



UTS Scholarship Conditions of Award

UTS Nepal Scholarship (Postgraduate Coursework)

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: UTS Nepal Scholarship (Postgraduate Coursework)

2. PURPOSE

To attract high achieving commencing international students from Nepal to enrol in a postgraduate coursework program at UTS in Sydney.

3. VALUE AND BENEFIT

3.1 Number of Recipients:

- A maximum of thirty five (35) new Recipients will be awarded the Scholarship in 2019.

3.2 Benefit/s to Recipient:

- UTS will pay for 25% of each Recipient's UTS tuition fees for the course enrolled in for the duration of the Scholarship as defined in clause 4.
- The Scholarship cannot be transferred, deferred or redeemed for cash.

3.3 Payment of benefit/s:

- The tuition fee contributions will be made directly to the Recipient's UTS fees account each session for the duration of the Scholarship as defined in clause 4.
- The tuition fee contributions are subject to the Recipient satisfying ongoing eligibility criteria as defined in clause 8.

4. DURATION

The duration of the Scholarship is the standard number of credit points required for completion of the Recipient's enrolled postgraduate coursework program on the basis of a full-time study load, as specified in the letter of offer for admission to the course.

Where the Recipient does not follow the usual standard full-time course structure, 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:

- Must be a citizen of Nepal; and
- Must be an international student (not an Australian citizen, New Zealand citizen or permanent resident of Australia); and
- Must be currently living in or based in Nepal; and
- Must meet all admission requirements for the selected UTS postgraduate coursework program; and
- Must have completed a UTS recognised Bachelor degree or higher qualification outside of Australia, and
- Must be commencing studies in a postgraduate program at UTS full-time on campus; and
- Must not have completed studies in Australia; and
- Must not be a government sponsored student; and

- Must not be enrolled in a UTS Transnational Program.

6. RECIPIENT SELECTION CRITERIA

Academic merit in a completed tertiary qualification recognised by UTS from a country other than Australia for entry into the selected UTS postgraduate coursework program.

7. SELECTION

UTS International will automatically consider all commencing international students from Nepal applying for a postgraduate coursework program at UTS in Sydney for this Scholarship. There is no separate scholarship application or documentation in addition to what is required for the application for course admission.

Offers will be authorised by UTS International.

8. ONGOING RECIPIENT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

8.1 Academic progress:

- The Recipient must maintain the minimum progression rules of the University for the duration of the Scholarship. If the minimum progression rules are not maintained, payment of the Scholarship may be suspended or terminated, unless the Recipient can demonstrate exceptional circumstances¹ for the consideration of Scholarship Selection Committee.

8.2 UTS Enrolment:

- The Recipient must continue to be enrolled as a full-time international student in the eligible UTS program for the duration of the Scholarship, unless he/she has been approved to study a reduced study load through the standard International Student Visa Holders Application to Reduce Study Load application process through a UTS Student Centre.
- The Recipient must continue to be enrolled as an international student in their first enrolled postgraduate coursework degree at UTS.
- The Scholarship is not transferable to another UTS course.

8.3 Leave / Deferral / Course withdrawal:

- All deferral or suspension requests are subject to approval from UTS.
- 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 tuition fee Scholarship payment already made for that session will be reversed.
- After the first session, if the Recipient can demonstrate exceptional circumstances, he/she may apply to the Scholarships Office and UTS International for an approved leave of absence from studies. The Scholarship will be terminated if the Recipient takes leave without approval from both the Scholarships Office and UTS International.

8.4 Other obligations and conditions:

- The offer of the Scholarship is made subject to all information provided by the Recipient being true and accurate.
- By accepting the offer of the Scholarship, each Recipient agrees to the Conditions of Award.
- Recipients must comply with all of UTS's rules, policies and procedures including those relating to conduct.
- 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 International of any changes in circumstances that would make him/her ineligible for continuation of the Scholarship, including but not limited to taking Leave of Absence or deferring study, and changing his/her international students visa status to another visa category, including but not limited to Permanent Residency Visa.
- If the Recipient obtains Permanent Residency status, the Scholarship will be terminated as outlined below:

¹ Exceptional circumstances may include, but are not limited to, disability, ongoing illness, carer's responsibilities and other educational barriers, and are considered on a case-by-case basis.

- For Recipients obtaining Permanent Residency before Census date in any Session: The Scholarship will be terminated and any Scholarship payment already made for that session will be reversed.
- For Recipients obtaining their Permanent Residency after census date in any Session: the Scholarship will be terminated the following session.
- Any changes to the Recipient's circumstances not addressed by the Conditions of Award will be considered by the Scholarships Office and UTS International on a case-by-case basis.
- The Recipient does not need to re-apply for the Scholarship each year.
- For the duration of the Scholarship the Recipient is not permitted to hold other UTS Scholarships if the total value of the scholarships amount to more than the total tuition fee payable for each session of the course, unless an equity-based scholarship is approved by exception.
- The recipient must consent to allowing his/her name, photograph and/or short article to be used for the promotion of UTS.

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, SAU 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.