



UTS Scholarship Conditions of Award

Transgrid Indigenous Scholarship for Engineering and Information Technology

Faculty: Engineering and Information Technology

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: Transgrid Indigenous Scholarship for Engineering and Information Technology

2. PURPOSE

The Transgrid Indigenous Scholarship for Engineering and Information Technology aims to support Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent students who have the personal potential and commitment to study engineering.

The Scholarship is supported by Transgrid Australia who is committed to increasing positive education and employment outcomes and creating opportunities for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander People.

3. VALUE AND BENEFIT

3.1 Number of Recipients

- One (1) Recipient will be awarded the Scholarship

3.2 Benefit/s to Recipient

- The Recipient will receive \$15,000 per year for the Scholarship's maximum duration as defined in clause 4. The maximum total value of the scholarship is up to \$75,000 per Recipient.
- In addition to the Scholarship, the Recipient will have an opportunity to undertake paid internship(s) at Transgrid, which will take place at a mutually convenient time, and as arranged between the Recipient and Transgrid. The internship(s) will help the candidate meet the minimum course requirements.

3.3 Payment of benefit/s:

- The Recipient will receive equal fortnightly instalments by electronic funds transfer to their nominated bank account for the period March-December.
- The Recipient will receive equal fortnightly instalments to the total value of \$15,000 per annum or the pro-rata amount if part time study has been approved.
- Payments are subject to the Recipient satisfying ongoing eligibility criteria as defined in clause 8.

4. DURATION

The maximum total duration is the standard duration¹ of the undergraduate program (or standard duration remaining at the time of award based) on a full-time workload.²

¹ The standard course duration is listed in the UTS Handbook within the detailed entry for each course.

² Scholarship duration may be extended if the Recipient is approved for part-time study by exception as outlined in Clause 8.2

5. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applicants must be:

- 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
- Enrolled in the first or second year of Bachelor of Engineering (Honours), Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) Diploma in Professional Engineering Practice, combined Engineering degree, or Bachelor of Information Technology, Bachelor of Computing Science (Honours), combined IT degree at UTS³;
 - Students commencing first year: An ATAR (or equivalent) of 69 or above, or have received an offer through the Jumbunna Pathways Program, or have completed an UTS College Diploma;
- Students commencing second year: achieved a minimum of Pass average (WAM 50+ per session) in first year;
- All applicants must apply using the UTS online Scholarships Application form to be eligible;
- All eligible candidates will be contacted and invited to attend an interview in person (either Face-to-Face or via Zoom)

6. RECIPIENT SELECTION CRITERIA

As demonstrated in the Scholarship application and interview:

- Academic merit (based on ATAR or relevant UTS entry criteria or WAM in the first year of studies)
- Motivation and commitment to succeed in their undergraduate Engineering or IT course.
- Initiative and leadership potential as evidenced in extra-curricular and non-academic activities.
- How the Scholarship will increase the ability of the Recipient to complete their UTS course at a higher level of performance than would otherwise be the case.

7. SELECTION

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

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). The Director, a Jumbunna Institute for Indigenous Education and Research (or their nominee) will be invited to sit on the panel. The Donor will be invited to take part on the Selection Committee.

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

8. ONGOING RECIPIENT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

8.1 Academic progress

- The Recipient must maintain a minimum of a Pass average (WAM 50 + per session) for the duration of the scholarship.

8.2 UTS enrolment

The Recipient:

- must enrol and continue to be enrolled full-time (minimum 18 credit points in both Autumn and Spring sessions) in an eligible undergraduate course at UTS;
- may in particular circumstances, apply to the Scholarships Office 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;
- may apply to the Scholarships Office to transfer the Scholarship to another eligible UTS FEIT undergraduate program, if a course transfer is being sought.
 - The value of the Scholarship will be recalculated using the new UTS FEIT undergraduate program to determine duration as outlined in clause 4. Furthermore;

³ This includes students who have completed an UTS College Diploma who will be starting their first year of study at UTS but are going into the second year of their engineering degree

- If the Recipient seeks to transfer the Scholarship to another UTS FEIT program more than once, applications after the first will be considered by the Scholarship Committee case-by-case.

8.3 Leave / Deferral / Course withdrawal

- If the Recipient defers the UTS offer or withdraws from the UTS course after the start of their first session the Scholarship may be terminated and any Scholarship payment already made may be required 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 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.
- If leave is approved, payment of the Scholarship will be suspended for the period of leave. The Scholarship may be terminated if the Recipient takes leave without approval from UTS.
- Payments will be resumed to the Recipient after an approved leave of absence until the remaining value of the Scholarship has been paid.

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 may 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.
- 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 UTS 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.
- The Recipient does not need to re-apply for the Scholarship each year.
- Any change in the Recipient's circumstances not addressed by these Conditions of Award may be considered by the Scholarships Office and/or the Scholarship Selection Committee on a case-by-case basis.
- The Recipient may be invited by UTS and/or the Donor to consent to the use of their name, quotations, photographs, or videos of themselves for the promotion of UTS scholarships and related purposes.

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
- UTS determines that the student is guilty of serious misconduct and after consultation with the Director, Student Administration 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.