



UTS Scholarship Conditions of Award

Crescent Leadership Scholarship

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

Crescent Leadership Scholarship

2. PURPOSE

This Scholarship has been established by the Crescent Foundation to support undergraduate and postgraduate coursework students from refugee, asylum seeker and migrant backgrounds facing barriers to education with financial support, and the opportunity to undertake mentoring opportunities.¹

The Crescent Foundation has embarked on a journey with a vision of providing a sustainable, positive and real impact in the lives of refugees.

3. VALUE AND BENEFIT

3.1 Number of Recipients:

- Up to four (4) Recipients will be awarded the Scholarship each year
- At least one (1) Recipient each year must be female.

3.2 Benefit/s to Recipient:

- The maximum total value of the Scholarship is \$5,000 to each Recipient.
- The Recipient will also be invited to participate in the Crescent Foundation's Mentorship program, the Crescent Champions Club, which partners industry professionals with students from humanitarian backgrounds.

3.3 Payment of benefit/s:

- Each Recipient will receive two 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 as defined in clause 8.2).
- Payment will usually be made within four weeks after the census dates 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 each Scholarship is one (1) year²

¹ (Website: <https://crescentfoundation.com.au/champions/>)

² Scholarship duration may be extended if part-time study is approved as per Clause 8.2.

5. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be eligible for the Scholarship, an applicant must:

- Be an Australian or New Zealand citizen, or the holder of an Australian permanent resident visa or humanitarian protection visa;³⁴ and
- Be enrolled full-time in a UTS undergraduate or postgraduate coursework degree;
- All candidates must apply using the UTS online Scholarships Application form to be eligible.
- Preference may be given to students who demonstrate one or more the following educational barriers:
 - Carer responsibilities;
 - English language difficulty;
 - Refugee status

Students wishing to evidence one of these educational barriers will need to apply for a Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) Equity Scholarship.

6. RECIPIENT SELECTION CRITERIA

As demonstrated in the Scholarship application:

- Motivation and commitment to succeed in their UTS degree program
- Interest to participate in the donor's mentorship program to further opportunities within industry and achieve their desired career pathway
- Demonstrated initiative to seek opportunities to continually advance their professional and personal lives
- Motivation to contribute to the community

Preference will be given to students who:

- Are the holder of a permanent humanitarian visa; or
- Have temporary asylum seeker or refugee residence status and hold a Bridging Visa E or A (and has made an application for a Protection Visa), or Temporary Protection Visa (Subclass 785), or Safe Haven Enterprise Visa (Subclass 790)
- Can demonstrate carer responsibilities and/or an English language difficulty

7. SELECTION

Eligible candidates will be presented to a Scholarships Committee, which will undertake the selection of the Recipient based on the above selection criteria.

The Scholarship Selection Committee will consist of at least three (3) relevant members of the UTS community, chaired by the Director, Student Administration (or their nominee). The Committee is to include a member experienced in the selection of equity scholarships. The Donor (or their nominee) will be invited to sit on the Committee.

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:

³ Humanitarian Protection Visa include a permanent humanitarian visa; or have temporary asylum seeker or refugee residence status and hold a Bridging Visa E or A (and has made an application for a Protection Visa), or Temporary Protection Visa (subclass 785), or Safe Haven Enterprise Visa (subclass 790) , or Temporary Humanitarian Concern Visa (subclass 786).

⁴ Applicants holding an Australian Bridging Visa will be required to provide a statement and/or letter from a community organisation verifying the applicant's experience of being an asylum-seeker

- must continue to be enrolled full-time⁵ (minimum of 18 credit points/session) in an eligible UTS undergraduate or postgraduate coursework degree; or
- in particular circumstances may apply to UTS Scholarships 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 UTS Scholarships to transfer the Scholarship to another eligible UTS course, if a course transfer is being sought. All payments received by the Recipient, under any course, 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 teaching session, the Scholarship will be terminated, and any Scholarship payment already made for the teaching session in which they withdraw is to be reimbursed to UTS.
- After the first teaching session in which the Scholarship is awarded, the Recipient may apply to 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 will be terminated if the Recipient does not apply to the UTS 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) 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.

8.5 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, the 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 UTS UTS Scholarships of any changes in circumstances that would make her 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 UTS Scholarships and/or the Scholarship Selection Committee case-by-case.
- The Recipient will be invited to consent to allowing her name, photograph and a short article to be used for the promotion of UTS and for donor reporting purposes.
- Previous recipients of the scholarship will be ineligible to apply in future years

9. TERMINATION OF RECIPIENT'S SCHOLARSHIP

The Scholarship will terminate if:

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

⁵ Recipients enrolled in non-standard subjects including but not limited to practical professional experience subjects required for course completion, or Recipients undertaking a semester of exchange approved by UTS who maintain their enrolment status at UTS through exchange subjects, will be considered case-by-case as part of the standard ongoing eligibility checking each semester