



# UTS Scholarship Conditions of Award

## Linden Little Engineering Equity Scholarship

### Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology

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

#### **1. SCHOLARSHIP NAME: Linden Little Engineering Equity Scholarship**

#### **2. PURPOSE**

The Linden Little Engineering Equity Scholarship was established in honour of Linden Little. The Scholarship was developed to assist students experiencing financial hardship or other educational barriers which can make it difficult to access and succeed in tertiary education. The Scholarship will provide support to overcome difficult personal circumstances by providing financial assistance for the first two years of the study in an eligible engineering course in any major.

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

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

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

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

- The total value of the Scholarship is \$35,000 to each Recipient. The Recipient will receive \$17,500 per year for the Scholarship's maximum duration as defined in clause 4.

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

- The Recipient will receive equal fortnightly instalments by electronic funds transfer to their nominated bank account.
- The Recipient will receive equal fortnightly instalments to the total value of \$17,500 per annum or the pro-rata amount if part time study has been approved.
- Payments are subject to the Recipient satisfying ongoing eligibility criteria in line with the Scholarships and Prizes Policy and as outlined in clause 8 below.

#### **4. DURATION**

The duration of the Scholarship is two (2) years.<sup>1</sup>

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

Applicants must be/have:

- Australian or New Zealand citizens, or the holder of an Australian permanent resident visa or permanent humanitarian visa; and
- A current school leaver with an ATAR (or equivalent) of 80 or above including bonus points; or
- An Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander applicant, with an ATAR (or equivalent) of 69 or above or have received an offer through the Jumbunna Direct Entry Program;

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<sup>1</sup> A maximum duration may be extended if the Recipient is approved for part-time study by exception, as defined in Clause 8.

- Commencing their first year of an undergraduate Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) or Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) Diploma in Professional Engineering Practice, or combined Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) degree at UTS;
- Apply through UAC for an Equity Scholarship and therein demonstrate financial hardship and/or other educational barriers;
- All candidates must apply using the UTS online scholarship application form to be eligible;
- All candidates must be available to attend an interview in person or online.

## 6. RECIPIENT SELECTION CRITERIA

- Academic merit.
- Financial need and other equity circumstances as assessed by the UAC Equity Scholarship Application. Applicants who have experienced long-term educational barriers and/or financial hardship due to any of the following will be considered:
  - Regional or remote background
  - Sole parent responsibilities
  - Carer responsibilities
  - Long-term medical condition/disability or ongoing effect of abuse
  - Indigenous Australian
  - Refugee status
  - Have language difficulties, including from a non-English speaking background
  - Experienced educational disruption and/or personal hardship.
- As demonstrated in the scholarship application and interview:
  - Motivation to succeed in their undergraduate Engineering course
  - Initiative in extra-curricular and non-academic activities

In addition to the above criteria the panel may give preference to female applicants to promote and support participation in a non-traditional area of study.

## 7. SELECTION

Shortlisted applicants are interviewed and selected based on the above selection criteria. Scholarships will only be awarded to applicants who personally attend an interview.

Applications of shortlisted eligible candidates will be presented to a Scholarship Selection Committee, which will undertake the selection of the Recipient. The Scholarship Selection Committee will be made up of at least three relevant members of the UTS community, chaired by the Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology (or their nominee), and is to include a member from the Centre for Social Justice and Inclusion (or nominee).

The Donor (or their representative) will be invited to sit on the Selection Committee.

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 Credit average (WAM 65 +) per session for the duration of the Scholarship.

### 8.2 UTS Enrolment:

The Recipient:

- must continue to be enrolled full-time (minimum 18cp in Autumn and Spring sessions) in an eligible Engineering course at UTS; or
- may in exceptional circumstances<sup>2</sup> apply to the Scholarships Office for approval of a part-time study load.

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<sup>2</sup> Exceptional circumstances may include, but are not limited to, severe disruptions, disability, ongoing illness, carer's responsibilities and other education barriers, and are considered by the Scholarship Selection Committee on a case-by-case basis.

### **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 may be terminated, and any Scholarship payments already made in that session may be required 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.
- 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, each 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. 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 Scholarships Office and/or the Scholarship Selection Committee on a case-by-case basis.
- The Recipient will be invited to consent to allowing their name, photograph and a short article to be used for the promotion of UTS.

## **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; or
- If UTS determines that the student is guilty of misconduct and after consultation with the Director, Student Administration, 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.