



# UTS Scholarship Conditions of Award

## Jumbunna Commencement Scholarship

**Unit: Jumbunna Institute of Indigenous Education and Research**

This document sets out the conditions of award for the below scholarship ('Scholarship') and the obligations of recipients ('Recipient') and the University of Technology ('UTS') in regard 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

Jumbunna Commencement Scholarship

### 2. PURPOSE

This Scholarship was established by the Jumbunna Institute for Indigenous Education and Research ('Jumbunna') to support commencing Indigenous students at the start of their undergraduate studies at UTS.

### 3. VALUE AND BENEFIT

#### 3.1 Number of Recipients:

All eligible commencing candidates will receive an offer for this scholarship in each year that funding is available.

#### 3.2 Benefit/s to Recipient:

The value to each Recipient will be determined by the number of eligible candidates and the funding available at the time of awarding each year. The maximum total value of the Scholarship to each Recipient may not exceed \$6,000.

#### 3.3 Payment of benefit/s:

- The payment amount to each Recipient will be determined at the time of Scholarship selection and is dependent on the total number of Recipients each year, as outlined in clause 3.2.
- All payments are subject to the Recipient satisfying ongoing eligibility criteria as defined in clause 8.
- Where the value of the Scholarship awarded to a single Recipient is *below* \$5,000:
  - Each Recipient will receive one (1) payment by electronic funds transfer to their nominated bank account.
  - Payment will be made after the census date of the Scholarship offer session.
- Where the value of the Scholarship awarded to a single Recipient *exceeds* \$5,000:
  - Each Recipient will receive two (2) payments; each being half of the total allocation of the Scholarship, by electronic funds transfers to their nominated bank account.
  - Payment will be made after the census date of Autumn and Spring sessions in the year of award.
- In the event the allocation of the budget is not exhausted in Autumn, UTS Scholarships will issue a top-up payment to all eligible candidates in Spring session.

### 4. DURATION

The minimum duration of the Scholarship is one (1) session, up to a maximum duration of one (1) year. The duration is dependent on the total value of the Scholarship as outlined in clause 3.3. Extension of the Scholarship is not possible.

### 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 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
- commence full-time or part-time study in an undergraduate course at UTS in either the Autumn session or Spring of the year of Scholarship selection.<sup>1</sup>
- Preference will be given to candidates who are undertaking their first undergraduate program at UTS.

## **6. RECIPIENT SELECTION CRITERIA**

- Applications are not required for this Scholarship as this is not a competitive scholarship.
- Eligible candidates will be identified through UTS and Universities Admission Centre (UAC) data.
- Eligibility criteria above will be used to identify and select all Recipients.

## **7. SELECTION**

UTS Scholarships will present all eligible candidates to the Scholarship Selection Committee to endorse and approve offers to these students. The Selection Committee will also endorse conditional offers to all potentially eligible students, and then UTS Scholarships will make ongoing offers subject to these students meeting the eligibility criteria.

Selection will usually take place in the Autumn session. Candidates who commenced study in the Spring session will be identified by UTS Scholarships and made an offer subject to the availability of funding.

The Scholarship Selection Committee will consist of at least three (3) relevant members of the UTS community, chaired by the Director, Students and Community Engagement, Jumbunna (or their nominee). The Committee is to include a member from UTS Scholarships.

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:**

Only applicable where the duration of the Scholarship is one year, and two payments are to be made (as outlined in clause 3.3): the Recipient must maintain satisfactory academic progression.

### **8.2 UTS Enrolment:**

The Recipient must continue to be enrolled full-time or part-time in a UTS undergraduate course for the duration of the Scholarship.

### **8.3 Leave / Deferral / Course withdrawal:**

- The Scholarship cannot be deferred.
- Leave of absence is not permitted for the duration of this Scholarship. The Scholarship will be terminated if the Recipient takes a leave of absence from studies.
- If the Recipient withdraws from the UTS course after the start of the session in which the Scholarship is first awarded, the Scholarship may be terminated and any scholarship payment already made for the session in which they withdraw is to be reimbursed to UTS.
- The Recipient is responsible for advising UTS Scholarships of any changes in circumstances that would make them ineligible for continuation of the Scholarship, e.g. taking a leave of absence or deferring study.

### **8.4 Other obligations and conditions:**

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<sup>1</sup> In event that the full budget allocation is exhausted in Autumn, candidates who commence in Spring that same year will be identified and offered the Jumbunna Commencement in the following Autumn session.

- The offer of the Scholarship is made subject to information provided by the Recipient being true and accurate.
- Before accepting the offer, the Recipient is encouraged to seek advice from Jumbunna about scholarship conditions and ongoing eligibility requirements.
- The offer of the Scholarship is only valid for the intake defined in the Scholarship letter of offer and cannot be deferred.
- By accepting the offer of the Scholarship, each Recipient agrees to the Conditions of Award.
- Recipients must comply with all UTS Rules, Policies and Procedures, including those relating to conduct.
- The Recipient is responsible for advising UTS Scholarships of any changes in circumstances that would make them ineligible for continuation of the Scholarship, for example, but not limited to, reducing study load to part-time or deferring study.
- Any change in the circumstances of the Recipient not addressed by these Conditions of Award will be considered by UTS Scholarships and/or the Scholarship Selection Committee on a case-by-case basis.
- The Recipient may be required to undertake additional study as identified by Jumbunna, such as enrolment in the Jumbunna Academic Skills program, faculty bridging course or skills development program.
- The Recipient may be invited to consent to the use of their name, quotations, photographs, or videos of themselves for the promotion of UTS scholarships.
- The Recipient may apply for other UTS scholarships, prizes or grants.

#### **9. TERMINATION OF SCHOLARSHIP**

The Scholarship may be terminated if:

- the Recipient ceases to meet the eligibility criteria; or
- the Recipient breaches any conditions of the Scholarship; or
- 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.