



# UTS Scholarship Conditions of Award

## UTS Vice-Chancellor's International Postgraduate Coursework Scholarship

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: UTS Vice-Chancellor's International Postgraduate Coursework Scholarship

#### 2. PURPOSE

This Scholarship was established to support high achieving commencing international students enrolling in a postgraduate coursework program at UTS in Sydney. The scholarship is to be offered to international students who exhibit the University's core values and can demonstrate commitment to excellence, innovation, entrepreneurship and social justice.

#### 3. VALUE AND BENEFIT

##### 3.1 Number of Recipients:

- Up to two (2) new recipients will be awarded the scholarship annually. A maximum of one (1) recipient will be awarded in each of the Autumn and Spring intakes.

##### Benefit/s to Recipient:

- UTS will pay each Recipient the UTS tuition fees for the approved Master degree course for the duration of the Scholarship ("the payment") as defined in Clause 4.
- The Scholarship cannot be transferred, deferred or redeemed for cash.

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

- The payment will be made directly to the recipient's UTS fees account each teaching session for the duration of the Scholarship as defined in clause 4;
- Payments are subject to the Recipient satisfying ongoing eligibility criteria as defined in clause 8 below.

#### 4. DURATION

The duration of the Scholarship is the standard number of credit points required for completion of the Recipient's enrolled postgraduate coursework program up to maximum four (4) 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:

- Be intending to enrol as an international student (not an Australian citizen, New Zealand citizen or permanent resident of Australia); and
- meet all admission requirements for the selected postgraduate coursework program by the closing date of the scholarship application; and

- commence full-time studies on campus (Sydney) <sup>1</sup>; and
- have completed a Bachelor degree, comparable to an Australian Bachelor degree, within three (3) years prior to commencing at UTS and be admitted based on this qualification to UTS; and
- have an overall average of 90% where the pass mark is 50% or equivalent in a UTS recognised Bachelor qualification; and
- all applicants must apply using the UTS online Scholarships Application form to be eligible; and
- must not:
  - be studying a UTS online degree or distance mode degree; or
  - be a government sponsored student; or
  - be a recipient of another UTS scholarship for the duration of this Scholarship.

## 6. RECIPIENT SELECTION CRITERIA

The Scholarship will be awarded to the highest ranked applicant on the basis of academic merit in the academic qualification used as a basis for admission into the selected UTS postgraduate coursework program, coupled with the applicant's response to questions asked in the UTS online scholarship application.

## 7. SELECTION

Applications of eligible candidates will be presented to a Scholarships Selection Committee, which will undertake the selection of Recipients, usually in November/December of the previous year for Autumn session and in May/June for Spring session.

The Scholarship Selection Committee will be made up of at least three relevant members of the UTS community and will be chaired by the Deputy Head, Admissions and Services, Future Learner Recruitment and Admissions (or nominee).

Offers will be authorised by the Chair of the Scholarship Selection Committee. No correspondence will be entered into regarding the selection of Recipients.

## 8. ONGOING RECIPIENT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

### 8.1 Academic progress:

The Recipient must achieve a minimum Pass average (WAM 50+) in each session. Where the pass average is not achieved, payment of the Scholarship may be suspended or terminated, unless the Recipient can demonstrate exceptional circumstances<sup>2</sup> for the consideration of the Scholarship Selection Committee.

### 8.2 UTS Enrolment:

- The Recipient must continue to be enrolled as a full-time international student (minimum of 48 Credit Points per year, usually 24 in Autumn and Spring sessions) in a postgraduate coursework program at UTS, unless they have 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; and
- The Recipient must continue to be enrolled as an international student in their first enrolled postgraduate coursework degree at UTS.
- The Scholarship is not transferable to another UTS course.

### 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 any 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 Selection Committee via UTS Scholarships for a temporary suspension of the Scholarship during the period of approved leave. 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

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

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

takes leave without approval from UTS Scholarships or does not submit a request to retain application to take an approved leave of absence for the scholarship.

#### **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) may 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 all 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 UTS's rules, policies and procedures including those relating to conduct.
- The offer of the Scholarship is only valid for the intake defined in the Scholarship letter of offer and cannot be deferred.
- The Recipient is responsible for advising the 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, and changing their international students visa status to another visa category, 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 and Overseas Student Health Cover.
- Any changes to the Recipient's circumstances not addressed by the Conditions of Award will be considered by the UTS Future Learner Recruitment and Admissions on a case-by-case basis.
- The Recipient does not need to re-apply for the Scholarship each year.
- For the duration of the Scholarship the Recipient is not permitted to hold other UTS Scholarships.
- The recipient must consent to allowing their name, photograph or 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.