



# UTS Scholarship Conditions of Award

## UTS Diploma to Degree Pathway Scholarship

### UTS International

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

#### **1. SCHOLARSHIP NAME: UTS Diploma to Degree Pathway Scholarship**

#### **2. PURPOSE**

This Scholarship was established by UTS to support the UTS College Pathway Program and support international students as they articulate to their UTS undergraduate degrees.

#### **3. VALUE AND BENEFIT**

##### **3.1 Number of Recipients**

- Up to two hundred (200) new Recipients will be awarded the Scholarship in 2023, 2024 and 2025.

##### **3.2 Benefit/s to Recipient**

- UTS will pay for 20% of each Recipient's UTS tuition fees for the course enrolled in for the duration of the Scholarship as defined in clause 4.
- The Scholarship cannot be transferred, deferred or redeemed for cash.

##### **3.3 Payment of Benefit/s**

- The tuition fee contributions will be made directly to the Recipient's UTS fees account each session for the duration of the Scholarship as defined in clause 4.
- The tuition fee contributions are subject to the Recipient satisfying ongoing eligibility criteria as defined in clause 8.

#### **4. DURATION**

The duration of the Scholarship is the standard number of credit points required for completion of the Recipient's enrolled undergraduate coursework program up to maximum of eight (8) sessions under any program. This is on the basis of a full-time study load, as specified in the letter of offer for admission to the course.

Where the Recipient does not follow the usual standard full-time course structure, the total value of the Scholarship may be exhausted prior to course completion.

#### **5. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

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

- Remain an international student (not an Australian citizen, New Zealand citizen or permanent resident of Australia); and
- Be a citizen from Hong Kong SAR, Japan, Macau SAR, South Korea, Taiwan, Mongolia, Fiji, New Caledonia, Vanuatu, Tahiti or a country in the Latin America, Africa, South Asia, or South East Asia region; and

- Commence full-time studies and on campus<sup>1</sup> at UTS; and
- Meet UTS admission criteria for the selected UTS undergraduate coursework program; and
- Successfully complete a UTS College Diploma and be admitted based on this qualification to UTS; and
- Commence studies in a UTS undergraduate degree in 2023, 2024 or 2025 that directly articulates from their UTS College Diploma course, and in the next available intake after completion of the candidate's Diploma; and
- Must not:
  - be studying a UTS online degree or distance mode degree; or
  - be a recipient of other UTS International scholarships or grants or the UTS Alumni Advantage Program for the duration of this Scholarship; and be a government sponsored student.

## 6. RECIPIENT SELECTION CRITERIA

Acceptance of the UTS undergraduate coursework program (including payment of deposit required).

## 7. SELECTION

UTS International will automatically consider all commencing international students applying for a UTS College Diploma and an undergraduate program at UTS in Sydney for this Scholarship. There is no separate scholarship application or documentation in addition to what is required for the coursework application.

Offers will be authorized by UTS International.

## 8. ONGOING RECIPIENT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

### 8.1 Academic progress:

- The Recipient must achieve a minimum Pass average (WAM 50+) in each session. Where pass average is not achieved, payment of the Scholarship may be suspended or terminated, unless the Recipient can demonstrate exceptional circumstances for the consideration of the Scholarship Selection Committee.

### 8.2 UTS Enrolment:

The recipient:

- must continue to be enrolled as a full-time (minimum 18 credit points per session) international student in the eligible UTS program for the duration of the Scholarship, unless he/she has been approved to study a reduced study load through the standard International Student Visa Holders Application to Reduce Study Load application process through a UTS Student Centre.
- may apply to the Scholarships Office to transfer the Scholarship to another undergraduate program, if an internal course transfer is being sought. The duration of the scholarship will not be extended due to a change in degree.

### 8.3 Leave / Deferral / Course Withdrawal:

- All deferral or suspension requests are subject to approval from UTS.
- If the Recipient defers the UTS offer or withdraws from the UTS course after the start of their first session and before the census date, the Scholarship will be terminated and the tuition fees paid will be refunded according to the Statement of protocol on fees and refunds for international students studying in Australia.
- After the first session, if the Recipient can demonstrate exceptional circumstances<sup>2</sup>, they may apply to the Scholarships Office for an approved leave of absence from studies. If a period of leave is approved, the Scholarship will be suspended for duration of the approved leave period. However, the Scholarship will be terminated if the Recipient takes leave without approval from the Scholarships Office or does not submit a request to retain application to take an approved leave of absence for the scholarship.

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<sup>1</sup> On campus studies include face-to-face and/or online (remote) learning in all degrees except online degrees and distance mode degrees.

<sup>2</sup> Exceptional circumstances may, include but are not limited to, disability, ongoing illness, carer's responsibilities and other educational barriers, and are considered by the Scholarships Office case-by-case.

#### **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, each Recipient agrees to the Conditions of Award.
- Recipients must comply with all of the University's 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 that will total more than 100% of the value of their tuition fees.
- The Recipient is responsible for advising UTS Scholarships Office of any changes in circumstances that would make them ineligible for continuation of the Scholarship, including but not limited to taking Leave of Absence or deferring study, changing their international student visa status to other visa categories, including but not limited to Permanent Residency visa.
- If the Recipient obtains Permanent Residency status, the Scholarship will be terminated as outlined below:
  - For Recipients obtaining Permanent Residency before census date in any session, the Scholarship will be terminated and any Scholarship payment already made for that session will be reversed.
  - For Recipients obtaining their Permanent Residency after census date in any session, the Scholarship will be terminated the following session.
- The Recipient will be responsible for any study costs incurred outside UTS tuition fees, including payment of the Student Services and Amenities Fee.
- Any changes to the Recipient's circumstances not addressed by these Conditions of Award will be considered by UTS International on a case-by-case basis.
- The Recipient does not need to re-apply for the Scholarship each year.
- The recipient must consent to allowing their name, photograph and/or short article to be used for the promotion of UTS.

#### **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
- If the scholarship is terminated for reasons other than those beyond the Recipient's control, the University might require the Recipient to repay the total benefit received at time of termination.