS.

### **8.3 Leave / Deferral/Course withdrawal:**

- If the Recipient defers the UTS offer or withdraws from the UTS course after the start of his/her first semester, the Scholarship will be terminated and any Scholarship payment already made for the semester in which they withdraw is to be reimbursed to UTS.
- After the first semester 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, 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, unless an equity-based scholarship is approved by exception.

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<sup>2</sup> Assessment will be made based on information gathered as part of the UAC Equity Scholarship application.

- 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. 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 case- by-case.
- The Recipient agrees to allow the Scholarships team to verify their registration on a permanent basis with UTS Accessibility Service for the purpose of assessing eligibility.
- The Recipient understands that they may be invited to communicate with the Donor whose contribution has made this opportunity possible. This communication may be informal or formal in nature, and may include but not limited to: correspondence via email, mail, or phone; providing updates on course progress; and attendance at Faculty events and/or prize nights in which the Donor may be in attendance.

#### **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.