



UTS Scholarship Conditions of Award

UTS Science Indigenous Scholarship

UTS Faculty of Science

This document sets out the conditions of award for the 'Faculty of Science Indigenous Scholarship' ('Scholarship') and the obligations of recipients ('Recipient') and the University Technology Sydney ('UTS') in regards to this Scholarship. The administrative processes to support awarding this Scholarship will be managed, and may be amended in accordance with University Rules and Procedures.

1. SCHOLARSHIP NAME: UTS Science Indigenous Scholarship

2. PURPOSE

To provide financial support to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students who are undertaking a UTS undergraduate Science degree.

3. VALUE AND BENEFIT

3.1 Number of Recipients

A minimum of two (2) new recipients will be awarded the Scholarship each year. Subject to the availability of funding additional scholarships may be awarded to eligible candidates of merit.

3.2 Benefit/s to Recipient

The maximum total value of up to \$6,000 to each recipient.

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 \$1,000 per session (pro-rata payment for students undertaking part-time study).
- Payment will be made after the census dates in Autumn and Spring session.
- Payments are subject to the Recipient satisfying ongoing eligibility criteria as defined in clause 8.

4. DURATION

The duration of the Scholarship is the standard duration of the course up to a maximum of six (6) session under any program. Recipients may apply to the Scholarships Office for extension to the tenure if taking an Honours degree.

5. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be eligible for the Scholarship, a candidate must meet all of the following criteria:

- be of Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent and provide either:
 - a Confirmation of Aboriginality from a Local Aboriginal Land Council or other Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander organisation; or
 - a UTS Statutory Declaration form accompanied by two written references from Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people from the applicant's community who can confirm their identity and are not an immediate family member; and

- Be enrolled or intending to enroll in an undergraduate course (including eligible double degrees)¹ or a graduate certificate at the UTS in the Faculty of Science directly following the Scholarship selection; and
- Must complete an online Scholarship application form to be considered
- Applicants will be required to attend an interview.

6. RECIPIENT SELECTION CRITERIA

As demonstrated the scholarship application and interview:

- Passion and/or interest for study in science
- Demonstrated life experience that contributes to the motivation to study science
- Clearly communicates a vision of where science may lead them after graduation

7. SELECTION

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

The Scholarship Selection Committee will be made up of at least three (3) relevant members of the UTS community, chaired by the Dean of the Faculty of Science (or their nominee), and a representative of the Jumbunna Institute for Indigenous Education and Research will be invited to attend.

Offers will be authorised by the chair of the Selection Committee.

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 circumstances² for the consideration of Scholarship Selection Committee.

8.2 UTS enrolment

The Recipient:

- Must continue to be enrolled full-time or part-time enrolment in the approved Science degree course at UTS.
- May apply to the Scholarships Office to transfer the Scholarship to another UTS Faculty of Science undergraduate program, if a course transfer is being sought.
- The value of the Scholarship will be recalculated using the new undergraduate program to determine duration as per clause 1. All payments received by the Recipient, under any program, will accumulate towards their total payments received.

8.3 Leave / Deferral/ Course withdrawal

- The Scholarship cannot be deferred.
- If the Recipient defers the UTS offer or withdraws from the approved UTS Faculty of Science undergraduate degree, 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, 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 may be terminated if the Recipient does not apply to the Scholarships Office to place the Scholarship on hold.

¹ Only double degrees owned by the Faculty of Science to be considered for this scholarship

² 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.

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

- Recipients of a Faculty of Science scholarship valued at or above \$5,000 will not be eligible for further Faculty of Science scholarships for the duration of the Scholarship currently held.
- By accepting the offer of the Scholarship, each Recipient agrees to the Conditions of Award.
- The offer of the Scholarship is made subject to information provided by the Recipient being true and accurate.
- 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 UTS Scholarships Office of any changes in circumstances that would make them ineligible for continuation of the Scholarship, e.g. reducing study load to part-time, 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 UTS Scholarships Office and/or the Scholarship Selection Committee case-by-case.

9. TERMINATION OF RECIPIENT'S SCHOLARSHIP

The Scholarship may be terminated:

- If the Recipient ceases to meet the eligibility criteria; or
- If the Recipient breaches any conditions of the Scholarship