Enhancing Computer Access Program

*Computers, internet and software*

**Guidelines**

*For Australian citizens and permanent residents*

Financial Assistance at UTS Student Services invites applications to the Enhancing Computer Access Program.

**Aims**

The program aims to improve the academic success of local students on low incomes through providing computers, internet access and/or faculty recommended course-specific software for home use. A range of options are available to meet different student needs.

**Eligibility**

The Computer Access Program is primarily for local undergraduate students. Local postgraduate students may apply if they have a particular need for computing equipment and are enrolled in a course of at least 48 credit points.

To be eligible you need to be on a low income, currently enrolled in a UTS award course and planning to enroll for next semester. Part-time students may apply.

- **Citizenship:** Australian citizens or Permanent Residency or Permanent Humanitarian Visa status. This is essential.
- **Centrelink:** While being on a Centrelink benefit is not essential it makes it easy to show you are on a low income. You will need to provide proof of your current Centrelink income. If you are awaiting confirmation of a Centrelink benefit, we need to see a copy of your ‘Centrelink Benefit Letter’.
- **Financial Hardship:** Students not receiving a Centrelink benefit may also apply. You are required to provide adequate evidence that you can’t afford the computing equipment you need and are applying for. (e.g. bank statements of your transaction and savings accounts for the past 3 months; payslips with record of hours worked and/or a recent tax assessment notice)

**Considerations**

Your application will be more favourably considered if one or more of the following statements is correct:

i. You do not have access to an adequate computer or the internet at home

ii. You commute over 1 hour each way on public transport

iii. You have a disability or illness which makes it difficult for you to study on campus

iv. You have carer responsibilities which make it difficult for you to study on campus

v. You live in a remote area and do not have internet access at home

vi. you cannot afford software your Faculty recommends that you use.
To Apply
The two-part Application Form requires you to:

1) complete the first section of the Application Form and click on “Next” to complete the second part;
2) agree to the Financial Assistance Service confirming your Centrelink status,
3) provide pay slips and bank statements of transaction accounts showing day-to-day activity of the past three months;
4) book and attend an interview with the Financial Assistance Service at Student Services Unit; Lvl 6 Bldg 1, Broadway. Tel:(02) 9514 1177.

Conditions
Successful recipients agree that:

• any technologies provided will be used to support their studies at UTS
• they will contact the Financial Assistance Service if they have received equipment and are withdrawing or taking leave of absence from their course; UTS may require the equipment to be returned
• they will take part in any follow-up surveys conducted by Student Service
• Recipients may only apply once for the same technology item
• Lost items cannot be replaced under this program

Application Form

To apply online, please follow the following link:

http://forms.uts.edu.au/index.cfm?FormId=311