



UTS Scholarship Conditions of Award

UTS Dr Con Moshegov Orthoptics Scholarship

Graduate School of Health

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: UTS Dr Con Moshegov Orthoptics Scholarship

2. PURPOSE

The UTS Dr Con Moshegov Orthoptics Scholarship has been established to support students commencing in the Master of Orthoptics (C04299) program. The scholarship aims to provide financial support to students who can demonstrate a geographical disadvantage and/or are from a refugee background.

Dr Con Moshegov, one of Sydney's leading ophthalmologists in the treatment of cataract and laser eye surgery, was a strong supporter of the education of orthoptists. Dr Moshegov passed away in January 2022, and these awards are from the Con Moshegov Memorial UTS Orthoptics Fund and were made in accordance with the Moshegov family's wishes.

3. VALUE AND BENEFIT

3.1 Number of Recipients:

Up to two (2) new recipients will be awarded the Scholarship each year. Scholarships would usually be awarded to one (1) recipient who demonstrates a geographical disadvantage and one (1) recipient from a refugee background. If there are no applicants for one of the criteria – two scholarships may be awarded for the other criteria.

3.2 Benefit/s to Recipient:

The Recipient will:

- Receive a maximum value of \$5,000 throughout the duration of their degree as defined in clause 4.
- A certificate of award will be presented to each Recipient at the Orthoptics annual prize night.

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 \$1,250 (or the pro rata amount if part time study has been 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 two (2) years.
- The duration of the Scholarship may be extended if part-time study has been approved by exception as per clause 8.2.

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 permanent humanitarian visa; and
- Have commenced full-time enrolment in the Master of Orthoptics (C04299) in session of scholarship selection; and
- Must be able to substantiate one of the following disadvantages:
 - Geographical Disadvantage by evidencing the following:**
 - To a student relocating from outside Sydney
 - Be from a rural, regional or interstate area greater than 100kms from Sydney CBD and be able to show documentary evidence that the Recipient resided in that location for a minimum for 12 months consecutively prior to the submission of your application. Note that the rural, regional or interstate residence must have been the Recipient's primary residence. Acceptable supporting documents include;
 - Supporting letters from a GP, school, university or workplace (signed originals on letterhead). Supporting letters must include the Recipient's rural, regional or interstate residential address details
 - Documents to prove residence such as invoices for telephone, rates, utilities, or bank statements showing the Recipient's (or Recipient family's) address
 - Please note:
 - School reports are not sufficient documentation as we need to clearly see the Recipient's rural residential address
 - Documents can be copies and don't need to be certified. The exception to this is letters that have been written specifically in support of the Recipient's claim. These must be original letters.
 - The Recipient cannot claim time in the future as part of the 12 months, as there is no way to establish proof that the Recipient will continue to reside in a rural setting.¹

Be Refugee by evidencing the following

- Are the holder of a permanent humanitarian visa; or
- Have temporary asylum seeker or refugee residence status and hold a Bridging Visa E or A (and has made an application for a Protection Visa), or Temporary Protection Visa (Subclass 785), or Safe Haven Enterprise Visa (Subclass 790)
- Applicants may also demonstrate the geographical disadvantage or refugee status by completing the UAC Equity Scholarship application.
- Applications must apply using the UTS online Scholarships application form.

6. RECIPIENT SELECTION CRITERIA

As demonstrated in the Scholarship application:

- Have met at least one of the equity criteria as outlined in Clause 5.
- Preference may be given to Academic merit in the academic qualification used as basis of admission into the UTS Master of Orthoptics (C04299) degree. Highest GPA based on most recently completed tertiary qualification.

7. SELECTION

Eligible applicants 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 consist of at least three (3) relevant members of the UTS community, chaired by the Dean (or their nominee), and is to include the Head of Discipline, Orthoptics. The Committee is to include a member experienced in the selection of equity scholarships. The Donor (or their nominee) may 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.

¹ Time spent at a holiday home (second residence) or during school holidays in a rural setting, will not be considered.

8. ONGOING RECIPIENT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

8.1 Academic progress:

- The Recipient must maintain the minimum of a Pass Average (WAM 50 +) per session for the duration of the scholarship.
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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 the Master of Orthoptics (C04299) at UTS; or
- may, in mitigating circumstances, apply to the Chair of the Selection Committee for approval of a part-time study load. The Recipient with an approved part-time study load may receive pro-rata payments for the period of part-time study.

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 is to be reimbursed to UTS.
- After successful completion of the first session in which the Scholarship is awarded, the Recipient may apply to the Chair of the Selection Committee to put 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 the Scholarships Office.
- 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.
- The offer of the Scholarship is only valid for the intake defined in the Scholarship letter of offer and cannot be deferred.
- By accepting the offer of the Scholarship, the 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 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 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.
- 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 have a responsibility to facilitate communication 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 may be terminated 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 Executive Director, Lifetime Learners Experience 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.