



UTS Scholarship Conditions of Award

Women in Engineering Equity 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, in accordance with UTS Rules, Policy and Procedures.

1. NAME

Women in Engineering Equity Scholarship

2. PURPOSE

The Women in Engineering Equity Scholarship has been established by the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology with the goal of increasing the participation of women in Engineering as a non-traditional area of study. The Scholarship will provide financial assistance for the first year of study in their chosen undergraduate Engineering degree.

3. VALUE AND BENEFIT

3.1 Number of Recipients

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

3.2 Benefit/s to Recipient

The maximum total value of the Scholarship is \$14,000 to each Recipient.

3.3 Payment of benefit/s:

- The Recipient will receive one payment per session by electronic funds transfer to her nominated bank account.
- Each payment will be \$7,000 (or the pro-rata amount if part-time study has been approved by exception as defined in clause 8).
- Payments are subject to the Recipient satisfying ongoing eligibility criteria as defined in clause 8.

4. DURATION

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

5. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applicants must be:

- A current or non-current school leaver with an ATAR or equivalent of 80 or above, excluding bonus points; and

- Female; and
- Commencing their first year of an undergraduate Bachelor of Engineering (Honours), Diploma in Professional Engineering Practice (BEng(Hon)DipProfEngPrac) or a combined degree which includes the Diploma in Professional Engineering Practice (DipProfEngPrac) at UTS; and
- Australian citizens, or holders of an Australian Permanent Resident visa or Permanent Humanitarian visa; and
- Able to demonstrate financial disadvantage through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) Equity Scholarship application or the Educational Access Scheme; and
- For the duration of the Scholarship: full-time enrolment in the BEng(Hon)DipProfEngPrac degree; and
- All candidates must apply using the online UTS Engineering Scholarships Application form.

6. RECIPIENT SELECTION CRITERIA

- Academic merit.
- Financial disadvantage and other equity circumstances as assessed by the UAC Equity Scholarship or Educational Access Scheme application. Applicants who have experienced long-term educational disadvantage and/or financial hardship due to any of the following will be considered:
 - Personal illness /disability
 - Refugee Background
 - Difficult family circumstances
 - Rural or isolated school
 - Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
- Interest in Engineering and motivation to succeed in the UTS BEng(Hon)DipProfEngPrac course, as demonstrated by the Scholarship application.
- Initiative in extra-curricular and non-academic activities, as demonstrated by the Scholarship application.

7. SELECTION

Applicants are shortlisted for an interview based on the above selection criteria by the Scholarships Office and the Faculty of Engineering & IT. Scholarships will only be awarded to applicants who personally attend an interview. The Interview Panel will be made up of at least three relevant members of staff, and is to include a representative of the Women in Engineering & IT Program and a member of staff experienced in assessment of equity scholarships.

Candidates will be ranked on the above selection criteria and their interview score, and will be presented to a Scholarships Committee which will undertake the final selection of the Recipient, usually in February. The Scholarships Committee will be made up of at least three relevant members of staff, chaired by the Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology (or their nominee), and is to include a representative of the Women in Engineering & IT Program and a member of staff experienced in assessment and award of equity scholarships, and if possible a member of the Interview Panel. Offers will be authorised by the chair of the Scholarships Committee.

8. ONGOING RECIPIENT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

8.1 Academic progress

The Recipient is expected to maintain a Credit grade average for the duration of the Scholarship. If this condition is not met, the Scholarships Selection Committee will review the

case. The Scholarship may be terminated unless exceptional circumstances¹ are found to prevail.

8.2 UTS enrolment

The Recipient:

- must continue to be enrolled full-time in a program at UTS², which includes the BEng(Hon)DipProfEngPrac; or
- may, in exceptional circumstances³, apply to UTS 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

- If the Recipient defers the UTS offer or withdraws from the UTS course after the start of 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.
- After the first session in which the Scholarship is awarded, if the Recipient can demonstrate exceptional circumstances, she 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 takes leave without approval from UTS.
- 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.

8.4 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.
- 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 her ineligible for continuation of the Scholarship, e.g. reducing study load to part-time, taking leave of absence or deferring study.

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 Registrar the delegate able to award the Scholarship deems that it is not appropriate for the Recipient to continue to hold the Scholarship.

¹Exceptional circumstances include ongoing disability, illness, carer responsibilities and other educational barriers and are considered case-by-case.

²Recipients enrolled in non-standard subjects including but not limited to practical professional experience subjects required for course completion, or Recipients undertaking a session of exchange approved by UTS who maintain their enrolment status at UTS through exchange subjects, will be considered case-by-case as part of the standard ongoing eligibility checking each session.

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