



UTS Scholarship Conditions of Award

LEVO Indigenous Technology Scholarship

Faculty of 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

LEVO Indigenous Technology Scholarship

2. PURPOSE

The scholarship aims to support a student from Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent who has the passion, personal potential and commitment to undertake a UTS Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology degree in Engineering, Information Technology, or Computer Science.

The Scholarship is supported by LEVO who is committed to increasing positive education and employment outcomes and creating opportunities for Indigenous students in the technology sector.

3. VALUE AND BENEFIT

3.1 Number of Recipients:

- Up to one (1) Recipient will be awarded the Scholarship.

3.2 Benefit/s to Recipient:

- The Recipient will receive \$8,750 per year for the Scholarship's maximum duration as defined in clause 4. The maximum total value of the scholarship is \$35,000 per Recipient.
- In addition to the Scholarship, the successful Recipient may have an opportunity to undertake a paid work internship at LEVO and participate in a mentorship program, which is to take place at a mutually convenient time and as arranged between the Recipient and LEVO.

3.3 Payment of benefit/s:

- The Recipient will receive two payments per year by electronic funds transfer to their nominated bank account.
- Payment will be made approximately four weeks after the census dates in Autumn and Spring sessions.
- Each payment will be \$4,375 (or the pro-rata amount if part-time study has been approved by exception as defined in clause 8.2) for the duration of the scholarship.
- Payments are subject to the Recipient satisfying eligibility criteria as defined in clause 5 and ongoing eligibility as defined in clause 8 below.

4. DURATION

The maximum duration of the Scholarship is four (4) years.

5. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be eligible for the Scholarship, an applicant must:

- Be of 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 organization; 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 year or intended to enrol one of the following UTS courses:
 - Bachelor of Engineering (Honours), or Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) Diploma in Professional Engineering Practice or a combined Engineering course, majoring in software engineering or data science engineering;
 - Bachelor of Information Technology;
 - Bachelor of Computing Science (Honours);
- All applicants must apply using the UTS online Scholarships Application form to be eligible;
- All applicants must be able 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:

- Passion for and motivation to succeed in their studies and pursue a career in the technology sector;
- Initiative to seek opportunities to continually advance their professional and personal lives;
- Evidence of how the scholarship would assist them perform and/ or achieve in their course at a higher level than would otherwise be the case;
- Demonstrate how their personal values and aspirations align to the goals of the scholarship as outlined by LEVO's scholarship purpose.

7. SELECTION

Applications of shortlisted eligible candidates will be presented to a Scholarship Selection Committee, which will undertake the selection of Recipients. 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 consist of at least three (3) relevant members of the UTS community, chaired by the Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology (or their nominee). The Director, Jumbunna Institute for Indigenous Education and Research (or their nominee) will be invited to sit on the panel. The Donor (or the Donor's representative) will be invited to take part on the Selection Committee.

Scholarship offers will be authorised by the Chair of the Scholarship Selection Committee.

8. ONGOING RECIPIENT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

8.1 Academic progress:

- The Recipients must maintain a Pass average (WAM 50 +) per session for the duration of the Scholarship.

8.2 UTS Enrolment:

- The Recipient must continue to be enrolled full-time in their eligible course for the scholarship duration.
- 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 reduced pro-rata payments for the period of part-time study.
- May apply to the Scholarships Office to transfer the Scholarship to another eligible UTS Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology undergraduate program, if a course transfer is being sought.

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 maybe terminated, and any payment already made for the session in which they withdraw may need to be reimbursed to UTS.
- After the first session of study in which the Scholarship is awarded, the Recipient may apply to place the Scholarship on hold during an 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.
- 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.

- 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 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.
- 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.
- 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 will be considered by the Scholarships Office and/or the Selection Committee case-by-case.
- The Recipient will be invited to consent to allowing their name, photograph and a short article to be used for the promotion of UTS and/or the donor.

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.