



UTS Scholarship Conditions of Award

Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Undergraduate Student Merit Scholarship

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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

Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Undergraduate Student Merit Scholarship

2. PURPOSE

To support continuing, full-time undergraduate UTS Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences students who demonstrate financial need. Students experiencing other educational disadvantage(s) may be given preference.

3. VALUE AND BENEFIT

3.1 Number of Recipients:

- A minimum of two (2) new Recipients will be awarded the Scholarship each year. Usually one (1) new Recipient will be awarded in Autumn session, and one (1) Recipient in Spring session.
- In the event that the Selection Committee wants to award more than one applicant in the given application round, additional scholarships may be offered, with the value to be determined by the Chair of the Selection Committee based on available funding.

3.2 Benefit/s to Recipient:

- The maximum total value of the Scholarship is \$5,000 to each Recipient.
- If additional scholarships are awarded, the maximum total value of that scholarship will be determined at the time of the award, and the student will be notified in their letter of offer.

3.3 Payment of benefit/s:

- Recipients enrolled in 24 credit points or more in the session of awarding will receive one payment by electronic funds transfer to their nominated account as per the value determined at the Selection Committee.
- Recipients enrolled in less than 24 credit points in the session of awarding will receive a reduced scholarship payment amount to be determined by the Scholarship Selection Committee.
- Payment is usually made within four weeks after the census date in Autumn and Spring sessions.
- Payments are subject to the Recipient satisfying ongoing eligibility criteria as defined in clause 8.

4. DURATION

- The duration of the Scholarship is one (1) session, and will not be extended.

5. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

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

- Australian or New Zealand citizen, or the holder of an Australian permanent resident visa or permanent humanitarian visa; and
- Enrolled in a UTS Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences undergraduate degree in the session the Scholarship is awarded; and
- At the time of Scholarship selection the applicant must have completed minimum of 48 credit points (or equivalent) in their current UTS undergraduate degree; and
- Have applied through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) for an Equity Scholarship and therein demonstrate financial disadvantage; and
- All candidates must apply using the UTS online Scholarship application form.

Previous recipients awarded the full value (\$5,000) of this scholarship, will not be eligible to apply for this scholarship in subsequent offerings. Previous recipients who didn't receive the full value may reapply but cannot receive any more than the maximum scholarship value (\$5,000) across any two or more scholarship rounds.

6. RECIPIENT SELECTION CRITERIA

- Academic excellence
 - Preference may be given to students who have achieved a minimum of a Distinction (WAM of 75+) in their course to date.
- Financial disadvantage as demonstrated via the UAC Equity Scholarship application
- Motivation to succeed in the chosen Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences undergraduate degree, as demonstrated in the Scholarship application
- Demonstrated initiative in personal and professional life, as demonstrated in the Scholarship application.

In addition preference may be given to students that have experienced any long-term educational disadvantage as assessed by the UAC Equity Scholarship. The following equity criteria will be considered:

- Regional or remote background
- Sole parent responsibilities
- Carer responsibilities
- Long-term medical condition / disability or ongoing effects of abuse
- Indigenous Australian
- Refugee background

7. SELECTION

Applications of eligible candidates will be presented to a Scholarship Selection Committee, which will undertake the selection of the Recipient, usually in March each year for Autumn and August each year for Spring.

The Scholarship Selection Committee will be made up of at least three relevant members of the UTS community and is to include:

- Chair: Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (or nominee); and
- A staff member representing the Equity and Diversity Unit; and
- A staff member experienced in the selection of Scholarships.

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

8. ONGOING RECIPIENT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

8.1 UTS enrolment

- The Recipient must continue to be enrolled in a Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences undergraduate degree at UTS.

8.2 Leave / Withdrawal

- If the Recipient withdraws from their UTS Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences undergraduate degree within the session that the Scholarship has been awarded, the Scholarship will be terminated and any Scholarship payment already made for the session in which they withdraw is to be reimbursed to UTS.
- Leave of Absence is not permitted for this Scholarship.

8.3 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.

8.4 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 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 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.

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