



# UTS Scholarship Conditions of Award

## The Gradwell Brungs Scholarship

This document sets out the conditions of award for the below scholarship ('Scholarship') and the obligations of recipients ('Recipient') and the University of Technology ('UTS') in regard 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

The Gradwell Brungs Scholarship

### 2. PURPOSE

The Gradwell Brungs Scholarship has been established to encourage and assist students facing financial hardship to commence their undergraduate studies at UTS.

### 3. VALUE AND BENEFIT

#### 3.1 Number of Recipients:

- One (1) new Recipient will be awarded the Scholarship each year.
- In the event there are two (2) or more equally ranked candidates the Scholarship may be divided between them.

#### 3.2 Benefit/s to Recipient:

- The maximum total value of the Scholarship to each Recipient is \$40,000 over four (4) years or for the remaining duration of the degree of the scholarship Recipient (whichever is the lesser).
- In the event a Scholarship is equally divided between multiple Recipients, then each Recipient will receive the relevant pro rata amount for the duration of the Scholarship as defined in clause 4.

#### 3.3 Payment of benefit/s:

- Each Recipient will receive two payments per year by electronic funds transfer to their nominated bank account.
- Each payment will be \$5,000 or the pro rata amount if a Scholarship is equally divided between multiple Recipients, or part time study is approved by exception.
- 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.

### 4. DURATION

The maximum duration of the Scholarship is four (4) years.

## **5. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

To be eligible for the Scholarship an applicant must:

- be an Australian or New Zealand citizen, or holder of an Australian permanent resident visa or humanitarian protection visa; and
- be under 23 years of age at the commencement of the relevant academic year; and
- be commencing the first year of any UTS undergraduate course in the Autumn session; and
- be enrolled, or intend to enrol, full time in a UTS undergraduate course; and
- apply for a Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) Equity Scholarship and therein demonstrate financial disadvantage; and
- apply for the scholarship online using the UTS Scholarship Application Form; and
- be available to attend an interview in person.

## **6. RECIPIENT SELECTION CRITERIA**

- Potential for excellence and/or drive as demonstrated in the Scholarship application and interview;
- Provision of one (1) signed reference letter on official letterhead, no longer than one page, from an employer, school official or community group leader, who can support the claim for potential excellence and/or drive;
- Motivation to succeed in the chosen UTS course, as demonstrated in the Scholarship application and interview;
- Demonstrated initiative to seek opportunities to continually advance their professional and personal lives, as demonstrated in the Scholarship application and interview;
- Financial need, as demonstrated by the UAC Equity Scholarship application.

In addition to financial need, preference will also be given to students who are able to demonstrate one or more other educational barriers as assessed by the UAC Equity Scholarship, including:

- carer responsibilities;
- English language difficulty;
- Indigenous Australian;
- long-term medical condition, disability, or ongoing effect of abuse;
- refugee status;
- regional or remote background;
- sole parent.

## **7. SELECTION**

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

Shortlisted candidates will be interviewed and selected based on the selection criteria above. The Scholarship will only be awarded to candidates who personally attend an interview.

The Scholarship Selection Committee will consist of at least three (3) relevant members of the UTS community, chaired by the Director, Student Administration (or their nominee). The Committee is to include a member experienced in the selection of equity scholarships. The Donor (or their nominee) will be invited to sit on the Committee.

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

## **8. ONGOING RECIPIENT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

### **8.1 Academic progress:**

The Recipient must maintain a minimum credit average (minimum WAM 65) per session for the duration of the scholarship and not fail any subjects after their first year of study.

## **8.2 UTS Enrolment:**

The Recipient:

- must continue to be enrolled full time (minimum of 18 credit points in both Autumn and Spring sessions) in an eligible course at UTS<sup>1</sup>;
- may, in mitigating 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 pro-rata payments for the period of part-time study.
- may apply to the Scholarships Office to transfer the Scholarship to another UTS undergraduate program, if a course transfer is being sought. The value of the Scholarship may be recalculated using the new undergraduate program to determine duration as per clause 4. All payments received by the Recipient, under any program, will accumulate towards their total payments received.

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

- If the Recipient defers the UTS offer or withdraws from the UTS course after the start of the session in which the Scholarship is first awarded, the Scholarship will be terminated and any Scholarship payment already made is to be reimbursed to UTS.
- After the first session in which the Scholarship is awarded, the Recipient may apply to the Scholarships Office to place the Scholarship on hold for the duration of an approved leave of absence from studies. If the application is approved by the Scholarships office, payment of the Scholarship will be suspended for the period of leave.
- 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 Academic Integrity:**

- UTS takes Academic Integrity very seriously and breaches (e.g. plagiarism, cheating, etc.) are considered Academic Misconduct. For more information on Academic Integrity at UTS can be found on the UTS Current Students pages of the UTS website.
- Any Academic Misconduct allegations proven by the University (and upheld if appealed) will result in the termination of this Scholarship and the University might require the Recipient to repay the total benefit received at time of termination.

## **8.5 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.
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- Recipients must comply with all UTS Rules, Policies and Procedures, including those relating to conduct.
- 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.
- If the allocated Scholarship benefit is not awarded in any particular year, or a Recipient ceases to be eligible before all their benefit has been awarded, then the benefit will accumulate and the Scholarship may be awarded to additional Recipients in the following year.
- The Recipient is responsible for advising the Scholarships Office of any changes in circumstances that would make them ineligible for continuation of the Scholarship, for example, but not limited to, reducing study load to part-time, taking leave of absence, or deferring study.
- Any change in the circumstances of the Recipient not addressed by these Conditions of Award will be considered by the Scholarships Office and/or the Scholarship Selection Committee case-by-case.

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<sup>1</sup> Recipients 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.

- The Recipient may be invited to consent to the use of their name, quotations, photographs, or videos of themselves for the promotion of UTS scholarships.
- 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
- the Recipient breaches any conditions of the Scholarship; or
- 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.