



# UTS Scholarship Conditions of Award

## Lawrence Vidoni Memorial Scholarship

This document sets out the conditions of award for the below scholarship ('Scholarship') as well as the obligations of recipients ('Recipient') and the University of 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 UTS Rules, Policy and Procedures.

### 1. SCHOLARSHIP NAME: Lawrence Vidoni Memorial Scholarship

#### 2. PURPOSE

The Lawrence Vidoni Memorial Scholarship has been established to support an undergraduate UTS student with a physical disability<sup>1</sup> and demonstrated financial hardship to achieve their educational goals.

#### 3. VALUE AND BENEFIT

##### 3.1 Number of Recipients:

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

##### 3.2 Benefit/s to Recipient:

- The maximum total value of the Scholarship is \$9,000.

##### 3.3 Payment of benefit/s:

- The Recipient will receive two payments per year, by electronic funds transfer to their nominated bank account.
- Each payment will be \$1,500 (or the pro-rata amount if part time study has been approved by exception as defined in clause 8.2).
- 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 below.

#### 4. DURATION

The maximum duration of the Scholarship will be three (3) years.<sup>2</sup>

#### 5. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be eligible for the Scholarship, an applicant must meet all of the following criteria:

- Australian or New Zealand citizen or the holder of an Australian permanent resident visa or permanent humanitarian visa; and
- Be enrolled in a UTS undergraduate degree; and
- Be registered with the UTS Accessibility Service on a permanent basis at the point of scholarship selection; and
- Have a physical disability; visual or hearing impairment; or any other ongoing health condition with a significant impact on mobility, as confirmed by UTS Accessibility Service.
- Gives permission for the UTS Accessibility Service to share this information with the Scholarships Office for the purposes of determining eligibility; and

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<sup>1</sup> Please refer to Eligibility Criteria for details

<sup>2</sup> Course duration may be extended if the Recipient is approved for part-time study by exception

- Have applied through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) for an Equity Scholarship and therein demonstrate financial disadvantage
  - Through receiving a means-tested Commonwealth income support payment (such as Parenting Payment Single, Disability Support Pension, Carer's Allowance, Austudy, ABSTUDY, Youth Allowance), or by providing comprehensive information demonstrating exceptional financial hardship;<sup>3</sup> and
- All candidates must apply using the UTS online Scholarships Application form to be eligible.

## 6. RECIPIENT SELECTION CRITERIA

As demonstrated in the scholarship application:

- Motivation and commitment to succeed in their UTS degree
- Likelihood that receiving the scholarship will have a positive impact on the Recipient's ability to successfully complete their degree,
- Personal and professional aspirations present and future
- Motivation to implement long-term goals to overcome adversity
- Financial need as assessed by the UAC Equity Scholarship application process.

NOTE: Preference may be given to students who, within the two years immediately prior to the start of their UTS study, lived in a regional or remote area of Australia for at least 12 months<sup>4</sup>.

## 7. SELECTION

UTS Accessibility will confirm candidates' eligibility including impact placed on studies in relation to physical disability.

Eligible candidates will be presented to a Scholarships Committee, which will undertake the selection of a Recipient, based on the above selection criteria.

The Scholarship Selection Committee will be made up of at least three relevant members of the UTS community, chaired by the Director of Student Administration Unit (or their nominee), and is to include a representative from the Centre for Social Justice and Inclusion, and a representative from UTS Accessibility Service.

The Donor (or their representative) will be invited to sit on the Selection Panel. Offers will be authorised by the chair of the Selection Committee.

## 8. ONGOING RECIPIENT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

### 8.1 Academic progress:

The Recipient must maintain a minimum Pass average (WAM 50+) per session.

### 8.2 UTS Enrolment:

The Recipient must continue to be enrolled in a UTS undergraduate program at UTS.

### 8.3 Leave/Deferral/Course withdrawal:

- If the Recipient 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 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.

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<sup>3</sup> Students may make an appointment for an alternative financial assessment with the UTS Financial Assistance Service in the Student Services Unit in order to evidence financial disadvantage. This is only available in cases when an applicant has been deemed ineligible on the basis of not meeting the financial hardship criteria as specified above and as outlined in the UAC application, or has been unable to submit an Equity Scholarship

<sup>4</sup> Assessment will be made based on information gathered as part of the UAC Equity Scholarship application.

- 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.
- The offer of the Scholarship is only valid for the intake defined in the Scholarship letter of offer and cannot be deferred.
- 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 them ineligible for continuation of the Scholarship, e.g. 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 Scholarships Office and/or the Scholarship Selection Committee on a by case- by- case basis
- 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
- If the Recipient breaches any conditions of the Scholarship; or