



UTS Scholarship Conditions of Award

The Order of Australia Association Foundation Scholarship

Unit: Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Faculty of Design, Architecture & Building, & Faculty of Health

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 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

The Order of Australia Association Foundation Scholarship

2. PURPOSE

The Scholarship aims to unlock a greater potential in high achieving students who can demonstrate superior and outstanding qualities of leadership, initiative, and involvement in community affairs. The Scholarship aims to provide financial support to the recipient in their second and third year of study to allow them to achieve extraordinary merit in their degree and immerse themselves deeper in their community engagement.

3. VALUE AND BENEFIT

3.1 Number of Recipients:

Up to two (2) recipients will be awarded the Scholarship with one recipient selected from the Faculty of Health and one (1) recipient from either the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences or the Faculty of Design, Architecture, and Building

3.2 Benefit/s to Recipient:

- The maximum total value of the Scholarship is \$40,000 to each Recipient.
- The Recipient/s will also have the opportunity to be paired in an ongoing mentor relationship with a previous recipient of The Order of Australia Association Foundation Scholarship eminent in the student's field of study.
- The Recipients and their families will be invited to attend the annual Order of Australia Association Foundation presentation dinner.

3.3 Payment of benefit/s:

- Each Recipient will receive two (2) payments of \$10,000 per year by electronic funds transfer to their nominated bank account.¹
- 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 maximum duration of the Scholarship is two (2) years.²

5. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be eligible for the Scholarship an applicant must:

¹ If part-time study is approved as per the guidelines outlined in Clause 8.2 the payment of benefit, value, and tenure will be determined in consultation with the donor.

² The duration of the Scholarship may be extended if part-time study has been approved by exception as per clause 8.2.

- Be an Australian Citizen;
- Be between the ages of nineteen (19) and twenty-nine (29) in the calendar year of award; ³
- Be a full-time, enrolled student in an eligible Faculty of Health, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, or Faculty of Design, Architecture and Building undergraduate program (single or combined degree);
- Be undertaking their first attempt of an undergraduate degree at a tertiary institution in Australia or abroad;
- Have completed their first year of study (48 Credit Points or equivalent) and be enrolled in their second year of study at the time of selection.
- Apply for this Scholarship online using the UTS Scholarship Application Form; and
- Be available to attend an interview in person.

6. RECIPIENT SELECTION CRITERIA

As demonstrated in the Scholarship application and interview:

- Academic Merit in the first year of study (WAM);
- Demonstrate superior and outstanding qualities of leadership, initiative and involvement to community affairs.
- Demonstrate financial need and how the scholarship may assist them to perform at a greater level than otherwise would be the case.

7. SELECTION

Eligible applicants will be presented to the Scholarship Selection Committee, which will undertake the selection of Recipients based on the above selection criteria.

The Scholarship Selection Committee will consist of at least three (3) relevant members of the UTS community, and include;

- Dean, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (or nominee); and
- Dean, Faculty of Architecture, Building and Design (or nominee); and
- Dean, Faculty of Health (or nominee);
- The Selection Committee will be Chaired by the Director, Student Administration, Current Learners

A board member or board members from the Order of Australia Association Foundation will be invited to sit on the Committee and will participate in the selection of the successful recipients based on the selection and eligibility criteria.

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 the minimum progression rules of the University for the duration of the Scholarship. If the minimum progression rules are not maintained, payment of the Scholarship may be suspended or terminated, unless the Recipient can demonstrate exceptional circumstances⁴ for the consideration of the Selection Committee. Any termination or suspension of the scholarship will be done in consultation with the donor.

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8.2 UTS enrolment:

The Recipient:

- must continue to be enrolled full-time each session in an eligible undergraduate course at UTS;

³ Applicants going into their thirties at the time of selection may be considered if they are able to demonstrate exceptional circumstances to the satisfaction of the selection committee.

⁴ Exceptional circumstances include disability, ongoing illness, carer's responsibilities and other educational barriers, and are considered by the Scholarships Office case-by-case.

- may, in exceptional circumstances⁴ apply to UTS Scholarships for approval of a part-time study load. Any part-time study request will be referred to the Chair of the Selection Committee, and approved or declined in consultation with the Order of Australia Association Foundation Board.

8.3 Leave / Deferral / Course withdrawal:

- 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 may need to be reimbursed to UTS.
- After successful completion of the first session in which the Scholarship is awarded, the Recipient may in exceptional circumstances apply to the Chair of the Selection Committee to place the Scholarship on hold for the duration of approved leave of absence from studies. Any Leave of Absence request will be referred to the Chair of the Selection Committee, and approved or declined in consultation with The Order of Australia Association Foundation Board.
- 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 takes leave without approval from UTS Scholarships.
- Provided the Recipient remains eligible, 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. 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 may require the Recipient to repay the total benefit received at the 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.
- 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, the Recipient agrees to the Conditions of Award.
- 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, taking leave of absence, or deferring study.
- Any change in circumstances of the Recipient not addressed by these Conditions of Award will be considered by UTS Scholarships and/or the Scholarship Selection Committee case-by-case.
- 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.

9. TERMINATION OF RECIPIENT'S SCHOLARSHIP

The Scholarship may be terminated if the recipient:

- Ceases to meet the eligibility criteria; or
- Breaches any conditions of the Scholarship; or
- Has a misconduct allegation proven 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.

is documented in writing or by email.