

# UTS Scholarship Conditions of Award

## Law Equity Scholarship

### Faculty: Law

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 in accordance with UTS Rules, Policy and Procedures.

### 1. SCHOLARSHIP NAME: Law Equity Scholarship

#### 2. PURPOSE

The Law Equity Scholarship aims to support a commencing UTS undergraduate Law student that demonstrate financial need and support them during their study.

In addition to financial need, students experiencing other educational disadvantage(s) may be given preference.

#### 3. VALUE AND BENEFIT

##### 3.1 Number of Recipients:

- Up to one (1) new Recipient will be awarded the Scholarship each year.
- However if at any point a Recipient ceases to be eligible for the scholarship before all funds have been exhausted, an additional Recipient may be awarded the scholarship for the remaining value and duration<sup>1</sup>.

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

- The maximum total value of the scholarship is \$20,000
- In addition, the Recipient will be allocated an academic mentor to meet with twice per session for scholarship duration.

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

- Each Recipient will receive two (2) payments per year by electronic funds transfer to their nominated bank account.
- Each payment will be \$2,500 (or the pro-rata amount if part-time study has been approved by exception.)
- Payment will usually be made 4 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 usually four (4) years<sup>2</sup>.
- If an additional Recipient is awarded the scholarship as per Clause 3.1 the duration will be determined subject to the funds remaining.

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<sup>1</sup> Value and duration of the scholarship will be defined in the scholarship offer letter.

<sup>2</sup> The duration of the scholarship may be extended in the Recipient is approved to undertake part-time study, by exception.

- Where applicable, the Recipient must advise the Scholarships Office of their intention to undertake an Honours degree upon receiving their Honours course offer. Where a recipient is in a single Bachelor of Law program the Scholarship may be extended to cover the Honours year.

## 5. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

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

- Australian or New Zealand citizens, or the holder of an Australian permanent resident visa or permanent humanitarian visa; and
- Have received an offer through Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) for a UTS Bachelor of Laws (single or combined) degree; and
- Be commencing the first year of a UTS Bachelor of Laws (single or combined) degree;
- Apply through UAC for an Equity Scholarship and therein demonstrate financial disadvantage; and
- All candidates must apply using the online scholarships application form to be eligible; and
- All candidates must be available to attend an interview in person.

## 6. RECIPIENT SELECTION CRITERIA

- Academic Merit (ATAR excluding bonus points or equivalent qualification)
- Evidence of financial need as assessed by the UAC Equity Scholarship application.
- As demonstrated in the scholarship application and interview:
  - Motivation to succeed in the chosen Faculty of Law course;
  - Demonstrated initiative in personal and professional life;

Additionally, preference may be given to applicants that have experienced any other educational barriers as assessed by the UAC Equity Scholarship. The following equity criteria will be considered:

- Regional or remote background
- Sole parent responsibilities
- Carer responsibilities
- Refugee Status
- Indigenous Australian
- Medical Disadvantage

## 7. SELECTION

Eligible candidates will be presented to a Scholarships Committee, which will undertake the selection of Recipients,

The Scholarships Committee will be made up of three relevant members of the UTS community, Chaired by the Dean of the Faculty of Law (or their nominee), and is to include a representative from the Centre of Social Justice and Inclusion.

Scholarship offers will be authorised by the Chair of the Scholarship Selection Committee in line with the Scholarships and Prizes Policy.

## 8. ONGOING RECIPIENT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

### 8.1 Academic progress:

- The Recipient must maintain a minimum pass average (WAM 50+) per session.

### 8.2 UTS enrolment:

The Recipient:

- must continue to be enrolled full-time (minimum of 18 credit points in Autumn & Spring) in a Faculty of Law undergraduate program at UTS; or
- in particular circumstances may apply to the UTS Scholarships for approval of a part-time study load. The Recipient with an approved part-time study load may receive reduced Scholarship payments for the period of part-time study. The reduced Scholarship payment amount will be determined by the Scholarship Selection Committee at the time of the Recipient's application for approval of part-time study.
- may apply to the UTS Scholarships to transfer the Scholarship to another UTS Faculty of Law (single or combined degree) undergraduate program, if an internal course transfer is being

sought. The value of the Scholarship will be recalculated using the new undergraduate program to determine duration as per clause 4. All payments received by the Recipient, under any program, will accumulate towards their total payments received.

### **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 will be terminated and any Scholarship payment already made may need to be reimbursed to UTS.
- After the first session in which the Scholarship is awarded, the Recipient may apply to the UTS Scholarships 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 UTS Scholarships to place the Scholarship on hold.
- 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) 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 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 including but not limited to 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.
- Participate in the academic mentor program by attending two meetings per session, as required.

## **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 and 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.